

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Articles 1.4 (a) and 8.2 (b)

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The following communication, dated 20 January 2000, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Guatemala.

**ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES FOR THE
IMPORT OF CERTAIN PRODUCTS**

Although no import licences, as such, are required for the importation of the goods needed for normal economic development in Guatemala, the import of certain products is subject to administrative formalities.

This is the case in particular for the following products: (a) Seeds, parts of plants, products and by-products; (b) pesticides, related substances and their active ingredients, fertilizers and their raw materials; (c) imported foodstuffs in general and those needing to be fortified (such as wheat flour, salt and sugar); and (d) medicinal chemical products or toiletries purchased abroad.

In all such cases, the importing company must first register with the appropriate administrative authority (Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food or Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare).

The forms indicating the necessary formalities, as required by the above-mentioned administrative authorities prior to the import of the products concerned, are attached.

In the case of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Food the required forms, as attached, are the following:

1. Application for a phytosanitary licence for the import of seeds, parts of plants, and plant products and by-products;
2. Registration request by any company importing pesticides, related substances and their technical grade active ingredients, fertilizers and their raw materials;
3. Application for an import licence for technical grade active ingredients, chemical and biological pesticides and related substances;
4. Application for an import licence for raw materials, fertilizers;

5. Model phytosanitary import licence;
6. Import licence for chemical and biological pesticides and related substances for agricultural use;
7. Import licence for fertilizers;
8. Model registration certificate for companies importing chemical and biological pesticides, related substances, technical grade active ingredients, fertilizers and their raw materials.

Photocopies of the statutory basis (identified in the forms) are also attached as follows:

1. Legislative Decree No. 43-74: Regulations on the import, processing, storage, transport, sale and use of pesticides;
2. Governmental Decision No. 746-93: Regulations on fertilizers for use in agriculture, their registration, import, export, formulation, repackaging, storage and marketing;
3. Legislative Decree No. 36-98: Law on plant and animal health;
4. Ministerial Agreement No. 320-99: Lays down compulsory regulations for the import of plants, plant products and by-products and seeds, in the cases specified.

In the case of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare, photocopies of the following forms are attached:

1. Model sanitary registration application form for imported foodstuffs (with example of labelling);
2. List of documents required for sanitary registration of phytotherapeutic products including the corresponding application for registration and the annexes thereto;
3. List of documents required for sanitary registration of toiletries and personal hygiene products, including the corresponding application for registration and the annexes thereto;
4. Model import certificate.

The related procedural and legal aspects are dealt with in the three-page form and regulations, photocopies of which are attached, as follows:

1. Three-page form, single window of the Ministry of Public Health and Social Welfare for sanitary registration;
2. Legislative Decree No. 90-97, Health Code¹;
3. Government Decision No. 712-99: Regulations on the sanitary control of drugs and related products.¹

¹ Available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).