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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

MALAWI

The following notification, dated 25 April 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Malawi.

Pursuant to Article 5(1) of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, Malawi hereby notify the World Trade Organization (WTO) Secretariat and Member States the procedures for obtaining a licence to import specified products into Malawi.

(a) List of Products Subject to Licensing Procedures

The following products shall require an Import Licence obtained from the Ministry of Industry and Trade to be imported into Malawi in accordance with the provisions of the Control of Goods Act, Chapter 18:08 of the Laws of Malawi:

- (i) Clothing and uniforms, designed for military, naval, air force or police use;
- (ii) Radioactive substances;
- (iii) Mist nets for the capture of wild birds;
- (iv) Wild animals, wild trophies and wild animal products;
- (v) Live fish;
- (vi) Compound products containing flour, meal residues and other preparations of any kind suitable only for use as animal foodstuffs and excluding the following:
 - Chemical additions to animal foodstuffs;
 - Antibiotic growth stimulants;
 - Inert fillers;
 - Trace elements;
 - Synthetic animal foodstuffs;
 - Bird seed; and
 - Cat and dog foods.
- (vii) Eggs of poultry;
- (viii) Live poultry;
- (ix) Meat products including dressed poultry, is prohibited without prior permission in writing from the Minister of Industry and Trade. The Minister has, however, exempted the following from import licensing:
 - All tinned meat;
 - All potted meats;
 - Meat soaps;
 - Edible meat fats;
 - Tallow;
 - All cooked or cured meats other than cooked pork, ham and bacon; and
 - The importation of all animals and other animal products require to be certified as free from disease before importation.
- (x) Dieldrin;
- (xi) Aldrin;
- (xii) Kitchen and table salt

- (xiii) Portland ordinary cement;
- (xiv) Cane sugar;
- (xv) Wheat flour;
- (xvi) Fertilizers;
- (xvii) Matches
- (xviii) Agricultural products (soya beans and its products, cotton lint and all other forms of cotton products, oil seeds, grain of any variety, maize and maize products, sorghum, fruits and vegetables)
- (xix) Livestock products (hides and skins)

(b) Contact Point for Information on Eligibility

All enquiries should be forwarded to:
 The Principal Secretary
 Ministry of Industry and Trade
 P.O. Box 30366
 Lilongwe 3
 Malawi
 Tel: +265 1 770 244; +265 1 770 290
 Fax: +265 1 770 680
 Email: moit@moit.gov.mw

(c) Administrative Body(ies) for Submission of Applications

The Ministry of Industry and Trade is the main administrative body for issuance of import licences. Address is the same as in (b) above.

(d) Date and Name of Publication Where Licensing Procedures are Published

The schedule of products that require an import permit and the procedures are published as supplement to the Control of Goods Act, Chapter 18:08 of the Laws of Malawi and is gazetted. The current schedule and procedures were gazetted in 2010.

(e) Indication of Whether the Licensing Procedure is Automatic or Non-Automatic

PRODUCTS	TYPE OF LICENCE	PURPOSE
Eggs of poultry Live poultry Compound products containing flour meal residues and other preparations of any kind suitable for use as animal foodstuffs Meat and meat products Kitchen and table salt Dieldrin Aldrin Agricultural products Livestock products	Automatic licence	Public health
Portland ordinary cement Cane sugar Wheat flour Fertilizer Matches	Automatic	Data collection, quality And standards purposes
Clothing and uniforms, designed for military, naval, air force or police use Radioactive substances Mist nets for capture of wild birds Live fish	Non-automatic	Security

(f) - (g) Procedures for Application for Licence

Import licence is granted to all persons, firms and institutions that have fulfilled the statutory requirements pertaining to the importation of a specific product that requires a licence.

The documentation varies according to specific product. However, name of applicant, product to be imported, specifications of the product, and a pro forma invoice should be provided. Where an import licence gives conditions pertaining to health, an appropriate health certificate is also needed upon importation.

There is no administrative fee that is required to obtain the licence. The application can be made any working day throughout the year.

Where a licence issuance has been refused, reasons for refusal are granted and the applicant has the right to appeal.

(h) Expected Duration of Licensing Procedures

The import licence is issued within 7 days upon receiving the application. The licence is valid for six months and can be extended for another six months with satisfactory reasons.

¹ "Members which institute licensing procedures or changes in these procedures shall notify the Committee of such within 60 days of publication [...]" (Art. 5.1).