

**NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT
LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM BAHRAIN¹**

Replies from BAHRAIN to the UNITED STATES²

The following communication, dated 12 September 2005, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Bahrain.

Question:

In document G/LIC/N/3/BHR/1, Bahrain states that it does not have a system or a specific form for import licensing, referring, however, to document G/LIC/N/1/BHR/1 dated 13 June 1997, in which there are some prohibitions and restrictions imposed on some imports for health, security and religious reasons. These are contained in Bahrain's "Rules of Import in Bahrain", and Ministerial Decree No. 10/1976 providing for limitations on materials which are considered within the rules for explosives, as well as "prohibitions and restrictions imposed on some imports."

- *Do the limitations and restrictions imposed for whatever reason, e.g., health, safety, or security reasons, involve securing prior authorization for importation of certain products? This could constitute an import licensing system within the meaning of Article 1 of the Agreement, and Bahrain should consider revising its submission to provide the information requested in the Questionnaire³.*

Reply:

Bahrain does not have quantitative restrictions or non-automatic import licensing. However, there are some prohibitions and restrictions imposed on some imports for health, security, religious, and environmental reasons in accordance with Articles XX and XXI of GATT 1994 (see Annexes 1 and 2).

¹ G/LIC/N/3/BHR/1

² G/LIC/4

³ See document G/LIC/3, Annex, for the Questionnaire used for Article 7.3 notifications.

ANNEX 1

LIST OF RESTRICTIONS FOR KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

S.L. No.	HS Code	Product Description	Qualifying conditions for release of import	Initiating Ministry	WTO Justification
1	01061990 95081000	Other live wild dangerous Animals for Circus only	1) No Objection Certificate from Ministry of Interior 2) Valid Certificate from Veterinary Authority	Ministry of Interior Ministry of Municipalities & Agriculture Affairs	Article XX (b)
2	22072019	Unadulterated Ethyl Alcohol of Isopropyl, Isopropanol	No Objection Certificate from Ministry of Interior	Ministry of Interior	Article XX (b)
3	From: 31010000 to 31050000	Animal or vegetable fertilizers whether or not mixed together or chemically treated	No Objection Certificate from Ministry of Municipalities & Agriculture Affairs	Ministry of Municipalities & Agriculture Affairs	Article XX (b)
4	38080000	Insecticides and fungicides	No Objection Certificate from Ministry of Municipalities & Agriculture Affairs	Ministry of Municipalities & Agriculture Affairs	Article XX (b)
5	73269099	Hand-cuffs made from Iron and Steel	No Objection Certificate from Ministry of Interior	Ministry of Interior	Article XXI (a)
6	87011000	Pedestrian controlled four wheel Mini Car	No Objection Certificate from Ministry of Interior	Ministry of Interior	Article XXI (a)
7	01010000	Horses	1) No Objection Certificate from Equestrian and Horse Racing Club 2) Valid Certificate from Veterinary Authority	Crown Prince Court Ministry of Municipalities & Agriculture Affairs	Article XX (b)
8	28444010	Radio active chemical elements and active Isotopes	1) Permission from Ministry of Health 2) Safety reasons	Ministry of Health	Article XX (b)
9	From: 93000000 to 93070000	Arms and ammunition, Military weapons and parts thereof, Bombs, Grenade torpedoes, Mines, Missiles and parts thereof, Swords, Cutlasses, Bayonets, Lances and similar arms and parts thereof	No Objection Certificate from Ministry of Interior	Ministry of Interior	Article XXI (b) and Article XX (b)

ANNEX 2

LIST OF PROHIBITIONS FOR KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

S.L. No.	HS Code	Product Description	Qualifying conditions for release of import	Initiating Ministry	WTO Justification
1	01030000	Live swine	Religious reasons	Ministry of Commerce	Article XX (a)
2	-	Drugs	Drugs & narcotics reasons	Ministry of Interior	Article XX (a, b)
3	-	Indian Pan and derivative	To preserve environment	Ministry of Commerce	Article XX (b)
4	40120000	Retreated tyres and used tyres	Safety reasons	Ministry of Commerce	Article XX (b)
5	-	Advertisement material for propaganda of all types of cigarette	Health reasons	Ministry of Commerce Ministry of Health	Article XX (b)
6	-	Asbestos and articles of asbestos	Safety reasons & health reasons	Ministry of Commerce	Article XX (b)
7	71012100 71012200 71161010	Cultured pearls	To assist regeneration of natural pearl industry	Ministry of Commerce	Article XX (g)
8	95038000	Radio remote control model aeroplane	Security reasons and safety reasons due to the space limitations	Ministry of Interior	Article XXI (a)
9	95039000	Children's toys in the form of gun, with power	Security reasons and safety reasons	Ministry of Interior Ministry of Commerce	Article XX (b)
10	05071000 96011000 96019000	Ivory and articles of ivory	To preserve natural environment	Ministry of Commerce	Article XX (g)