

**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

Notification under Article 5.2 of the Agreement

ALBANIA

The following communication, dated 20 October 2008, has been received from the delegation of Albania.

According to Article 5 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, the Government of Albania is notifying to the Committee on Import licensing the answers to the questions, relating to these groups of products:

- Fauna and Flora
- Fish products
- Military goods
- Food products
- Medicinal products

**I. FOOD PRODUCTS**

**(a) List of products subject to licensing procedures**

Products and sub-products with animal origin included in Chapters 01, 02, 03, 04, 1601, 1602.

**(b) Contact point for information on eligibility**

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection.

**(c) Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications**

Agricultural Regional Directories of Food and Consumer Protections.

**(d) Date and name of publication where the licensing procedures are published**

Law No. 9308 date 4 November 2004 "Service and Veterinary Inspectorate" and Law No. 9863 date 18 November 2008 "on Food".

- (e) **Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic according to definitions contained in Articles 2 and 3**

Automatic, according to Article 2.

- (f) **In the case of automatic import licensing procedures, their administrative purpose**

The import licensing procedure aims for food security. The importing firms should have established and fulfilled sanitary – veterinary conditions, according to Albania Legislation.

- (g) **In the case of non-automatic import licensing procedures, indication of the measure being implemented through the licensing procedure**

NA

- (h) **Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, reason why this information cannot be provided**

The expect duration of licensing procedure (for the sanitary – veterinary permission) is defined in Minister Order No. 203, dated 19 April 2006, "On registration procedure of subjects that deal with imports – exports of live animals and products with animal origin". This procedure extends for 5 days in the Agricultural Regional Directories of Food and Consumer Protectorate and for 10 days in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Consumer Protection.

## **II. MILITARY GOODS**

- (a) **List of products subject to licensing procedures are**

Explosive for civil use, fireworks and pyrotechnic materials.

- (b) **Contact point for information on eligibility**

Ministry of Defence

- (c) **Administrative body for submission of application**

Commission of permission for explosive use in Defence Ministry

- (d) **Date and name of publication where the licensing procedures are published**

Law No. 9126, dated 29 July 2003 (published in the Official Journal), Decree of Council of Minister No. 853, dated 17 December 2004, No. 597 dated 17 December 2004 and the Rule of Defence Ministry No. 315, dated 15 March 2007.

- (e) **Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic according to definitions contained in Articles 2 and 3**

The procedure is non-automatic

- (f) **In the case of automatic import licensing procedures, their administrative purpose**

There were no automatic procedures.

**(g) In case of non-automatic import licensing procedures, indication of the measure being implementation through the licensing procedures.**

The import licensing procedure for military goods aims for verification of activity of import/export of military goods according to the Law No. 9707 dated 5 April 2007 "For the state control of import/export activity of military goods".

**(h) Expected duration of the licensing procedures if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, reason why this information cannot be provided**

Expected duration of licensing procedure is consistent with Article 3.5(f) of the Agreement on Import Licensing procedures.

**III. FAUNA AND FLORA**

**(a) List of products subject to licensing procedures**

CITES import permit (certificate) covers all animal and plant species listed in the Appendices of the CITES Convention.

Appendix I include species threatened with extinction. Trade in specimens of these species is permitted only in exceptional circumstances.

Appendix II includes species not necessarily threatened with extinction, but in which trade must be controlled in order to avoid utilization incompatible with their survival.

**(b) Contact point for information on eligibility**

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Water Administration

**(c) Administrative Body(ies) for submission of applications**

Directorate of Fauna and Flora

**(d) Date and name of publication where the licensing procedures are published**

Law No. 9021, dated 6 March 2003 "On the accession of the Republic of Albania in the convention "on the international trade of endangered species of wild flora and fauna". (cites)

**(e) Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic according to definitions contained in Articles 2 and 3**

The procedure is non-automatic

**(f) In the case of automatic import licensing procedures, their administrative purpose**

There are no automatic procedures

**(g) In the case of non-automatic import licensing procedures, indication of the measure being implemented through the licensing procedure**

The licensing is intended to restrict the number of species and number of wild animals and plants listed in the Appendices of the convention in order to improve their conservation status and in the same time to comply with the obligations and requirements of the Convention.

- (h) **Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, reason why this information cannot be provided**

Expected duration of licensing procedure is consistent with Article 3.5(f) of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures.

#### **IV. FISH PRODUCTS**

- (a) **List of products subject to licensing procedures**

All products that included in Chapter 3 of the Custom Code as live fish.

- (b) **Contact point for information on eligibility**

Ministry of Environment, Forests and Water Administration

- (c) **Administrative Body(ies) for submission of applications**

Directorate of Policies of Fisheries

- (d) **Date and name of publication where the licensing procedures are published**

Law No. 7908, dated 5 April 1995 "On fishery and aquaculture Article 26 the authorization for introducing aquatic species and exporting/importing of juveniles".

Regulation No. 2 "On licensing and fisheries and Aquaculture", dated 17 May 2007.

- (e) **Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic according to definitions contained in Articles 2 and 3**

The procedure is non automatic.

- (f) **In the case of automatic import licensing procedures, their administrative purpose**

There are no automatic procedures

- (g) **In the case of non-automatic import licensing procedures, indication of the measure being implemented through the licensing procedure**

The licensing is intended to regulate the introduction of the species with no purposes of aquaculture. The scope of Authorization is to protect Albanian waters from introducing aquatic species from environment point of view.

- (h) **Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, reason why this information cannot be provided**

Expected duration of licensing procedure is consistent with Article 3.5(f) of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures.

**V. MEDICINAL PRODUCTS**

**(a) List of products subject to licensing procedures**

- Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances referred to the list in accordance of Single Conventions of 1961 and 1971.
- Pharmaceutical Products of the Chapter 30 of the Combined Nomenclature of Goods.
- Disinfectant, disinsectant and deratizing substances, Chapters 28, 29 of CNG.

**(b) Contact point for information on eligibility**

Ministry of Health

**(c) Administrative Body(ies) for submission of applications**

Pharmaceutical Directory

**(d) Date and name of publication where the licensing procedures are published**

- Law No. 9323, of 25 November 2004 "On medicines and pharmaceutical services" amended with Law No. 9523 of 25 April 2006.
- Law No. 7975 of 26 July 1995 "On narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances", amended with Law No. 9271 of 9 September 2004.
- Council of Ministers Decision No. 325, of 14 June 1993 "On regimen of exportation-importation and medicines production".
- Joint Guideline of Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance No. 180 of 13 August 1993 "On co-operation for the regimen of import-export of medicines and their clearance".
- Order of Minister of Health No. 104 of 5 March 2004, "For a change in the Guideline No. 180 of 13 August 1993 "On co-operation for the regimen of import-export of medicines and their clearance".
- Law No. 9928 of 9 June 2008 "On dental health service in the Republic of Albania".
- Decision of Council of Ministers No. 415 of 17 August 1993 VKM No. 415, dated 17 August 1993 "On import, export, wholesale and retail trade licensing of disinfectant, disinsektant and deratizing substances" and related Minister of Health Order No. 361 of 18 August 2000.

**(e) Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic according to definitions contained in Articles 2 and 3**

The procedure is non automatic.

**(f) In the case of automatic import licensing procedures, their administrative purpose**

There are no automatic procedures

**(g) In the case of non-automatic import licensing procedures, indication of the measure being implemented through the licensing procedure**

Licensing system aims to control product, inspecting structures that will enter the country. Licensing is seen as a tool to control what products, in what quantity and with what quality, are entering the market.

**(h) Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, reason why this information cannot be provided**

Expected duration of licensing procedure is consistent with Article 3.5(f) of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedure.

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