

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

Notification under Article 7.3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures

JORDAN

The following communication, dated 2 October 2000, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Jordan.

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Import licences in Jordan are administered by the Ministry of Industry and Trade. However, other governmental entities may be involved in licensing in so far as they issue the requisite prior approvals for such licences. Accordingly, replies to the Questionnaire have been organized according to the entity issuing such approvals. The import and export licensing system in Jordan is presently being revised and new legislation will be issued shortly to bring it into conformity with requirements of the WTO Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures.<sup>2</sup>

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

<sup>2</sup> A sample application form (in English) for acquiring an Import Card and for importer registration is available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division).

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**I. RICE, WHEAT FLOUR, SUGAR, WHEAT, BARLEY, CORN, BISCUITS, MINERAL WATER, TABLE SALT, USED AUTOMOBILE TIRES, USED ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT, MILK FOR INDUSTRIAL USES, CIGARETTES**

Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Ministry of Industry and Trade is required for the importation of the aforementioned goods.

Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
1.	10.06	Rice
2.	11.01	Wheat flour
3.	17.01	Sugar
4.	10.01	Wheat
5.	10.03	Barley
6.	10.05	Corn
7.	ex 19.05	Biscuits
8.	ex 2201.10	Mineral water
9.	25.01	Table Salt
10.	ex 40.12	Used automobile tires
11.	ex 85	Used electronic equipment
12.	ex 04.02	Milk for industrial use
13.	24.02.20	Cigarettes

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.

4. The import licences are maintained mainly for statistical purposes as well health and safety purposes.

5. The basis for such licences is the Importation Instructions No (1) of 1999, issued pursuant to the Import and Export Regulation No. (74) of 1993 and the Minister of Industry and Trade's Decision No 3-2-27-3737 dated 23 March 2000 (in case of used electronic equipment). Instructions and decisions are implementing legislative instruments issued by the Competent Minister, in this case the Minister of Industry and Trade. The Import and Export Law No. (14) of 1992 authorizes the Minister of Industry and Trade to identify goods subject to licensing. The licences specified above may be abolished by other instructions or decisions issued by the Minister. However, amendment of overall licensing system would require amendment of master legislation, the Import and Export Law No (14) of 1992.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.

7. a) No period is specified for applying for a licence in advance of importation.

(b) A licence can be granted immediately on request.

- (c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.
- (d) The licences are only subject to the approval of the Ministry of Industry and Trade. No other approvals by any government entity are required.
8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. All persons permitted to engage in importation are eligible to apply for a licence. Those include: (1) eligible specialised import and export firms, whether companies or sole proprietorships; (2) other firms and institutions, provided imports are for their own, and for non-commercial uses; and (3) natural persons provided imports are for non-commercial uses.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. The following information is required in the application form for licence:
- Name and address of importer
  - Commercial name
  - Importer registration number
  - Commodity to be imported
  - H.S. Code (6 digits)
  - Value in JD C&F
  - Quantity or weight
  - Country of origin
  - Country of importation
  - Clearance centre.

(Form presumes that applicant is a commercial entity. However, applicants who are natural persons do not have to submit information pertinent to firms.)

11. The licence upon actual importation should be accompanied by an import card. Import cards are issued to firms and institutions, whether specialised in imports and exports or otherwise. Natural persons may not obtain import cards. In case where applicant is a natural person, the import card requirement is waived, with the proviso that the importer is subject to 5% fee on the value of imports upon importation.
12. The above import licences are issued free of charge.
13. No deposit or advance payment is required for the issue of a licence.

Conditions of licensing

14. According to the Import and Export Law No (14) of 1992, licences may be issued for a maximum period of one year. However, in practice the Ministry of Industry and Trade actually issues licences which are valid for three months. The period of validity may be extended, upon a request of the importer which is submitted to the Minister of Industry and Trade provided the total period of the licence, inclusive of extensions, does not exceed 2 years. Furthermore, the Minister, upon the importer's request, may extend the former period by another year if he deems it necessary.
15. There is no penalty for the non-utilization of a licence or portion of a licence.
16. Licences are transferable, provided that the transferee is eligible to import. Where the goods are prohibited or restricted or covered by agreements and protocols to which Jordan is a party, the

transfer would be subject to the approval of the Minister of Industry and Trade or his deputies.

17. None.

Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

**II. ALL TYPES OF WEARING APPAREL, TEXTILES, FOOTWEAR, ALL KINDS OF BISCUITS, CHOCOLATES AND CANDIES, CERAMICS EXCEPT FOR CERAMIC USED IN SWIMMING POOLS, SANITARY TISSUES, COCKTIAL JUICES AND SODA BEVERAGES AND PLASTIC AND IRON FLOOR SWABS**

Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Ministry of Industry and Trade is required for the importation of the aforementioned goods.

Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
1.	6101-4303	Wearing Apparel
2.	6301-5811	Textiles
3.	6401-6406	Footwear
4.	ex 19.05	Biscuits
5.	1806	Chocolates
6.	--	Candies
7.	--	Ceramic
8.	4803	Sanitary tissues
9.	2009	Cocktail juices
10.	2202	Soda beverages
11.	--	Plastic and Iron floor swabs

3. The system applies to goods imported from Syria.

4. The import licences are maintained for purposes of maintaining trade balance with Syria.

5. The basis for such licence is the Importation Instructions No (1) of 1999, issued pursuant to the Import and Export Regulation No. (74) of 1993. Instructions are implementing legislative instruments issued by the Competent Minister, in this case the Minister of Industry and Trade. The Import and Export Law No. (14) of 1992 authorizes the Minister of Industry and Trade to identify goods subject to licensing. The licences specified above may be abolished by other instructions issued by the Minister. However, amendment of the overall licensing system would require amendment of master legislation, the Import and Export Law No (14) of 1992.

Procedures

6-8. See Section I, replies 6-8.

Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10-13. See Section I, replies 10-13.

Conditions of licensing

14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

**III. LIVE ANIMALS, FROZEN ANIMAL SEMEN, FRESH, CHILLED AND FROZEN MEAT AND OLIVE OIL, STUFFED WILD ANIMALS, FERTILIZERS, INSECTICIDES, FUNGICIDES, HERBICIDES, DISINFECTORS, VETERINARY MEDICINES, SEEDS AND FRUITS USED FOR SEWING, DAIRY PRODUCTS**

Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture is required for the importation of the aforementioned goods.

Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
1.	Chapter 1	Live animals
2.	0511.10	Frozen animal semen
3.	Chapter 2	Fresh chilled and frozen meat
4.	1509	Olive oil
5.	Ex 97.05.00	Stuffed wild animals
7.	Chapter 31	Fertilizers
8.	38.8	Insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, disinfectants
9.	30.03- 30.04	Veterinary medicines
10.	12.09	Seed and fruits, used for sowing
11.	0401.--	Dairy products

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries except in the case of fresh dairy products when such are imported from countries with which Jordan has concluded trade agreements.

4. The import licences are maintained for health, environment, plant health and animal health purposes, except for olive oil, which are for social purposes.

5. The basis for such licences is the Importation Instructions No (1) of 1999, issued pursuant to the Import and Export Regulation No. (74) of 1993, a Council of Ministers' Decision No. 31-12-1-2295 dated 20 March 2000 (in case of olive oil) and the Agriculture Law No (20) of 1973 (in case of fertilisers, insecticides, fungicides, herbicides, disinfectants, veterinary medicines, seeds and fruits

used for sowing). Instructions are implementing legislative instruments issued by the Competent Minister, in this case the Minister of Industry and Trade. The Import and Export Law No. (14) of 1992 authorizes the Minister of Industry and Trade to identify goods subject to licensing. The licences specified in the Instructions may be abolished by other instructions issued by the Minister whereas licences specified in the Law may not be abolished unless by another Law. However, amendment of the overall licensing system would require amendment of master legislation, the Import and Export Law No (14) of 1992 and the Agriculture Law No (20) of 1973.

#### Procedures

6. Not applicable.
- 7.(a) No specified period for applying for a licence in advance of importation.
- (b) A licence can be granted immediately on request.
- (c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.
- (d) The aforementioned licences are only subject to the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture. No other approvals by any government entity are required.
8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

#### Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See section I, reply 9.

#### Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

- 10-13. See Section I, Replies 10-13.

#### Conditions of licensing

- 14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

#### Other procedural requirements

- 18-19. None.

### **IV. ALL KINDS OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION, ALL KINDS OF EXPLOSIVES, PENKNIVES AND SIMILAR ARTICLES, CHILDREN AUTOMOBILE TOYS OPERATED WITH FUEL, REMOTE CONTROL AND TOY AEROPLANES, ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC VIDEO GAMES MACHINES, SELF-DEFENCE ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT**

#### Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Public Security Department at the Ministry of Interior is required before the actual importation of the aforementioned goods.

#### Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
1.	Chapter 93	All kinds of arms and ammunition
2.	36.01 36.02 36.03 36.04	All kinds of explosives
3.	82.11	Pen knives and similar articles
4.	95.01	Children automobile toys operated with fuel
5.	9503.20	Remote control and toy airplanes
6.	95.04	Electrical and electronic video games machines
7.	85.43	Self-defence electrical equipment
8.	Ex 28.34.299	Ammonium Nitrates

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.
4. The import licences are maintained for national security, public order, safety and public moral purposes.
5. See Section II, reply 5.

#### Procedures

6. Not applicable.
- 7.(a) No specified period for applying for a licence in advance of importation.
- (b) A licence can be granted immediately on request.
- (c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.
- (d) The aforementioned licences are only subject to the approval of the Public Security Department. No other approvals by any government entity are required.
8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

#### Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

#### Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

- 10-13. See Section I, Replies 10-13.

#### Conditions of licensing

- 14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

#### Other procedural requirements

- 18-19. None.

**V. WIRELESS TRANSMITTERS AND RECEIVERS, WIRELESS ALARM EQUIPMENT, ALL KINDS OF REMOTE CONTROL EQUIPMENT (EXCEPT THOSE FOR TELEVISION AND VIDEO), RADAR APPARATUS, TRANSMITTERS AND RECEPTION STATIONS, CELLULAR TELEPHONE SYSTEMS, CORDLESS TELEPHONES, CORDLESS MICROPHONES, ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT FOR LINE TELEPHONY AND TELEGRAPHY, DECODERS, SATELLITES, REMOTE CONTROL FOR TOYS, TOY AIRPLANES OPERATED WITH REMOTE CONTROLS, MOVABLE TELEVISION TRANSMISSION EQUIPMENT AND STATIONS, USED AND RENEWED TELECOMMUNICATION APPARATUS**

Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission and the Television and Radio Corporation is required before the actual importation of the aforementioned goods.

Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
1.	85.25	Wireless transmitters and receivers
2.	85.31	Wireless alarm equipment
3.	8543.209 8526.92	All kinds of remote control equipment (except those for television and video)
4.	8526.91	Radar apparatus
5.	85.25	Transmission and reception stations
6.	85.25.201	Cellular telephone systems
7.	85.17.11	Cordless telephones
8.	8518.10	Cordless microphones
9.	85.17	Electrical equipment for line telephony and telegraphy
10.	8543.899	Decoders
11.	85.29 8529.101 8543.891	Satellites
13.	--	a) Toy airplanes operated with remote control
14.	--	Movable television transmission equipment and stations
15.	--	Used and renewed telecommunication apparatus

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.

4. The import licences are maintained for national security, safety, health and environment purposes.

5. See Section II, reply 5.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.

7.(a) No specified period for applying for a licence in advance of importation.

- (b) A licence can be granted immediately on request.
  - (c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.
  - (d) The aforementioned licences are only subject to the approval of the Telecommunication Regulatory Commission and the Television and Radio Corporation. No other approvals by any government entity are required.
8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

- 10-13. See Section I, Replies 10-13.

Conditions of licensing

- 14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

Other procedural requirements

- 18-19. None.

**VI. MEDICAMENTS, ANTIBIOTICS, HUMAN BLOOD AND VACCINES, FOOD PREPARATIONS USED BY ATHLETES, BROMIDES OF POTASSIUM, FOOD COLOURINGS, SHEETS AND PIPES OF ASBESTOS, MILK AND FOOD FOR CHILDREN, ICE CREAM AND OTHER EDIBLE ICE, LAZER PENS, OXYGEN AND NITROUS OXIDE**

Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Ministry of Health is required before the actual importation of the aforementioned goods.

Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
1.	29.41 30.02 30.03 30.04	Medicaments, antibiotics, human blood, vaccines
2.	2106.90	Food preparations used by athletes
3.	2827.51	Bromides of potassium
4.	13.02	Food colourings
5.	68.11	Sheets and pipes of asbestos
6.	04.02 2106.90	Milk and foods for children
7.	21.05	Ice cream and other edible ice
8.	--	Laser pens
9.	--	Oxygen and Nitrous Oxide

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.
4. The import licences are maintained for health purposes.
5. See Section II, reply 5.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.
- 7.(a) No specified period for applying for a licence in advance of importation.
- (b) A licence can be granted immediately on request.
- (c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.
- (d) The aforementioned licences are only subject to the approval of the Ministry of Health. No other approvals by any government entity are required.
8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

- 10-13. See Section I, Replies 10-13.

Conditions of licensing

- 14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

Other procedural requirements

- 18-19. None.

## VII. HALOGENATED DERIVATIVES OF HYDROCARBONS, FRION GAS

### Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the General Corporation for the Environmental Protection is required before the actual importation of the aforementioned goods.

### Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
1.	2903.4 2903.46	Halogenated derivatives of hydrocarbons
2.	2903	Frion gas

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.

4. The import licences are maintained for safety and environment purposes.

5. See Section II, reply 5.

### Procedures

6. Not applicable.

7.(a) No specified period for applying for a licence in advance of importation.

(b) A licence can be granted immediately on request.

(c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.

(d) The aforementioned licences are only subject to the approval of the General Corporation for the Environmental Protection. No other approvals by any government entity are required.

8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

### Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

### Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10-13. See Section I, Replies 10-13.

### Conditions of licensing

14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

### Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

## VIII. POTATOES, ONIONS, GARLIC, FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

### Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Agricultural Marketing Organization is required before the actual importation of the aforementioned goods.

### Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
1.	--	Potatoes, Onions, Garlic
2.	--	Fresh fruits and vegetables

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries, except in the case of fresh fruits and vegetables where these are imported from countries with which Jordan has concluded trade agreements.

4. The import licences are maintained for statistical purposes.

5. See Section II, reply 5.

### Procedures

6. Not applicable.

7.(a) No specified period for applying for a licence in advance of importation.

(b) A licence can be granted immediately on request.

(c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.

(d) The aforementioned licences are only subject to the approval of the Agricultural Marketing Organization. No other approvals by any government entity are required.

8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

### Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

### Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10-13. See Section I, Replies 10-13.

### Conditions of licensing

14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

### Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

## IX. RADIO-ACTIVE MATERIALS AND URANIUM

### Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources is required before the actual importation of the aforementioned goods.

### Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
	28.44	Radio-active materials and uranium

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.

4. The import licences are maintained for National Security, Health, Safety and Environment purposes.

5. See Section II, reply 5.

### Procedures

6. Not applicable.

7.(a) No specified period for applying for a licence in advance of importation.

(b) A licence can be granted immediately on request.

(c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.

(d) The aforementioned licences are only subject to the approval of Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources. No other approvals by any government entity are required.

8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

### Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

### Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10-13. See Section I, Reply 10-13.

### Conditions of licensing

14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

### Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

## **X. COLOURED PHOTOCOPYING MACHINES**

### Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Central Bank of Jordan is required before the actual importation of the aforementioned goods.

### Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
	90.09	Coloured photocopying machines

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.

4. The import licences are maintained for national security purposes.

5. See Section II, reply 5.

### Procedures

6-8. See Section I, replies 6-8.

### Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

### Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10-13. See Section I, Replies 10-13.

### Conditions of Licensing

14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

### Other Procedural Requirements

18-19. None.

## **XI. POSTAGE FRANKING MACHINES**

### Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Ministry of Post and Communications is required before the actual importation of the aforementioned goods.

### Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
	84.70	Postage franking machines

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.
4. The import licences are maintained for national security purposes.
5. The procedure is mostly covered in the Instructions on Importation No (1) of 1999. Such licensing is statutorily required, and may be amended according to administrative discretion. It is not possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

#### Procedures

6. Not applicable.
- 7.(a) No specified period for applying for a licence in advance of importation.
- (b) A licence can be granted immediately on request.
- (c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.
- (d) The aforementioned licences are only subject to the approval of the Ministry of Post and Communication. No other approvals by any government entity are required.
8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

#### Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

#### Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

- 10-13. See Section I, Replies 10-13.

#### Conditions of licensing

- 14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

#### Other procedural requirements

- 18-19. None.

## **XII. BORING MACHINERY FOR WATER**

#### Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation is required before the actual importation of the aforementioned goods.

#### Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
	8430.4	Boring machinery for water

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.
4. The import licences are maintained for conservation of natural resources purposes.
5. See Section II, reply 5.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.
- 7.(a) No specified period for applying for a licence in advance of importation.
- (b) A licence can be granted immediately on request.
- (c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.
- (d) The aforementioned licences are only subject to the approval of the Ministry of Water and Irrigation. No other approvals by any government entity are required.
8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

- 10-13. See Section I, Replies 10-13.

Conditions of licensing

- 14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

Other procedural requirements

- 18-19. None.

**XIII. MILITARY CLOTHING**

Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the General Command of the Armed Forces is required before the actual importation of the aforementioned goods.

Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
	Chapters 61+62	Military clothing

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.
4. The import licences are maintained for national security purposes.
5. See Section II, reply 5.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.
- 7.(a) No specified period for applying for a licence in advance of importation.
- (c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.
- (d) The aforementioned licences are only subject to the approval of the General Command of the Armed Forces. No other approvals by any government entity are required.
8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10-13. See Section I, Replies 10-13.

Conditions of Licensing

14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

Other Procedural Requirements

18-19. None.

**XIV. SMALL MONITORING CAMERAS THAT MAY BE PLACED IN PARTS OF FURNITURE AND OFFICES**

Outline of system

1. Only the approval of the Military Security Department is required before the actual importation of the aforementioned goods.

Purposes and coverage of licensing:

2. Product coverage:

	HS Code	Product
	--	Small monitoring cameras

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.

4. The import licences are maintained for national security purposes.

5. See Section II, reply 5.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.

7.(a) No specified period for applying for a licence in advance of importation.

(b) A licence can be granted immediately on request.

(c) Permits may be issued at any period of the year.

(d) The aforementioned licences are only subject to the approval of the Military Security Department. No other approvals by any government entity are required.

8. An application for a permit will only be refused if it does not meet the ordinary criteria.

Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence

9. See Section I, reply 9.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10-13. See Section I, Replies 10-13.

Conditions of licensing

14-17. See Section I, replies 14-17.

Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

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