

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement

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The following communication, dated 10 March 2008, has been received from the Delegation of Mauritius.

The Import Licensing System is regulated by the Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 1999 (Government Notice No. 135 of 1999) establishing a list of goods subject to import licensing (controlled goods) and a list of prohibited goods.

(a) List and description of products subject to licensing procedures

See Annex I

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility

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(c) Administrative body for submission of applications

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

Government Gazette

(e) Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic

(i) The items appearing on the list of controlled goods are subject to non-automatic licensing.

- (ii) Non-automatic import licensing is for the purpose of administering restrictions maintained pursuant to requests from different authorities such as Health, Agriculture and Environment.
 - (iii) The system applies to controlled goods originating in and coming from all countries.
 - (iv) The licensing system is a statutory requirement. The Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations made under Section 35 of the Consumer Protection Act. The Government cannot establish the system without legislative approval.
 - (v) Application for an import permit can be made at any time prior to the importation of the goods. Import permits can be obtained within 24 hours. The issue of an import permit with retrospective effect is subject to payment of a fee.
 - (vi) There are no limitations as to the period of the year during which application for an import permit and/or importation may be made.
 - (vii) The reasons for any refusal are given to the applicant for any unapproved application. The importer has the right to enquire further on the rejection of his application.
- (f) Administrative purpose of automatic licensing programme
- Not applicable.
- (g) In the case of non-automatic procedures, indication of the measure implemented through the licensing procedure
- (i) Information relating to quotas and formalities of submission of applications for import permit is communicated to importers by way of Press Communiqué and Notices posted at the Import Division of the Ministry.
 - (ii) Quotas are determined on an annual basis.
 - (iii) Import permits are issued to importers regardless of whether they are producers of like products. Licensees are not required to surrender unused amounts. Unused allocations are not added to quotas for the following year.
 - (iv) There is a time limit of 30 days for the submission of applications.
 - (v) Applications for import permits are processed within 15 days.
 - (vi) Import permits are granted prior to importation of the goods.
 - (vii) Import permits are issued only to importers who have submitted their applications within the period specified in the Press Communiqué.
 - (viii) No import permit is required for the importation of goods under quota by a Freeport operator.
- (h) Expected duration of the licensing procedure

ANNEX I

List of controlled goods

H.S. CODE	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	CONTROLLING AGENCIES/DOCUMENTS REQUIRED
03.02 03.03 03.04	- Chilled or frozen fish	Approval from the Ministry of Agro-Industry & Fisheries
04.01	- Milk (fresh/liquid)	Application stamped by the Agricultural Marketing Board – “No objection”
0402.10 0402.21 0402.29 1901.101	- Infant Milk	
0402.10 0402.21 0402.29	- Milk powder	
07.01	- Potatoes (in all forms) including seed	Application stamped by the Agricultural Marketing Board – “No objection”
0703.10	- Onions and Shallots	
0703.20	- Garlic	
0805.30	- Lemons and Limes	
0908.3010 0908.3090	- Cardamons neither crushed nor ground - Cardamons crushed or ground	
0910.3010 0910.3090	- Turmeric neither crushed nor ground - Turmeric crushed or ground	
10.06	- Rice	
11.01	- Wheat or meslin flour	
1513.1100 1513.1900	- Coconut oil (copra) and its fractions, whether or not refined but not chemically modified	Certificate of analysis from supplier
15.16	- Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, partly or wholly hydrogenated, inter-esterified, re-esterified or elaidonised, whether or not refined, but not further prepared	
15.17	- Margarine edible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils or of fractions of different fats or oils of chapter 15, other than edible fats or oils or their fractions of Heading No. 15.16	

H.S. CODE	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	CONTROLLING AGENCIES/DOCUMENTS REQUIRED
15.18	- Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their fractions boiled, oxidised, dehydrated, sulphurised, blown, polymerised by heat in vacuum or in inert gas or otherwise chemically modified	Certificate of analysis from supplier
1602.50	- Canned corned beef	
1602.901	- Canned corned mutton	
1604.15	- Canned fish (Pilchards)	
21.06	- Nutrient supplements	Pro-forma invoice stamped by the Ministry of Health "Import Authorised"
25.01	- Salt	
2523.21 2523.29	- Portland Cement	
27.09	- Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals crude	
27.10	- Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals other than crude oil, white spirit, lubricating oil and greases.	
Chapter 30	- Pharmaceutical products Ayurvedic and other traditional medicines	Pro-forma invoice stamped by the Ministry of Health "Import Authorised"
3006.20 3006.30 38.22	- Diagnostic materials of biological origin	Pro-forma invoice stamped by the Ministry of Health "Import Authorised"
3604.10	- Fireworks (including fireworks commonly known as "pétards")	Pro-forma invoice + Fiche Technique
3811.90	- Potassium-Based Additive	
3917.31 4009.11 4009.12	Tubes and Hoses (other than tubes and hoses consisting of a metal reinforcement) for connecting liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders to domestic gas appliances.	Valid Certificate of Conformity from the National Standard of the country of origin issued by a recognised body
3923.211 3923.291	- Plastic carry bags (Vest type)	Shall comply with the standards specified in the Schedule to the Environment Protection (Plastic Carry Bags) Regulations 2004.
3926.201 4015.901 6307.2000	- Life Jackets	Valid Certificate from the supplier that the jackets comply with the specifications set out in the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention
4012.20	- Used pneumatic tyres of rubber	

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6506.101	- Motor-cyclists' helmets (crash helmets)	Certificate of Conformity to Standards from National Bureau of Standards from the country of origin + sample
7102.10 7102.21 7102.31	- Rough diamonds	
71.08	- Gold (including gold plated with platinum) unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	
7112.10	- Waste and scrap of gold including metal clad with gold but excluding sweepings containing other precious metals	
84.23 90.16	- Weighing machinery - Balances	Certificate of Suitability unless it is not for trade use
8516.10	- Electric water heaters and immersion heaters and parts thereof	Certificate from independent recognised organisations to the effect that the appliance complies with:- (a) International Electronically Commission (IEC) Standards 335-2-21 Pt2 Particular requirements for storage water heaters; (b) IEC Standard 335-2-35 Pt2 Particular requirements for instantaneous water heaters
8536.20 8536.501 8536.901	- Automatic circuit breakers with Residual Current Devices<1000 V - Residual Current Switches<1000V (“interrupteur différentiel”) - Leakage modules<1000 V	(a) Shall comply with the International Standards BS En 61008 or BS En 61009 or IEC 61008 or IEC 61009 or any other equivalent standard. (b) A certificate from the Mauritius Standards Bureau attesting compliance with the standards referred to in paragraph (a) shall be obtained prior to the clearance of the goods from the Customs.
85.44	- Electric Cable insulated with plastic materials - Armoured Electric Cables	
87.02	- Public transport type, passenger motor vehicles, bus	
8706.001	- Bus chassis fitted with engines	

H.S. CODE	DESCRIPTION OF GOODS	CONTROLLING AGENCIES/DOCUMENTS REQUIRED
89.01	- Cruise ships, excursion boats, ferry-boats, cargo ships, barges and similar vessels for the transport of persons or goods	Approval from the Ministry of Tourism, Leisure & External Communications
89.04	- Tugs and pusher craft	
90.17	- Instruments for measuring length, for use in the hand (for example measuring rods and tapes)	
9018.31 9018.39 9021.00	- Syringes with or without needles Sutures and ligatures - Sirolimus and other drug-eluting stents	Pro-forma invoice approved by the Ministry of Health & Quality of Life
9603.10	- Brooms	
9613.10	- Pocket lighters, gas fuelled, non-refillable	A recent Certificate of Conformity with the International Standard ISO 9994:1995 or any other equivalent standard
9613.20	- Pocket lighters, gas fuelled, refillable	(a) Shall comply with the International Standard ISO 9994:2002 or any other equivalent standard; and (b) A recent certificate of conformity with the International Standard ISO 9994:2002 or any other equivalent standard, should be submitted to the Ministry prior to the clearance of the goods from the Customs.
	- Second-hand (used/reconditioned) motor vehicles	
	- Second-hand motor vehicle parts and accessories	Photocopy of Trade Licence where applicable
	- Other used, scrapped and second-hand goods	

ANNEX II

List of prohibited goods

1. Ball valve bottles.
2. Explosive caps for toy pistols and guns containing a mixture of potassium chlorate and red phosphorus.
3. Fire crackers of a type commonly known as "pétards rapés".
4. White phosphorous matches.
5. Motor vehicle rubber tyres which, have been remoulded, recapped or regrooved.
6. Kerosene stoves of a type commonly known as "lampes vertes" and parts thereof.
7. Ivory and Tortoise Shell.
8. Underwater fishing guns.
9. Sugar and chocolate confectionary and bubble/chewing gum in the form of cigarettes.
10. Second-hand motor vehicle spare parts and accessories as follows:
 - (a) Tyres, tubes and wheels;
 - (b) Macpherson strut assembly;
 - (c) Injector nozzles;
 - (d) Chassis and parts thereof;
 - (e) Brake linings;
 - (f) Clutch nut and parts thereof;
 - (g) Filters;
 - (h) Hoses;
 - (i) Engine mountings;
 - (j) Belts;
 - (k) Oil seals;
 - (l) Ball joints;
 - (m) Bearings;
 - (n) Shock absorbers;
 - (o) Coil spring, leaf spring and torsion bar;
 - (p) Body shells of motor-cars or any parts of motor-cars originally welded by the manufacturer to their structured body shells or chassis;
 - (q) Jacks.
 - (r) Second-hand motor vehicles tyres other than second-hand motor vehicle tyres imported by any firm operating in the export processing zone for re-export as retreaded tyres.
11. Toy motor-cyclists' helmets.
12. "Roll your own cigarettes" papers imported under H.S. Code No. 48.13.
13. Electric water heater with bare element and parts and accessories thereof.

14. Portable electric lamps commonly known as laser penlights/torches of 1 MW (milliwatt) or more
15. Toy pistols and guns with projectiles.
16. Containers performing the function of “Aerosols” using C.F.C’s (Chlorofluorocarbons) as propellant with contents other than pharmaceutical products.
17. The following items containing C.F.C’s (Chlorofluorocarbons) as refrigerant or blowing agent:
Refrigerators, freezers, refrigerating cabinets, showcases, counters and other refrigerating or freezing furnitures, chilling units, coolers, airconditioners (including motor vehicle airconditioners), automatic beverage-vending machines, incorporating refrigerating devices, cold-room equipment, refrigerated transport vehicles, refrigerator insulation, freezer insulation, foam packings, dehumidifiers, fishing boat refrigeration equipment, and styrofoam.
18. Crocidolite(Blue Asbestos) and its products.
19. Polybrominated Diphenyls(PBB) and its products.
20. Polychlorinated Diphenyls(PCB) and its products.
21. Polychlorinated Terphenyls(PCT) and its products.
22. Tris (2,3 – Dibromopropyl) Phosphate and its products.
23. PVC teethers and teething rings.
24. Rolling machines (other than rolling machines of industrial types) used to manufacture cigarettes.
25. All round logs and timber products from Liberia.
26. Bull Bar
27. Asbestos fibres as follows:
 - (a) Actinolite
 - (b) Anthophylite
 - (c) Amosite
 - (d) Tremolite
28. Toy known as “Yoyo water ball”.
29. Any jelly confectionery including jelly mini cups or mini capsules which are intended for human consumption and contain E425 (konjac), including konjac gum or konjac glucomannane.
30. Any jelly mini cup or any jelly mini capsule which is intended for human consumption and which contains food additives E400 (alginic acid), E401 (sodium alginate), E402 (potassium alginate), E403 (ammonium alginate), E404 (calcium alginate), E405 (propane – 1,2 – diol alginate), E406 (agar), E407 (carrageenan), E407a (processed eucheuma seaweed), E410 (locust bean gum), E412 (guar gum), E413 (tragacanth), E414 (acacia gum), E415 (xantham gum), E417 (tara gum) and E418 (gellan gum).
31. Batteries containing mercury.
32. Aerosol spray containing benzene.
33. Cosmetic products containing Vitamin K1 (Phytonadione).

ANNEX III

Quantitative restrictions

Product	Unit	Customs duty%	Type of restriction
HS 2501.0011 Refined table salt	Kg.	15	Quota 750 metric tons
