

REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES¹

Notification under Article 7.3 of the Agreement on
Import Licensing Procedures

GRENADA

The following notification, dated 6 October 2009, has been received from the Delegation of Grenada.

Outline of Systems

1. The Government of Grenada maintains an import licensing system to regulate the importation of goods, which are subject to the licensing regime. The import licensing system is regulated by the Supplies Control Act CAP. 314 of the Revised Laws of Grenada and the Supplies Control Regulations (Section 3)². The licensing system is administered by the Ministry of Finance and Trade through its Consumer Affairs Division.

Purposes and Coverage of Licensing

2. Imports of Goods which appear on the Supplies Control Act CAP. 314 and the Supplies Control Regulations (Section 3) (List of Goods Requiring an Import Licence Prior to Importation, updated list attached³) are subject to licensing.

3. The system applies to goods originating from the Caribbean Community and extra regional countries.

4. Licensing is automatically granted except for whole chicken (tariff heading 0207.12), eggs (tariff heading 0407.003) and war toys (tariff heading 9503.90). The import licensing system is applied for:

- Regulating and monitoring purposes;
- Security purposes.
- Environmental purposes.

The objective is in no way to restrict the quantity or value of imports.

¹ See document G/LIC/3, Annex, for the questionnaire.

² Available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division) (English Only).

³ In English only.

5. The licensing system is a statutory requirement maintained under the Supplies Control Act CAP. 314 and the Supplies Control Regulations (Section 3).

The legislation does not leave designation of products to be subject to automatic licensing to administrative discretion. Under the Supplies Control Act, the Minister can add or delete items from the list without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. For products under restriction:

- I. Information relating to quotas and other related formalities is communicated to importers in the Official Gazette or in writing from time to time.
- II. Quotas (when and where applicable) are determined on a yearly basis. All licences are issued on request except whole chicken, eggs and war toys. The application must be made prior to importation.
- III. Licenses are allocated on a non-discriminatory basis, first-come, first-served.
- IV. The period of time allowed for the submission of applications for licence is two weeks.
- V. Applications for licenses are processed within 48 hours and are valid for three months from the date of issue.
- VI. Applications are usually presented 1 week prior to the arrival of imports, but in several instances applications are presented a few hours before clearing Customs.
- VII. Licence applications are considered by one administrative body. All import licences are processed by the Ministry of Environment, Foreign Trade and Export Development through its Licensing Division.
- VIII. As indicated earlier, licences are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.
- IX. There are no bilateral quotas or export restraints arrangements.
- X. Importers are asked to inform exporters of national requirements.
- XI. No licences are issued on condition that goods should be exported and not sold in the domestic market.

7. Where there is no quantitative limit on importation of a product or on imports from a particular country:

- (a) Importers are advised to submit applications prior to arrival of goods. Licences are normally processed within 48 hours of receipt by the Consumer Affairs Division. Licences can be obtained within a shorter period of time for goods already on the Port.
- (b) Yes, a licence can be granted immediately on request.
- (c) There are no limitations as to the period of the year during which application for licence and/or importation may be made.

- (d) Licence applications are considered by one administrative body. All import licences are processed by the Ministry of Environment, Foreign Trade and Export Development through its Licensing Division.

8. All applications for licences are automatically approved except those that fail to meet the ordinary criteria. In the event of refusal to issue an import licence the applicant will be informed of the reason for refusal. The applicant has the right to appeal to the Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Finance and Trade or seek redress in civil court.

Eligibility of Importers to Apply for Licence

9. All persons, firms and institutions are eligible to apply for licences.

Documentational and Other Requirements for Application for Licence

10. A sample of the application form is attached. Applicants are required to state their personal or business name; address; the country from which the goods are sourced and the country from which it is being consigned; the expected date and time of arrival; the relevant tariff heading, the description of the goods; the quantity and the quoted c.i.f value.

11. Upon importation, an importer is required to submit the approved licence to the Customs Department.

12. A fee of EC\$5.00 is charge per licence.

13. There is no deposit or advance payment requirement associated with the issuance of import licence.

Conditions of Licensing

14. A licence is valid for a period up to three months and can be extended by renewal upon expiry of that period by the issuance of a new licence under the same procedure, for a maximum of one year.

15. There are no penalties for the non-utilization of an import licence or a portion thereof.

16. Import licences are not transferable between importers.

17. There are no conditions attached to the issuance of a licence.

Other Procedural Requirements

18. For meat and eggs, a Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) certificate is necessary from the Ministry of Agriculture prior to the approval of the licence. An import permit is required from the Pest Management Unit, Ministry of Agriculture to import planting materials, fruits and vegetables. Importation of Ozone depleting substances requires approval from the National Ozone Unit, Energy Division, Ministry of Finance before a licence is issued.

19. Foreign exchange is automatically provided by the banking authorities for goods to be imported.

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LIST OF GOODS REQUIRING AN IMPORT/EXPORT LICENCE PRIOR TO IMPORTATION/EXPORTATION

LIST OF GOODS REQUIRING LICENCE PRIOR TO IMPORTATION FROM EXTRA REGIONAL SOURCES

| Items | <u>Tariff no</u> | <u>Legal instrument</u> | <u>Importation policy</u> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Chicken | 207.10 | National | Whole chicken restricted |
| Eggs | 407.003 | National | Restricted |
| Processed pork products | Ex 02.10 | National | Restricted |
| Milk (bulk) | 4.02 | SRO 5/82 | Powdered milk (bulk full cream) restricted |
| Sugar | 1701.10 | SRO 5/82 16/94 | Sugar restricted |
| Rice (bulk) | Ex 10.06 | SRO 16/94 | Rice (bulk) restricted |
| Ground spices | 0910.99 | National | Restricted |
| Jellies & jams | 2007.109 | National | Restricted |
| High proof spirits | 2208.209 | National | Restricted |
| Cigarettes | 2402.20 | National | Restricted |
| Paint | 3209.001 | National | Paint restricted except specialized |
| Varnishes & lacquers | 3209.003 | National | Restricted |
| Toilet paper | 4818.1 | National | Restricted |
| Other tissue paper | 4818.409 | National | Restricted |
| Corrugated galvanised sheets | 7210.909 | National | Restricted |
| Aluminium windows, doors & parts | 7610.10 | National | Restricted |
| Thereof: | | | |
| Wooden doors incl. Panelled doors | 4418.20 | National | Restricted |
| Mattress & mattress supports | Ex 94.04 | National | Restricted |
| Mops | 9603.002 | National | Restricted |
| Curry powder | 0910.50.00 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Pasta products | 19.02 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Flour wheat or meslin | 1101.00.00 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Oils | Ex 15.17 | CARICOM sch III revised treaty | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |
| Margarine | Ex 15.17 | CARICOM sch III revised treaty | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |
| Shortening | Ex 15.17 | CARICOM sch III revised treaty | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |
| Aerated beverages | 2202.10.10 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Beer, stout & other | 22.03 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |

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|--|-------------------------|---|--|
| Malt | 2202.90.20 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Industrial gases: | | | |
| Oxygen | 2804.40 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Acetylene | 2901.29.20 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Carbon dioxide | 2811.21.00 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Soaps of all kinds | 34.01 | CARICOM Sch III revised treaty | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |
| Candles of paraffin wax | 3406.00.00 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Solar water heaters | 8419.19.00 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| War toys | | National | 100 % restricted |
| Aerated waters; other waters | 2201.10.00 | Least developed countries Art. 164, SRO 12/78 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Prepared poultry feed | 2309.90.30 | Least developed countries Art. 164, SRO 12/78 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Prepared complete cattle feed | 2309.90.40 | Least developed countries Art. 164, SRO 12/78 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Prepared complete pig feed | 2309.90.50 | Least developed countries Art. 164, SRO 12/78 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Other prepared complete animal feed | 2309.90.60 | Least developed countries Art. 164, SRO 12/78 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Other | 2309.90.90 | Least developed countries Art. 164, SRO 12/78 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Upholstered | 9401.61.00 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Other | 9401.69.00 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Other furniture of wood and upholstered fabric | 9403.60.00 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Other | 9403.60.90 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Chairs & other seats of wood upholstered fabrics | 94.01.60 | Least developed countries (LDCs) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |

OZONE DEPLETING SUBSTANCES

| NAME | CHEMICAL NAME | FORMULA | AS REA # | LEGAL INSTRUMENT | IMPORTATION POLICY |
|--|----------------------------|----------|----------|-------------------|--------------------|
| CFC-11 | Trichlorofluoromethane | CFC13 | | | |
| CFC-12 | dichlorodifluoromethane | CF2C12 | R-12 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| CFC-13 | Trichlorofluoromethane | C2F3C13 | R-113 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| CFC-114 | Dichlorotetrafluoroethanes | C2F4C12 | R-114 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| CFC-115 | Chloropentafluoroethane | CCIF2CF3 | R-115 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| Halon-1211 | Bromochlorodifluoromethane | CF2BrCi | R-1281 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| Halon-1301 | Bromotrifluoromethane | CF3Br | R-1381 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| Halon-2402 | Dibromotetrafluoroethane | C2F4Br2 | R-11482 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| CFC-13 | Chlorotrifluoromethane | CF3CL | R-13 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| CFC-111 | Pentachlorofluoroethane | C2FC15 | R-111 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| CFC-112 | Tetrachlorodifluoroethane | C2F2C14 | R-112 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| | | | | | |
| Tetrachloromethane or Carbin tetrachloride | | CC14 | | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| | | | | | |
| Methyl Bromide | | CH3Br | | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| R-500 (CFC-12/HFC-152a) | | | R-500 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |
| R-502 (CFC-115/HCFC-22) | | | R-502 | Montreal Protocol | Restricted |

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CARICOM MORE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES (MDC) SOURCES**

| Items | <u>Tariff No</u> | <u>Legal instrument</u> | <u>Importation policy</u> |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Curry powder | 0910.50.00 | Least developed countries (LDC's) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/OECS |
| Pasta products | 19.02 | Least developed countries (LDC's) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
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| Beer, stout & other | 22.03 | Least developed countries (LDC's) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Malt | 2202.90.20 | Least developed countries (LDC's) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| INDUSTRIAL GASES: | | | |
| Oxygen | 2804.40 | Least developed countries (LDC's) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Acetylene | 2901.29.20 | Least developed countries (LDC's) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries OECS |
| Carbon dioxide | 2811.21.00 | Least developed countries (LDC's) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
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| Candles of paraffin wax | 3406.00.00 | Least developed countries (LDC's) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
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| Other furniture of wood and upholstered fabric | 9403.60.00 | Least developed countries (LDC's) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries OECS |
| Other | 9403.60.90 | Least developed countries (LDC's) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from least developed countries/ OECS |
| Chairs & other seats of wood upholstered fabrics | 9401.60.00 | Least developed countries (LDC's) Art. 164 | Priority sourcing from caricom |

PRICING MECHANISM FOR GARMENTS

Importation from extra-regional sources of the items will only be allowed on the condition that importers agree to pay duties on the minimum cif values indicated.

| Items | Hs | Minimum cif/dz EC \$ | Legal instrument | Importation policy |
|---------------------------|------------|----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Jerseys | Ex 61.10 | 265 | National | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |
| T-shirts | Ex 61.09 | 94 | National | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |
| School pants | Ex6104.601 | Restricted | National | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |
| School shirts | 6106.902 | Restricted | National | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |
| Handbags of canvas | | | National | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |
| Small | 42.02.92 | 300 | National | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |
| Medium | 42.02.92 | 360 | National | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |
| Large | 42.02.92 | 480 | National | Priority sourcing from CARICOM |

LIST OF GOODS REQUIRING EXPORT LICENCE PRIOR TO EXPORTATION

| Items | Tariff no. | Legal instrument | Importation policy |
|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Exotic birds | 01.06.99 | Chap. 15 | |
| Gas cylinders (empty/full) | 7311.00 | National | Restricted |
| Coral | 0508.00 | National | |
| Mineral products | Chapter 25 | National | |
| Sheep (live) | 0104.10 | Chap. 15 | |
| Goat (live) | 0104.20 | Chap. 15 | |