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REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES¹

Notification under Article 7.3 of the
Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures

MACAU

The following notification, dated 30 November 1998, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Macau.

Pursuant to Article 7.3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, the Government of Macau has the honor to attach the replies to the questionnaire on import licensing procedures to the Committee on Import Licensing.

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

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A. Leal Senado (Macau Municipality) and Câmara Municipal das Ilhas (Islands Municipalities)

I. LIVE ANIMALS, MEAT, ANIMAL PRODUCTS, FISH, CRUSTACEANS AND MOLLUSCS AND EDIBLE VEGETABLES

Outline of system

1. Import Licence supported by International Animal Health Certificate/International certificate of vaccination or another specific requirements is required for import of live animals (mammals, birds and reptiles), and international sanitary certificate for meat, animal products, fish, crustaceans and mollusks.

Special permit issued by Serviços de Inspeção e Sanidade (S.I.S. - Sanitary and Inspection Services) of Leal Senado de Macau (L.S.M. - Macau Municipality), or Departamento de Sanidade Pública e Ambiente (D.S.P.A. - Public Sanitary and Environment Department) of Câmara Municipal das Ilhas (C.M.I. - Islands Municipalities) is required for the import of horses, with slightly different health requirements according to their origin from different countries.

Import Licence, and health controls are outlined in the Official Gazette, Decree No. 66/95/M, and in Decision No. 59/GM/96.

Purpose and coverage of licensing

2. The import licence (IL) is granted by S.I.S. of L.S.M. or D.S.P.A of C.M.I. according to their border entry place (see Annex A-II - number I), and is needed for chapters 1, 2, and 3 mentioned below and a few products in chapters 4, 5 and 16. All others mentioned below can be imported just by filling out an Import Declaration (ID).

2.1 List of commodity sections and chapters of the Nomenclature for the External Trade of Macau/Harmonized System:

- Live animals, Chapter 1.
- Meat and edible offal (fresh, chilled, frozen or prepared), Chapter 2.
- Fish and crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates, Chapter 3.
- Dairy products; edible products of animal origin, Chapter 4.
- Guts, bladders and stomachs of animals (other than fish), whole and pieces thereof, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked, Chapter 5.
- Preparation of meat of fish or of crustaceans, molluscs or other invertebrates, Chapter 16.
- Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers.

3. IL and ID apply to the animals and products mentioned in 2.1 coming from all countries outside Macau.

4. The import licensing system is not intended to restrict the quantity or value of imports, but to protect public health, animal health and animal welfare.

5. The import licensing system is a statutory requirement maintained under Decree No. 66/95/M and Decision No. 59/GM/96; Decree No. 45/86/M applies to species under CITES code. Legislation does not leave designation of products subject to licensing to administrative discretion. The Government can issue a law abolishing the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.

7.(a) Application for IL should be submitted well in advance of importation (at least three working days), but usually are accepted and processed on the day before arrival. IDs are accepted also on the working day prior to arrival.

(b) IL and ID can be granted immediately upon request, when there is a genuine need under exceptional cases.

(c) There are no limitations as to the period of the year during which application for importation should be made.

(d) Both Import Licence and Import Declaration are administered either by S.I.S. of LSM or D.S.P.A. of CMI. No other administrative body is involved. However, the Macau Economic Services is also involved in offering recommendations regarding the application of Import licences relating to the animals and plants listed in CITES (including their readily recognizable parts and derivatives) and medicines containing or claiming to contain tiger or rhino ingredients.

8. Application of IL and ID will not be refused if the ordinary criteria are met. The reasons for refusal are always given to the applicant who has the right to appeal to the President of LSM or CMI.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All persons, firms and institutions which comply with Articles 3 and 4 of Decree No. 66/95/M are eligible to apply.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. The required information is outlined in sample application form for the IL and ID (Annex A-I) attached².

11. The required information is summarized in Annex A-II with respect to live specimens, controls of and requirements for import of live animals (mammals, birds and reptiles), animal products destined for human consumption (meat, meat products, eggs, egg products, milk, milk products), fish, crustaceans, molluscs and edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers.

12. No fee is charged for IL and ID.

13. No deposit or advance payment is required.

Conditions of licensing

14. The validity for IL is one month. For ID there is no validity period specified.

15. There is no penalty for non-utilization of IL and ID.

16. Neither ID nor IL are transferable.

17.(a) Not applicable.

² Available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division) (Portuguese and Chinese only).

- (b) For wholesale importation pre-defined conditions regarding origin requirements, facilities and equipment under official control should be met.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.
19. Not applicable.

B. Medicine and Health Department

I. PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS AND MEDICINES (INCLUDING WESTERN AND TRADITIONAL MEDICINES); MILK MODIFIED FOR INFANT FEEDING; CONTROLLED CHEMICALS OF 1988 UN CONVENTION; DIAGNOSTIC AND LABORATORY REAGENTS; PESTICIDES; ESSENTIAL OIL; THERAPEUTIC PREPARATIONS FOR USE ON THE HAIR; AND CHEMICALS, CHEMICAL FERTILISERS, COLOURING MATTER AND DYES

Outline of system

1. The import of pharmaceutical products and medicines is controlled through (i) licensing of importers and (ii) issuing of import licence. An importer of pharmaceutical products and medicines has to be licensed with the Medical and Health Department before he can apply for an import licence to import pharmaceutical products and medicines for each consignment. Import licences are also required for import of the other items specified above. Importers of such products have to be registered with the Macau Economic Services before they can apply for the import licences from the Medical and Health Department to import the mentioned products for each consignment.

The licensing system is intended for public health reasons and to fulfill the Macau international obligations.

Purpose and coverage of licensing

2. Import licence issued by the Medical and Health Department is required for the import of all of the above-mentioned products which are specified in the Group B of Annex B of the Decree No. 66/95/M.
3. The licensing system applies to the products coming from all countries/territories outside Macau.
4. The purpose of the import licensing system is not to restrict the quantity nor value of imports, but for public health reasons and to prevent diversion of controlled chemicals into illicit manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
5. The licensing is statutorily provided under the Decree No. 66/95/M and No. 58/90/M. Legislation does not leave designation of products subject to licensing to administrative discretion. Legislative approval is not required should there be any change in existing system.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.

7.(a) Application for import licence should be submitted in advance of importation taking into account the processing time. For registered pharmaceutical products or medicines and other items, the import licence will be issued within three working days.

(b) An import licence can be granted immediately on request where there is a genuine need under exceptional cases.

(c) There is no limitation as to the period of the year during which application for licence and/or importation may be made.

(d) The Medical and Health Department is the sole administrative organ involved in the processing and authorization of application for an import licence.

8. Application for an import licence will not be refused if the ordinary criteria are met. Reasons for refusal will be given to the applicant in case of unsuccessful application.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. For pharmaceutical products and medicines, only those products and medicines which have been registered with the Medical and Health Department are allowed to be imported for the purpose of local sale or distribution. A company is required to hold an appropriate firm licence issued by the Medical and Health Department before it can apply for an import licence. Application for the firm licence is open to all qualified traders registered by the Macau Economic Services. A fee charged for the firm licence is MOP3,000. A fee charged for the annual renewal of the firm licence is MOP400. A list of licensed importers is available on request. The list of all the importers will be published in the official gazette when the licence is issued to them.

For other items, a company is required to hold an appropriate trader registration issued by the Macau Economic Services before it can apply for an import licence.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. For the application of an importer for a licence to deal with pharmaceutical products and medicines, information including particulars of applicant and the proposed licensed premises have to be submitted. For the application for an import licence for pharmaceutical products and medicines, registration certificate issued by the health authority of the manufacturing or exporting country, production licence issued by the manufacturing country and the Prior Authorization Application Form have to be submitted.

For application for an import licence for other items, analytical report or literature provided by the manufacturer or exporter and the Prior Authorization Application Form have to be submitted.

11. The valid import licence is the only document required upon actual importation. Samples of the application forms and the import licence are attached (Annex B)³.

12. No fee is charged for the issue of the import licence.

13. No deposit or advance payment is required. A fee of MOP 30 is charged for each import of the goods, which will be under inspection when arrived in Macau.

³ Available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division) (Portuguese and Chinese only).

Conditions of licensing

14. The import licence is valid for one month from the day after the date of issue. The validity cannot be extended under normal circumstances.
15. There is no penalty for the non-utilization of an import licence.
16. Not transferable between importers.
17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No other administrative procedures are required prior to importation.
19. No foreign exchange control.

C. Macau Economic Services

I. BEVERAGE, TOBACCO, CEMENT, GASOLINE AND VEHICLES

Outline of system

1. Import licensing system for beverage, tobacco, cement, gasoline, and vehicles is regulated by Decree No. 66/95/M and administered by Macau Economic Services. The aforesaid goods are specified in group C of the Annex B of the Decree and subject to regime of Prior Authorization.

Purpose and coverage of licensing

2. The licensing system covers all goods listed in group C of the Annex B of the Decree.
3. Licensing system applies to the above-mentioned goods or products from all sources.
4. The licensing is not to be applied as a means to restrict the quantity or value of imports, but to protect the consumer's rights. The products listed in group C of the Annex B of the Decree, except textile and clothing; optical disc, its manufacturing equipment and raw materials, are considered to be consumer goods that are levied excise duties.
5. The licensing system is a statutory requirement maintained under Decree No. 66/95/M. Legislation does not leave designation of products subject to licensing to administrative discretion. Legislative approval is not required when there exists any change in the licensing system. The list of goods or products in Annex B can be amended by a gubernatorial decision, to be published in the Official Gazette.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.
- 7.(a) An application for a licence should be made not less than three working days in advance of importation.
- (b) A licence cannot be granted immediately on request.

(c) There is no limitation as to the period of the year during which application for licence and/or importation may be made.

(d) Macau Economic Services is the sole administrative organ to issue licence for the goods listed in Group C of Annex B of Decree No. 66/95/M. Nevertheless, with regard to vehicles, one-off registration and approval in Leal Senado (Macau Municipality) of any type or model of vehicles are required before importation.

8. Application for a licence will not be refused if the ordinary criteria are fulfilled. However, the government of Macau may, by means of a decision published in the Official Gazette, temporarily prohibit, restrict, limit or burden the import of goods that prove undesirable to the Territory on reasons of public interest, in particular public health and safety reasons.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9.(a) Not applicable.

(b) Only those importers who comply with Articles 3 and 4 of Decree No. 66/95/M as "Foreign Trade Operator" are eligible to apply for licences. The registration of a "Foreign Trade Operator" is open to all persons, firms, entities or institutions free of charge.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. Only the application form is required. A sample form (import licence) is attached (Annex C)⁴.

11. Only the valid import licence is required to present upon actual importation.

12. No administrative fee is charged for the issue of import licence, but the fee for a licensing application form is MOP7.00.

13. No deposit or advance payment is required.

Conditions of licensing

14. The validity of a licence is 30 days from the day following issue and cannot be extended.

15. There is no penalty for the non-utilization of an import licence.

16. Import licence is not transferable and negotiable between importers.

17.(a) Not applicable.

17.(b) No.

Other procedural requirements

18. With reference to the import licensing for vehicles, a prior one-off registration for all types and models of vehicle in Leal Senado (Macau Municipality) is required.

19. No foreign exchange control.

⁴ Available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division) (Portuguese and Chinese only).

II. ARTICLES OF TEXTILE AND CLOTHING

Outline of system

1. Import licensing system for textiles and clothing is regulated by Decree No. 66/95/M and administered by Macau Economic Services. The aforesaid goods are specified in group C of Annex B of the Decree and subject to regime of Prior Authorization.

Purpose and coverage of licensing

2. The licensing system covers all goods listed in group C of the Annex B of the Decree.
3. Licensing system applies to products from all sources.
4. The textile and clothing industry has underlined the remarkable importance it places in the economy of Macau. The import licensing system can serve as a surveillance system to back up the Territory's textiles industry and its export quota system.
5. The licensing system is a statutory requirement maintained under Decree No. 66/95/M. Legislation does not leave designation of products to be subject to licensing to administrative discretion. Legislative approval is not required when there exists any change in the licensing system. The list of goods or products in Annex B can be amended by a gubernatorial decision, to be published in the Official Gazette.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.
- 7.(a) An application for a licence should be made in advance of importation not less than three working days.
 - (b) A licence cannot be granted immediately on request.
 - (c) There is no limitation as to the period of the year during which application for licence and/or importation may be made.
 - (d) Macau Economic Services is the sole administrative organ to issue licence for the goods listed in Group C of Annex B of Decree No. 66/95/M.
8. Application for a licence will not be refused if the ordinary criteria are met.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

- 9.(a) Not applicable.
- (b) Only those importers who comply with Articles 3 and 4 of Decree No. 66/95/M as "Foreign Trade Operator" are eligible to apply for licences. The registration of a "Foreign Trade Operator" is open to all persons, firms, entities or institutions free of charge.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. Only the application form is required. A sample application form (import licence) is attached (Annex C).
11. Only the valid import licence is required upon actual importation.
12. No administrative fee is charged for the issue of an import licence, but the fee for a licensing application form is MOP7.00.
13. No deposit or advance payment is required.

Conditions of licensing

14. The validity of a licence is 30 days from the day following issue and cannot be extended.
15. There is no penalty for the non-utilization of an import licence.
16. Import licence is not transferable and negotiable between importers.
- 17.(a) Not applicable.
- (b) No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No other procedural requirements.
19. No foreign exchange control.

III. OPTICAL DISC, ITS MANUFACTURING EQUIPMENT AND RAW MATERIALS

Outline of system

1. Import licensing system for optical disc, its manufacturing equipment and raw materials is regulated by Decree No. 17/98/M and Decisions No. 37/GM/98 and 80/GM/98, and administered by Macau Economic Services. The above-mentioned goods are specified in Annex B of the aforesaid Decisions as well as an addendum integrated to group C of Annex B of Decree No. 66/95/M and subject to special regime of import licensing by Decree No. 17/98/M.

Purpose and coverage of licensing

2. The licensing system covers all goods listed in Annex of Decisions No. 37/GM/98 and No. 80/GM/98.
3. Licensing system applies to goods or products originating in or coming from all territories.
4. The licensing system enables Macau Economic Services to better control the flow of optical disc mastering and manufacturing equipment into and out of the Territory. The licensing can prevent those products from being used for copyright-infringing activities.
5. The licensing system is a statutory requirement maintained under Decree No. 17/98/M. Legislation does not leave designation of products to be subject to licensing to administrative

discretion. Legislative approval is not required when there exists any change in the licensing system. The list of goods or products in Annex B can be amended by a gubernatorial decision, to be published in the Official Gazette.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.
 - 7.(a) An application for a licence should be made not less than three working days in advance of importation.
 - (b) A licence cannot be granted immediately on request.
 - (c) There is no limitation as to the period of the year during which application for licence and/or importation may be made.
 - (d) Macau Economic Services is the sole administrative organ to issue licence for the goods listed in Annex B of Decisions No. 37/GM/98 and 80/GM/98 adding to Group C of Annex B of Decree No. 66/95/M.
8. Application for a licence will not be refused if the ordinary criteria are fulfilled. However, the government of Macau may, by means of a decision published in the Official Gazette, temporarily prohibit, restrict, limit or burden the import of goods that prove undesirable to the Territory on reasons of public interest, in particular public health and safety reasons.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

- 9.(a) Not applicable.
- (b) Only those importers who comply with Articles 3 and 4 of Decree No. 66/95/M as "Foreign Trade Operator" are eligible to apply for licences. The registration of a "Foreign Trade Operator" is open to all persons, firms, entities or institutions free of charge.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. Only the application form is required. A sample application form (Import Licence) is attached (Annex C).

In addition, for optical disc, an invoice including detailed information such as buyer's/consignee's name; address; telephone and/or fax numbers; quantity, value and product name etc., has also to be submitted together with the application form.

For optical disc manufacturing equipment and raw materials, full information regarding the purpose, utilization, final destination and buyer's personal details of the imported goods must be provided in the application. If the above import is for local manufacturing, the users of such imported goods must be the manufacturers themselves who are registered with the Industry Department of the Macau Economic Services.

11. For optical disc, the valid import licence and the above-mentioned commercial invoice are required upon actual importation. For its manufacturing equipment and raw materials, only the import licence is required.

12. No administrative fee is charged for the issue of an import licence, but the fee for a licensing application form is MOP7.00.

13. No deposit or advance payment is required.

Conditions of licensing

14. The validity of a licence is 30 days from the day following issue and cannot be extended.

15. There is no penalty for the non-utilization of an import licence.

16. Import licences are not transferable or negotiable between importers.

17.(a) Not applicable.

(b) No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. No foreign exchange control.

IV. OZONE-DEPLETING SUBSTANCES

Outline of system

1. An import licence is required to import ozone-depleting substances. Import control is regulated by Decree No. 62/95/M and is primarily exercised by Macau Economic Services.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. The licensing system covers all goods specified in the Annex of Decree No. 62/95/M.

3. Licensing system applies to goods or products originating in or coming from those members who are contracting parties to the Montreal Protocol 1987. The imports of ozone-depleting substances from non-parties to the Montreal Protocol are prohibited.

4. The licensing system enables Macau authorities to ensure, in compliance with the rights and obligations set out, the full implementation of the Montreal Protocol. To this end, a quantitative limit is imposed on imports of ozone-depleting substances that do not exceed levels agreed under the said Protocol.

5. The licensing system is a statutory requirement maintained under Decree No. 62/95/M. Legislation does not leave designation of products to be subject to licensing to administrative discretion. Legislative approval is not required when there exists any change in the licensing system.

6. Imports of ozone-depleting substances are subject to quantitative restriction:

I. The opening of quota allocation is publicly announced. The amount allocated will not be published.

- II. Quotas are allocated on a yearly basis. Licences are normally issued to importers for individual consignment.
- III. Macau Economic Services is responsible for monitoring the utilization of both licences and quotas. Unused allocations will not be added to the succeeding quotas period. The information of importers would be given upon request.
- IV. The submission of applications for licences may be made at any time.
- V. The length of time for processing applications is normally at least six working days.
- VI. Not specified.
- VII. Two authorities, Environment Committee and Macau Economic Services, are involved in application processing. Application of licences should be, at first, submitted to Environment Committee for recommendations. The application, then, attached with the given recommendations, will be forwarded to Macau Economic Services for approval. The importers do not necessarily approach the latter authority.
- VIII. The quota allocation is complied with the formulas in accordance with the *Regulation on Utilization of Quotas of Importation of Trichloroethane*. Two types of quotas, initiated quotas and additional quotas, are specified in that *Regulation*. Initiated quotas are allocated based on past performance only. Additional quotas are in compliance with points system set out in the *Regulation* under which an amount of approximately 20 per cent of the annual agreed level would be distributed to all applicants.
- IX-X. Not applicable.
- XI. No.
- 7. Not applicable.
- 8. Application for a licence will not be refused if the ordinary criteria are fulfilled and the quotas do not exceed the allocated limit.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

- 9.(a) Only those importers who comply with Articles 3 and 4 of Decree No. 66/95/M as "Foreign Trade Operator" are eligible to apply for licences. The registration of a "Foreign Trade Operator" is open to all persons, firms, entities or institutions free of charge.
- (b) Not applicable.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

- 10. Only the application form is required. A sample application form (import licence) is attached (Annex C).
- 11. Only the valid import licence is required to submit upon actual importation.
- 12. No administrative fee is charged for the issue of import licence, but the fee for a licensing application form is MOP7.00.

13. No deposit or advance payment is required.

Conditions of licensing

14. The validity of a licence is 30 days from the day following issue and cannot be extended.
15. There is no penalty for the non-utilization of an import licence.
16. Import licences are not transferable or negotiable between importers.
- 17.(a) Not applicable.
- (b) No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.
19. No foreign exchange control.

D. Macau Posts and Telecommunications

TELECOMMUNICATION APPARATUS

Outline of system

1. Import control is primarily exercised by Macau Economic Services. However, Macau Posts and Telecommunications (CTT) is also involved in the system of import controls on radio equipment.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Import licences are required for all radio equipment. These include:
- Wired telephone or telegraph apparatus, including wireless handsets, and telecommunication equipment of the current bearer or telecommunication digital equipment; video phones. (except for private use and included in the accompany luggage).
 - Transmitters for wireless telephone, radio telegraph, radio broadcasting or television, as well as built-in receivers, recorders or sound reproducer (except those with exemption for station licence or approval obtained in the applicable radiocommunication legislation).
 - Radar apparatus, radio navigation equipment and remote control equipment.
 - Receivers for radio telephone, radio telegraph or broadcasting, with combination inside the same cabinet, with a tape recorder or a timer. (except the receivers of audio broadcasting).
 - Receivers for television, including those with built in radio receivers, video tape recorders; video monitors and projectors (except TV broadcasting receivers, video monitors and projectors).
 - The spare parts exclusively or partially for the equipment listed between points (b) to (e)(except the parts for audio broadcasting receivers or television receivers, video monitors or projectors).
3. The licensing system applies to goods originating in and coming from any territory.

4. The import licensing system on radio equipment is not intended to restrict the quantity or value of imports. Instead, it is to monitor Macau's access to high technology and in turn to protect Macau's access to high technology product.

5. The import licensing system is a statutory requirement maintained under the Laws of Macau (see below). Legislation does not leave designation of products to be subject to licensing to administrative discretion. Any changes such as subjecting a new product to import licensing or removal of an existing product do not require legislative approval.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Relevant Ordinance</u>
Radio equipment:	Decree No. 66/95/M

Procedures

6. Not applicable.

7.(a) Licence application should be in advance of importation taking into account the processing time required by the Macau Posts and Telecommunications, which is at least three clear working days.

(b) A licence can be granted immediately on request only in exceptional cases where the applicant can give a reasonable explanation and/ or provide evidence to support his claim. There are no limitations as to the period of the year during which application for licence and/ or importation may be made.

8. Import licence applications may be refused in cases the equipment does not comply with the Technical Standards applicable in Macau. A right to appeal is statutorily provided.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All firms and institutions are eligible to apply for import licences except under special circumstances where licensing facilities are denied owing to malpractices of the firm/ institution.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. A sample form is attached (Annex C). Catalogues /technical specifications for the products under application are to be submitted with the application for technical classification purpose.

11. Only the import licence is needed upon actual importation.

12. No licensing fee is charged.

13. No deposit or advance payment is required.

Conditions of licensing

14. An import licence covering radio equipment is valid for 30 days from the date of issue. The validity cannot be extended under normal circumstances.

15. No importers should however submit an unused licence to Macau Posts and Telecommunications for cancellation.

16. Not transferable.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No other administrative procedures required.

19. No foreign exchange controls.

E. Macau Security Police Force

ARMS AND AMMUNITION

Outline of system

1. Import control on arms and ammunition is primarily exercised by the Macau Security Police Force. However, several other Government Departments are also involved in the system of import controls for products in their respective jurisdiction.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Import licences are required for certain arms and ammunition:

- Licence for defence gun: cartridges of calibre .22 to .32.
- Licence for recreation gun: cartridges of calibre .22.
- Licence for precision gun: cartridges of calibre .177 to .22.
- Licence for sporting shotgun: cartridges of calibre .12.
- Licence for special gun: cartridges of calibre .22 to .32.

3. The licensing system applies to goods originating in and coming from any territory.

4. The import licensing is intended to restrict the quantity of imports.

5. The import licensing system is statutorily provided under the Legislative Decree No. 21/73. Any changes in existing system do not require legislative approval.

Procedures

6. For products under restriction as to the quantity where applicable globally:

- I. Information is not published, nor quota. But there are some licence application procedures: Require the licence to the Commissioner of Police Security Force, after the licence was authorized, fulfil the Economic Service's importation form. There are eight days to appeal.
- II. The size of the quota depends on the quantity.
- III. Not applicable.
- IV. No time of announcing is allowed for the submission of applications for licences.
- V. Not applicable.
- VI. Two weeks.

- VII. Consideration of licence applications is effected by Public Security Police Force.
 - VIII. Do not have limits on these licences, but all applications are analyzed in detail.
 - IX. In the case of bilateral quotas or export restraint arrangements where export permits are issued by exporting countries, import licences are also required.
 - X. The importer has to show the import licence to the exporter.
 - XI. No.
- 7.(a) Applications for import licences should be submitted one month in advance. In case of inadvertency, licence can be obtained within a shorter time limit, but the product cannot be taken without the licence.
- (b) A licence cannot be granted immediately on request.
 - (c) There is no limitation as to the period of the year during which application for licence or importation may be made.
 - (d) Consideration of licence applications is effected by Public Security Police Force of Macau .
8. Import licence applications may be refused if failure to meet the ordinary criteria. The applicants have the right of appeal in the event of refusal within eight days.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

- 9. All firms and institutions are eligible to apply for licences under restrictive licensing systems.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

- 10. Criminal registration, contributions tax and copy of the Identity Card with application form.
- 11. See reply 10.
- 12. An annual tax of licence of 40 patacas.
- 13. There is no deposit or advance payment requirement associated with the issue of licences.

Conditions of licensing

- 14. The period of validity of a licence is one year. It cannot be extended.
- 15. There is penalty for the non-utilization of a licence or a portion of a licence.
- 16. Not transferable .
- 17. Other conditions are attached to the issue of a licence for products subject to quantitative restrictions on "Arms and Ammunition Rules".

Other procedural requirements

18. No other administrative procedures.
19. Foreign exchange control in US dollars.

Annex A-II

Importation Procedures

1. Import Notification

Macau requires adequate advance notification, origin, regarding the proposed date of entry into its territory of live animals, stating the species' origin, quantity, means of transport and name of the frontier post to be used.

Macau requires adequate advance notification, regarding the proposed date of entry into the territory of a consignment of meat or products of animal origin destined for human consumption, together with information on the origin, nature, treatment, quantity and packaging of the meat or products, name of the frontier post to be used and for wholesale importation, products are required to be consigned to establishments approved by the SIS or DSPA and under its supervision.

The above mentioned border entry places are:

Aerial entry - International Airport (D.S.P.A.);

Maritime entry - Ka Ho Container Terminal (D.S.P.A.); Inner Harbour Docks (S.I.S.);

Terrestrial entry - Portas do Cerco (S.I.S.).

The frontier customs staff are under the jurisdiction of Maritime Police (PMF) and they are responsible for the enforcement of various Macau legislation affecting importation and exportation of goods.

1.1 Import Declaration/Import Licence (ID/IL).

1.2 Sanitary documentation (to be presented with the applications upon arrival of animals or goods).

2. Documentational control

2.1 Live animals (mammals, birds and reptiles):

- International Animal Health Certificate (provided by the Veterinary Authority of the exporting country).
- Anti-Rabies Vaccination Certificate (dogs and cats) and Vaccination Certificate (covering other infectious diseases).
- Dogs and cats under two months old are not allowed to be imported.
- Airway Bill (if applicable).
- Import Licence.

2.2 Meat, Fish and by-products for human consumption:

- International Sanitary Certificate (not applicable for pre-cooked products, canned products, ice cream with cocoa, and pet-foods).
- With regard to labelling, Decree No. 50/92/M applies to all products.
- Airway Bill (if applicable).
- Import Licence.

2.3 Edible Vegetables and Plants (vegetables for human consumption):

- Phytosanitary Certificate is required for import of plants. The only exception is the exemption for plants imported from mainland China.
- Import Declaration.

3. Sanitary Inspection

3.1 The sanitary certification will have to be issued or certified by the official department on country of origin.

3.2 Sanitary inspection will always apply to the following merchandise: live animals and food products of animal origin, and edible vegetables. Physical and laboratory examinations will apply whenever necessary.

3.3 Products will only be released after proper document control and sanitary inspection.

3.4 If upon sanitary inspection any products or animals are considered to cause risk to public health, they will not be released for commercial purpose and the importers will be immediately notified of the decision. Adequate sanitary measures regarding the retaining, destruction or re-exportation of the lot will be applied. When the sanitary documentation is not correct the importer can present the correct documents if not, the products will be re-exported or destroyed.

3.5 In case of epidemics or any other sanitary problem in the country of origin, additional sanitary measures like complementary certification or interdiction of importation may take place.

3.6 Any encumbrance resulting from retaining, re-exporting or destruction of the products (or animals) will be under the responsibility of the import agent.
