

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Article 5

SOUTH AFRICA

The following communication, dated 9 July 1997, has been received from the Permanent Mission of South Africa.

I have the honour to submit herewith, for the information of the Committee on Import Licensing, two amendments to South Africa's import licensing regime.

Regulation No. R826 of 20 June 1997¹ removes a number of products from import licensing (tariff headings 4011.50, 40.07, 40.08, 53.04 and 71.18), while Regulation R827 of 20 June 1997¹ introduces quantitative import control on footwear and footwear components (tariff headings 64.01-64.06) originating in non-WTO countries for one year. Imports from WTO Members will be subject to automatic licensing. (See Annex for guidelines for the implementation of import control for the importation of footwear and footwear components originating in WTO Member countries).

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

ANNEX

Import control for the importation of footwear and footwear components
originating in WTO Member countries

1. Effective date of implementation: 20 June 1997.
2. Imports of footwear and footwear components originating in WTO Member countries will not be subject to quantitative restrictions, i.e. permits will be issued freely (automatic import licensing).
3. Origin requirements:
 - (a) At least 25 per cent of the production cost of goods is represented by materials produced and labour performed in the territory; and
 - (b) the last process in the production or manufacturing of goods takes place in the territory.
4. Procedure:
 - Importers must register with Import and Export Control as importers of footwear.
 - Importers of footwear or footwear components must apply for permits.
 - Information that will be required when applying for permits will, *inter alia*, include the following:
 - name of country of origin;
 - port of entry;
 - tariff headings:
 - four-digit tariff headings for footwear, i.e. 6401-6405; and
 - six-digit tariff headings for components, i.e. 6406.10, 6406.20, 6406.91 and 6406.99; and
 - quantity and value of permit required.
5. Permits:
 - Permits will be valid for period indicated on the permit.
 - Permits will not be transferrable.
6. Port of entry:
 - A maximum of three ports of entry per permit will be allowed in the case of goods originating in WTO Member countries;
 - ports of entry will be stipulated on the permit; and
 - permits will be handed/forwarded to the applicant.
7. Certificate of origin:
 - Imported goods must be accompanied by a certificate of origin; and
 - in the case of goods imported via a fellow Southern African Customs Union (SACU) member country, i.e. Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland and Namibia, a certified copy of the certificate of origin must be attached to the CCA1 form.
8. Imports via fellow SACU member countries:
 - Form CCA1 must be properly completed;
 - a certified copy of the country of origin certificate must be attached to the CCA1 form; and
 - a valid import permit in case of footwear and footwear components destined for the South African market.

9. Importers of components and/or materials for use in the manufacturing, processing, finishing, equipping and packing of goods for export, i.e. rebate item 470.03 and drawback item 521.00 permits, will thus not have to register as importers of footwear or footwear components nor will they have to apply in terms of import control on footwear and footwear components.

10. Application forms can be obtained from the Department of Trade and Industry, Import and Export Control.

Applications must be submitted to:

Directorate: Import and Export Control
Department of Trade and Industry
Private Bag X84
Pretoria
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or

Department of Trade and Industry
corner of Prinsloo and Pretorius Streets
Fedlife House, 13th Floor
Pretoria

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