

REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES¹

Notification under Article 7.3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures²

GUYANA

The following communication, dated 21 October 2003, has been received from the delegation of Guyana.

Outline of systems

1. Import licensing system is regulated by the Trade Act Cap. 91:01 which also establishes the list of goods subject to import licensing. The licensing system is administered by the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Imports of the products listed in the attached Third Schedule of the Trade Act Cap. 91:01 are subject to automatic/non-automatic licensing (Attachment I).

3. The system applies to goods originating in and coming from all countries except the Caribbean Community (CARICOM). Guyana is a member state of CARICOM.

4. Automatic licensing is maintained for statistical purposes. Non-automatic import licensing is maintained for the purposes provided for in the Agreement.

5. The import licensing system is regulated by the Trade Act Cap. 91:01 and may be amended only by the authority of a Ministerial Order issued for that purpose under the said Act.

Procedures

6. For the products under restriction:

I. There are no quotas. Information relating to formalities of filing applications for licences, exceptions and derogations are available upon request at the responsible Ministry (Government agency).

II. Not applicable.

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

² Apart from amendments to the answers submitted to questions 12 and 14 in the previous notification (G/LIC/N/3/GUY/1) the rest of the information remains unchanged.

III. Licences are issued to importers regardless of whether they are producers of like products. There is no regulation or restriction regarding the utilisation or non-utilisation of licences.

IV. Not applicable.

V. Applications for licences are processed within two working days.

VI. An importer should have a licence prior to the arrival of any of the product(s) covered under the Third Schedule of the Trade Act, Cap. 91:01.

VII. Import licence applications for some products may require the prior clearance of other agencies before the final issuance by the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce. (See Attachment II).

VIII. Any importer is eligible for a licence subject to the requirements. There are no laid down criteria based on performance or quotas.

IX. There are no bilateral quotas or export restraint arrangements. Export permits from exporting countries are not required.

X. Export permits from exporting countries are not required.

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) Application for a licence must be submitted to the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce prior to the importation of the goods. An importer should obtain a licence prior to the arrival of any of the product(s) covered under the Third Schedule of the Trade Act, Cap. 91:01.

(b) Under certain circumstances, 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) An importer may have to consult with more than one administrative organ depending on the products to be imported (see 6.VII above).

8. None. In the event an application is refused (not approved), this is indicated to the applicant in writing.

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 application form is attached (see Attachment III³). An importer is required to obtain the prior endorsement of his application by the relevant agency before submitting same to the Ministry of Tourism, Industry and Commerce (see Attachment II).

11. Upon actual importation, an importer is required to submit the approved import licence or a certified copy thereof.

12. There is no fee related to the processing of applications.

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

Conditions of licensing

14. Almost all licences are valid for six months from the date of issue. At the expiry of this period the validity can be extended if the applicant so requests. The two exceptions to this are frozen meat products, for which one month licences are issued that are valid for only one shipment, and for arms and for ammunition, for which licences are valid until the end of the calendar year.

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

16. Licences are not transferable between importers.

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

Other procedural requirements

18. There are no other administrative procedures, apart from import licensing required prior to importation.

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

³ Available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).

ATTACHMENT I

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Order No. 34 of 1993 – Made under the Trade Act (Cap.91:01)

THIRD SCHEDULE

Tariff heading No.	Description of commodity
02.01	Meat of bovine animals, fresh or chilled
02.02	Meat of bovine animals, frozen
02.03	Meat of swine, fresh, chilled or frozen
02.04	Meat of sheep or goat, fresh, chilled or frozen
02.06	Edible offal of bovine animals, swine, sheep, goats, horses, asses, mules or hinnies, fresh, chilled or frozen
02.07	Meat and edible offal, of the poultry of heading No. 01.05 fresh, chilled or frozen
02.08	Other meat and edible meat offal, fresh chilled or frozen
06.01	Bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corns crowns and rhizomes, dormant, in growth or in flower; chicory plants and roots other than roots of heading No. 12.12
06.02	Other live plants (including their roots cutting and slips, mushroom spawn
06.03	Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached impregnated or otherwise prepared
06.01	Foliage, branches and other parts of plants, without flowers or flower bud and grasses, mosses and lichens, being goods of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared
08.01.10	Coconuts
08.03	Bananas, including plantains, fresh or dried
08.04	Dated, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, fresh or dried
08.05	Citrus fruit, fresh or dried
08.06	Grapes, fresh or dried
08.07	Melons, (including watermelons) and papaws (papayas), fresh
08.08	Apples, pears and quinces, fresh
08.10	Other fruit, fresh
10.06	Rice
11.01	Wheat or meslin flour
17.01	Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose in solid form

27.10	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, other than crude, preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing by weight 70% or more of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations
23.01	Fluorine, chlorine, bromine and iodine
28.06	Hydrogen chloride (hydrochloric acid) Chlorosulphuric acid
28.07	Sulphuric acid; oleum
28.08	Nitric acid; sulphonitric acid
28.09	Diphosphorus, pentoxide, phosphoric acid and polyphosphoric acid
28.10	Oxides of boron; boric acid
28.11	Other inorganic acids and other inorganic oxygen compounds of non-metals
30.01	Glands and other organs for organotherapeutic uses, dried whether or not powdered; extracts or glands or other organs or of their secretions for organotherapeutic uses; heparin and its salts; other human or animal substances prepared for therapeutic or prophylactic use, not elsewhere specified or included
30.02	Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic uses; antisera and other blood fractions, vaccines, toxins, cultures of micro-organisms (excluding yeast) and similar products
30.03	Medicaments (excluding goods of heading No. 30.02; 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of two or more constituents which have been mixed together for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, not put up in measured doses or in forms or packing for retail sale
30.04	Medicaments (excluding goods of heading No. 30.02, 30.05 or 30.06) consisting of mixed or unmixed products for therapeutic or prophylactic uses, put up in measured doses or in forms or packing for retail sale
30.05	Wadding, gauze, bandages and similar articles (for example, dressing, adhesive plasters, poultices) impregnated or coated with pharmaceutical substances or put up in forms or packing for retail sale for medical, surgical, dental or veterinary purposes
30.06	Pharmaceutical goods specified in Note 3 to this chapter.
31.01	Animal or vegetable fertilisers, whether or not mixed together or chemically treated; fertilisers produced by the mixing or chemical treatment of animal or vegetable products.
31.02	Mineral or chemical fertilisers, nitrogenous
31.03	Mineral or chemical fertilisers, phosphatic
31.04	Mineral or chemical fertilisers, potassic

31.05	Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing two or three of the fertilisers elements nitrogen, phosphorous, and potassium; other fertilisers, goods of this Chapter in tablets or similar forms or in packages of a gross weight not exceeding 10kg
33.03	Perfumes and toilet waters
33.04	Beauty or make-up preparations and preparations for the care of the skin (other than medicaments), including sun-screen or sun-tan preparations, manicure or pedicure preparations.
33.05	Preparations for use on the hair
33.06	Preparations for oral or dental hygiene including denture fixative pastes and powder
33.07	Pre shave, shaving or after-shave preparations, personal deodorants, bath preparations, depilatories and other perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations, not elsewhere specified or included; prepared room deodorisers, whether or not perfumed or having disinfectant properties
34.02	Organic surface - active agents (other than soap); surface – active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations, whether or not containing soap, other than those of heading No. 34.01
36.02	Prepared explosives other than propellant powders
36.03	Safety fuses, detonating fuses, percussion or detonating caps, Igniters, electric detonators
37.06	Cinematographic film, exposed and developed, whether or not incorporating sound track or consisting only of sound track
38.08	Insecticides, rodenticides, fungicides, herbicides, anti-sprouting products and plant growth regulators, disinfectants and similar products, put up in forms of packing for retail sale or as preparations or articles (for example, sulphur treated bands, wicks and candles, and fly-papers)
85.25	Transmission apparatus for radio-telephony, radio-teleggraphy, radio-broadcasting, or television, whether or not incorporating reception apparatus or sound recording or reproducing apparatus, television cameras
85.26	Radar-apparatus, radio navigational aid apparatus and radio remote control apparatus
85.27	Reception apparatus for radio-telephony radio-teleggraphy or radio-broadcasting, whether or not combined in the same housing with sound recording or reproducing apparatus or a clock
88.02	Other aircraft (for example helicopters, aeroplanes);

	space craft (including satellite) and spacecraft launch vehicles
93.01	Military weapons, other than revolvers, pistols and the arms of heading No. 93.07
93.02	Revolvers and pistols, other than those of heading No. 93.03 or 93.04
93.03	Other firearms and similar devices which operate by the firing of an explosive charge for example, sporting shotguns and rifles, muzzle – loading firearms , Very pistols and other devices designed to project only signal flares , pistols and revolvers for firing blank ammunition captive bolt humane killers, line throwing guns)
93.04	Other arms (for example, spring air or gas guns and pistols, (truncheons) excluding those of heading No. 93.07
93.05	Parts and accessories of articles of heading Nos. 93.01 to 93.04
93.06	Bombs, grenades, torpedoes, mines, missiles and similar munitions of war and parts thereof, cartridges and other ammunition and projectiles and parts thereof, including shot and cartridge wads
93.07	Swords, cutlasses, bayonets, lances and similar arms and parts thereof and scabbards and sheaths thereof’.

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Order No. 4 of 1996 made under the Trade Act (Cap. 91:01)

SCHEDULE

Tariff Heading No.	Description
Ex 15.01	Lard; other pig fat and poultry fat, rendered , whether or not pressed or solvent – extracted
Ex 15.02	Fat of bovine animals, sheep or goat raw or rendered, whether or not pressed or solvent extracted.
Ex 15.03	Lard stearin, Lard oil, oleostearin, oleo-oil and tallow oil, not emulsified or mixed or otherwise prepared.
Ex 15.04	Fats and oils and their fractions of fish or marine mammals whether or not refined, but not chemically modified.
Ex 15.05	Wool grease and fatty substances derived therefrom (including lanolin)
Ex 15.06	Other animal fats and oil and their fraction, whether or not refined , but not chemically modified
Ex 15.07	Soya-bean oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified.
Ex 15.08	Ground-nut oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, nut not chemically modified
Ex 15.09	Olive oil and its fractions whether or not refined, but not chemically modified.
Ex 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.15.09
Ex 15.11	Palm oil and it fractions whether or not refined but not chemically modified.
Ex 15.12	Sunflower-seeds, safflower or cotton seed oil and fractions thereof but not chemically modified.
Ex 15.13	Coconut (copra) palm kernel or babassu oil and fractions thereof, whether or not refined but not chemically modified
Ex 15.14	Rape, colza or mustard oil and fractions thereof whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
Ex 15.15	Other fixed vegetable fats and oils (including jojoba oil) and their fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified
Ex 15.16	Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their fractions partly and wholly hydrogenated inter-

	esterified, re- esterified or eloidinised, whether or not refined, but not further prepared
Ex 15.17	Margarine, edible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils or of fractions of different fats or oils or their fractions of heading No. 15.16
Ex 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, excluding those of heading No. 15.16; inedible mixtures or preparations of different fats or oils of this chapter not else where specified or included
Ex 15.19	Industrial monocarboxylic fatty acids
Ex 15.20	Glycerol (glycerine) whether or not pure, glycerol waters and glycerol lyes.
Ex 15.21	Vegetable waxes (other than triglycerides), beeswax, other insect waxes and spermaceti whether or not refined or coloured.
Ex 15.22	Degras, residues resulting from the treatment of fatty substances or animals or vegetable waxes

ATTACHMENT IIImport Licensing System - Agencies Involved in the Approval Process

Tariff heading Nos. (products)	Responsible Agencies
02.01, 02.02, 02.03, 02.04, 02.06, 02.07, 02.08	Ministry of Health
06.01, 06.02, 06.03, 06.04, 0801.10	Ministry of Agriculture
08.03, 08.04, 08.05, 08.06, 08.07, 08.08, 08.10	Ministry of Agriculture
10.06	Guyana Rice Development Board
11.01	None
17.01	Guyana Sugar Corporation
27.10	None
23.01, 28.06, 28.07	Ministry of Health
28.08, 28.09, 28.10, 28.11	Ministry of Health & Commissioner of Police
30.01, 30.02, 30.03, 30.04, 30.05, 30.06	Ministry of Health
31.01, 31.02, 31.03, 31.04, 31.05, 38.08	Ministry of Health & Ministry of Agriculture
33.03, 33.04, 33.05, 33.06, 33.07, 34.02	Ministry of Health
36.02, 36.03	Commissioner of Police
37.06	Ministry of Culture, Youth & Sports
85.25, 85.26, 85.27	Ministry of Works and Communications & National Frequency Management Unit
88.02	Civil Aviation Authority
93.01	Commissioner of Police
93.02, 93.03, 93.04, 93.05, 93.06, 93.07	Ministry of Home Affairs & Commissioner of Police
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