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Committee on Import Licensing

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**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>**

**UNITED KINGDOM**

The following notification dated 23 June 2022 is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	UK
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	The Ivory Act 2018 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional Provision) Regulations 2022
3	Date of Publication	16 March 2022
4	Date of entry into force	6 June 2022
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	<a href="https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2022/288/contents/made">https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2022/288/contents/made</a>
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	[ ] Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) [X] No.
7	Type of notification	[X] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure <sup>2</sup> ; (please answer question 8 to 14)  [ ] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: _____; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	Attached as Annex.
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: [ ] Non-Automatic: [X]
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.) (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration;

<sup>1</sup> It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

<sup>2</sup> "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

	Category	Notification details
		(g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify)
11	<b>Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications</b>	Ministry/authority and Department: Animal and Plant Health Agency Address: Centre for International Trade – Bristol, Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AH Website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/declare-ivory-you-intend-to-sell-or-hire-out">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/declare-ivory-you-intend-to-sell-or-hire-out</a> Telephone: (+44) 03000 200 301 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:ivoryact@apha.gov.uk">ivoryact@apha.gov.uk</a>
12	<b>Contact point for information on eligibility</b>	Ministry/authority and Department: Animal and Plant Health Agency Address: Centre for International Trade – Bristol, Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AH Website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dealing-in-items-containing-ivory-or-made-of-ivory">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dealing-in-items-containing-ivory-or-made-of-ivory</a> Telephone: (+44) 03000 200 301 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:ivoryact@apha.gov.uk">ivoryact@apha.gov.uk</a>
13	<b>Expected duration of licensing procedure</b>	<p>The licensing procedure will commence from 6 June and continue for as long as the regime as set out in the Ivory Act 2018 is in force.</p> <p>Registering an item under a standard exemption is instantaneous as it is done as a self-declaration using the digital ivory service.</p> <p>Applying for an exemption certificate to import a pre-1918 outstandingly high artistic, cultural or historical value item can take up to 35 working days.</p>
14	<b>A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages</b>	<p>The Ivory Act (2018) prohibits the import of items made of or containing ivory, regardless of their age, unless they fall within one of the narrow and carefully defined exemptions.</p> <p>Those wishing to import ivory must first register the item under Section 10 of the Act or apply for an exemption certificate under Section 2.</p> <p>Guidance on registering an item can be found here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dealing-in-items-containing-ivory-or-made-of-ivory">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dealing-in-items-containing-ivory-or-made-of-ivory</a></p> <p>Guidance on applying for an exemption certificate can be found here: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ivory-apply-for-an-exemption-certificate-to-deal-in-pre-1918-outstandingly-high-artistic-cultural-or-historical-value-items">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ivory-apply-for-an-exemption-certificate-to-deal-in-pre-1918-outstandingly-high-artistic-cultural-or-historical-value-items</a></p>
15	<b>In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)</b>	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Termination</b>            (b) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suspension</b>            (c) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage;  <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose;  <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic;  <input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing;  <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction;  <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants;  <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility;  <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application;  <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form);  <input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application;  <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence;  <input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence;  <input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge;  <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions;  <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures;</p>

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		<input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements; <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	

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**ANNEX**

<b>Description</b>	<b>UK Comm Code</b>	<b>Subheading</b>	<b>CITES<sup>1</sup></b>
Ivory; ivory powder and waste	0507100000		C400
Heading: Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; caskets and cases for jewellery or cutlery, and similar articles, of wood; statuettes and other ornaments, of wood; wooden articles of furniture not falling in Chapter 94	4420		
Statuettes and other ornaments Of tropical wood		442011	C400
Other		442019	C400
Wood marquetry and inlaid wood		4420901000	C400
Wood in the form of logs or squared logs with simple process in the surface, carved or finely threaded or painted, does not have significant added-value and no significant change in shape		4420909191	C400
Other		4420909199	C400
Wood in the form of logs or squared logs with simple process in the surface, carved or finely threaded or painted, does not have significant added-value and no significant change in shape		4420909910	C400
Other		4420909990	C400
Heading: Articles of jewellery and parts thereof, of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal	7113		
Of silver, whether or not plated or clad with other precious metal		7113110000	C400
Of other precious metal, whether or not plated or clad with precious metal		7113190000	C400
Of base metal clad with precious metal		7113200000	C400
Heading: Articles of goldsmiths' or silversmiths' wares and parts thereof, of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal	7114		
Of silver, whether or not plated or clad with other precious metal		7114110000	C400
Of other precious metal, whether or not plated or clad with precious metal		7114190000	C400
Of base metal clad with precious metal		7114200000	C400
Other articles of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal	7115		
Heading: Articles of natural or cultured pearls, precious or semi-precious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed)	7116		
Of natural or cultured pearls		7116100000	C400
Heading: Knives with cutting blades, serrated or not (including pruning knives), other than knives of heading 8208, and blades therefor	8211		
Sets of assorted articles		8211100000	C400
Table knives having fixed blades		8211910000	C400
Other knives having fixed blades		8211920000	C400
Heading: Spoons, forks, ladles, skimmers, cake-servers, fish-knives, butter-knives, sugar tongs and similar kitchen or tableware	8215		
Subheading: Sets of assorted articles containing at least one article plated with precious metal:		821510	
Containing only articles plated with precious metal		8215102000	C400
Of stainless steel		8215103000	C400
Subheading: Other sets of assorted articles:		821520	
Of stainless steel		8215201000	C400
Other		8215209000	C400
Heading: Pianos, including automatic pianos; harpsichords and other keyboard stringed instruments	9201		

<sup>1</sup> The 'CITES' column in the table refers to the commodity codes in scope of the Ivory Act. In practice, this means that, when a trader chooses a code that is in scope of the Act, they will see a footnote advising them that ivory items can only be traded if they have a reg number/exemption cert., and they will also be informed that the item is controlled under the CITES code C400 which applies to that commodity code too (and that they have to present a CITES permit).

Description	UK Comm Code	Subheading	CITES <sup>1</sup>
Subheading: Upright pianos:		920110	
New		9201101000	C400
Used		9201109000	C400
Grand pianos		9201200000	C400
Other		9201900000	C400
Heading: Other string musical instruments (for example, guitars, violins, harps)	9202		
Subheading: Played with a bow:		920210	
Violins		9202101000	C400
Other		9202109000	C400
Subheading: Other:		920290	
Guitars		9202903000	C400
Other		9202908000	C400
Heading: Wind musical instruments (for example, keyboard pipe organs, accordions, clarinets, trumpets, bagpipes), other than fairground organs and mechanical street organs	9205		
Brass-wind instruments		9205100000	
Subheading: Other:		920590	
Accordions and similar instruments		9205901000	C400
Mouth organs		9205903000	
Keyboard pipe organs; harmoniums and similar keyboard instruments with free metal reeds		9205905000	C400
Other		9205909000	C400
Percussion musical instruments (for example, drums, xylophones, cymbals, castanets, maracas)	9206		C400
Heading: Parts (for example, mechanisms for musical boxes) and accessories (for example, cards, discs and rolls for mechanical instruments) of musical instruments; metronomes, tuning forks and pitch pipes of all kinds	9209		
Musical instrument strings		9209300000	
Parts and accessories for pianos		9209910000	
Parts and accessories for the musical instruments of heading 9202		9209920000	C400
Parts and accessories for the musical instruments of heading 9207		9209940000	C400
Subheading: Other:		920999	C400
Parts and accessories for the musical instruments of heading 9205		9209992000	C400
Other		9209997000	C400
Heading: Other furniture and parts thereof	9403		
Subheading: Wooden furniture of a kind used in the kitchen:		940340	
Subheading: Fitted kitchen units:		94034010	
Handmade		9403401010	C400
Other		9403401090	C400
Subheading: Other:		94034090	
Handmade		9403409010	C400
Other		9403409090	C400
Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom		9403500000	C400
Subheading: Other wooden furniture:		940360	
Wooden furniture of a kind used in the dining room and the living room		9403601000	C400
Wooden furniture of a kind used in shops		9403603000	C400
Other wooden furniture		9403609000	C400
Video game consoles and machines, table or parlour games, including pintables, billiards, special tables for casino games and automatic bowling equipment, amusement machines operated by coins, banknotes, bank cards, tokens or by any other means of payment	9504		
Articles and accessories for billiards of all kinds		9504200000	C400
Other		9504908000	C400
Heading: Worked ivory, bone, tortoiseshell, horn, antlers, coral, mother-of-pearl and other animal carving material, and articles of these materials (including articles obtained by moulding)	9601		
Subheading: Worked ivory and articles of ivory:		960110	
Handmade		9601100010	C400

Description	UK Comm Code	Subheading	CITES <sup>1</sup>
Other		9601100090	C400
Heading: Paintings, drawings and pastels, executed entirely by hand, other than drawings of heading 4906 and other than hand-painted or hand-decorated manufactured articles; collages, mosaics and similar decorative plaques	9701		
Subheading: Of an age exceeding 100 years:		970121	
Paintings, drawings and pastels		9701210000	
Mosaics		9701220000	
Other		9701290000	
Heading: Original sculpture and statuary, in any material	9703		
Of an age exceeding 100 years		9703100000	C400
Other		9703900000	C400
Heading: Antiques of an age exceeding 100 years	9706		
Of an age exceeding 250 years		9706100000	C400
Other		9706900000	C400