

**REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES<sup>1</sup>**

Notification under Article 7.3 of the  
Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures

**BARBADOS**

The following notification, dated 8 May 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Barbados.

Outline of system

1. The Miscellaneous Controls Act Chapter 329<sup>2</sup> of the laws of Barbados is employed by the Government of Barbados to regulate the importation of goods which are subject to the licensing regime.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Miscellaneous Controls (General Open Import Licence) Regulations - products as listed at Annex I.

3. The system applies to goods originating outside Caricom (First Schedule of Annex I) and goods originating within Caricom (Third Schedule of Annex I).

4. The Barbados Import Licensing System is not intended to restrict the quantity or value of imports. The system is used for the following purposes:

- Regulation and Monitoring. It should be noted that there are no quantity or value based import restrictions with respect to the regulation and monitoring purpose.
- Security
- Protection of public morals
- Health
- Environment

5. The Miscellaneous Controls Act Chapter 329 is the law under which the licensing system is maintained and licensing is therefore statutorily required. The legislation does not leave the designation of products subjected to automatic licensing to administrative discretion. However, licences for products which give rise to issues such as public morals, public safety and public health

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<sup>1</sup> See G/LIC/3, Annex, for the Questionnaire.

<sup>2</sup> Available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division) (in English only).

are not issued automatically and are therefore subjected to administrative discretion. A list of all items subject to the import licensing regime is made available to all parties. In addition, respective statutory instruments are made available to the public by publication in the Official Gazette.

#### Procedures

6. No quantitative restrictions.

7.(a) Importers are advised that import licences should be obtained before the goods are imported. Licences are processed within three to five working days. Licences can be granted within a shorter time-limit and applications for goods which arrive owing to inadvertency may be facilitated depending on the particular circumstances.

(b) A licence can be granted immediately on request depending on the circumstance or type of good.

(c) There are no limitations as to the period of the year during which applications for licences and/or importation may be made.

(d) Depending on the item to be imported, e.g. meat or meat products, the importer may have to approach more than one government agency. The government agency which an importer will have to approach when importing meat or meat products is the Veterinary Services of the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Applications for motorized vessels for pleasure or sports are considered by a Committee which makes recommendations to the Minister responsible for Commerce. The representatives of the Committee are the Port Authority, the Ministry of Tourism, the Customs Department and the Price Control Division.

8. All licences are issued automatically, except with regard to goods falling under the following categories:

- Health and Safety
- Public morals
- Security

When an application is denied, the applicant has the right to appeal and may request a meeting with the following persons:

- Chief Price Control Officer
- Permanent Secretary
- Minister

The applicant could approach the Barbados Chamber of Commerce or the Barbados Manufacturers' Association to make representation on his behalf, or seek redress in the Civil Court.

#### Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All firms, persons and institutions are eligible to apply for licences under the restrictive and non-restrictive system.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. Applicants are required to state their personal or business name; address; the country from which the good is sourced and the country from which it is being consigned; the expected date and time of arrival; the relevant tariff heading; the description of goods and quantity and the quoted c.i.f. value in Barbados dollars. No other document is required.

11. For goods from Caricom countries, a certificate of origin is required as well as the commercial invoice. Goods from non-Caricom sources require only the commercial invoice.

12. There is no licensing fee or administrative charge.

13. There is no deposit or advance payment requirement.

Conditions of licensing

14. A licence is valid for up to three months. The validity of a licence can be extended by renewal. A licence may be renewed after its expiry date if the goods have not yet arrived in the country. In order to renew a licence, the applicant has to fill out a similar application for the goods for which a licence was previously issued.

15. There is no penalty for the non-utilisation of a licence or a portion thereof.

16. Licences are not transferable.

17.(a) Not applicable.

(b) Other conditions that may be attached to the issue of a licence are as follows:

- an import licence may be issued for manufacturing purposes only.
- a licence may be issued for goods to be re-exported.

Other procedural requirements

18. There are no other administrative procedures apart from import licensing and similar administrative practices that are required prior to importation.

19. There are no hindrances to obtaining foreign exchange provided by the banking authorities for goods to be imported. Licences are not required to obtain foreign exchange and foreign currency is readily available to cover licences issued and for goods that are not subject to the import licensing system. Importers in possession of original invoices for the importation of goods can obtain foreign currency from local commercial banks. Those without invoices are required to complete a Foreign Currency Import Form (FCI) from the Central Bank, after which approval is given to obtain the currency.

**ANNEX I**  
**FIRST SCHEDULE**  
*(Regulation 2(1))*

Tariff heading No.	Description of goods
01.05	Live poultry
02.03	Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen
Ex 02.07	Meat of poultry of heading No. 01.05 fresh, chilled or frozen
0210.101	Ham
0210.102	Bacon
03.02	Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading No. 03.04
03.03	Fish, frozen, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading No. 03.04
03.04	Fish fillets and other fish meat, fresh, chilled or frozen
04.01	Milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter
04.02	Milk and cream concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter
Ex 04.07	Birds' eggs in shell, fresh, excluding hatching eggs
0702.00	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled
0703.101	Onions, fresh or chilled
0703.102	Shallots (échalotes) fresh or chilled
07.04	Cabbages, cauliflowers, kohlrabi, kale and similar edible brassicas, fresh or chilled
07.05	Lettuce and chicory, fresh or chilled
07.06	Carrots and turnips, beetroots, salsify, celeriac, radishes and similar edible roots fresh or chilled
07.07	Cucumbers and gherkins fresh or chilled
07.08	Leguminous vegetables, shelled or unshelled fresh or chilled
07.09	Other vegetables, shelled or unshelled, fresh or chilled
07.10	Vegetables, uncooked or cooked, frozen
0714.20	Sweet potatoes
Ex 08.07	Melons
1501.01	Lard

Tariff heading No.	Description of goods
15.07	Soya bean oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
15.08	Groundnut oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
15.09	Olive oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
15.10	Other oils and their fractions, obtained solely from olives, whether or not refined but not chemically modified, including blends of these oils or fractions with oils or fractions of Heading No. 1509
15.11	Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
15.12	Sunflower seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil and fractions thereof, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
15.13	Coconut (copra), palm kernel or babassu oil and fractions thereof, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
15.14	Rape, colza or mustard oils and fractions thereof, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
15.15	Other fixed vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, whether or not purified, but not chemically modified
16.01	Sausages and similar products of meat, meat offal or blood, food preparations based on these products
16.02	Other prepared or preserved meats, meat offal or blood (excluding corned beef)
Ex 17.01	Beet sugar and cane sugar in solid form
1902.01	Uncooked pasta, not stuffed or otherwise prepared
20.07	Jams, jellies, marmalades, fruit puree and fruit pastes
20.09	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter
22.02	Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavoured and other non-alcoholic beverages
22.03	Beer made from malt
Ex 22.06	Shandy
Ex 22.08	Shandy

Tariff heading No.	Description of goods
34.01	Soap, organic surface active products and preparations for use as soap in bars, cakes, moulded pieces or shapes whether or not containing soap; paper, wadding; felt and non-woven, impregnated, coated or covered with soap or detergent
34.02	Organic surface active agents; surface active preparations, washing preparations and cleaning preparations whether or not containing soap
Ex 36.04	Fireworks
Ex 38.23	"Chemshield" (the defence method of our times)
Ex 38.23	"Mace" and similar products
Ex 39.26	Handcuffs of plastic
Ex 61.09	T-shirts
Ex 73.26	Handcuffs of iron or steel
Ex 82.11	Ratchet knives, spring loaded knives including flick knives
87.02	Public transport type passenger motor vehicles
87.03	Motor cars and other vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of Heading No. 87.02), including station wagons, and racing cars
Ex 87.06	Chassis fitted with engines for the assembly of coaches and buses
Ex 87.08	Chassis without engines for the assembly of coaches and buses
Ex 89.03	Yachts and other vessels for pleasure or sports
Ex 95.04	Coin-operated amusement machines
Ex 95.04	Equipment and accessories for gambling or parlour games (excluding gaming machines) for example blackjack tables, table counters, hand counters, roulette wheels, dice, dice boxes, croupier's rakes, etc.

THIRD SCHEDULE*(Regulation 2(2))*

Tariff heading No.	Description of goods
04.02	Milk and cream concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter
15.07	Soya bean oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified, including blends of these oils or fractions with oils or fractions of Heading No. 15.09
15.11	Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
15.12	Sunflower seed, safflower or cotton-seed oil and fractions thereof, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
15.13	Coconut (copra), palm kernel or babassu oil and fractions thereof, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
15.14	Rape, colza or mustard oils and fractions thereof, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
15.15	Other fixed vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, whether or not purified, but not chemically modified
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