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REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 7.3 OF THE AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES FOR 2015

TURKEY

The following communication, dated 14 September 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Turkey.

1 IMPORT COMMUNIQUÉ: 15/1 SECTION 3, CHAPTER 1

Outline of system

1. The approval of the Turkish Atomic Energy Authority is required of the goods listed below:

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Product coverage:

HS Code	Description
2612.10.10.00.00	Uranium ores and pitchblende and concentrates, with a uranium content of more than 5 % weight
2612.20.10.00.00	Monazite; urano-thorianite and other thorium content of more than 20 % by weight
28.44	Radioactive chemical elements and radioactive isotopes (including the fissile or fertile chemical elements and isotopes) and their compounds, mixtures and residues containing these products
2845.10.00.00.00	Heavy water (deuterium oxide)
2845.90.10.00.11	Deuterium and compounds thereof
2845.90.10.00.19	Other
7806.00.10.00.00	Containers, with an anti-radiation lead covering, for the transport or storage of radioactive materials
84.01	Nuclear reactors; fuel elements (cartridges), non-irradiated, for nuclear reactors; machinery and apparatus for isotopic separation
8606.91.10.00.00	Specially designed for the transport of highly radioactive materials
8609.00.10.00.00	Containers with an anti-radiation lead covering, for the transport of radioactive materials
8704.21.10.00.00 8704.22.10.00.00 8704.23.10.00.00 8704.31.10.00.00 8704.32.10.00.00	Specially designed for the transport of highly radioactive materials

HS Code	Description
8709.11.10.00.00 8709.19.10.00.00	Specially designed for the transport of highly radioactive materials
8716.39.10.00.00	Specially designed for the transport of highly radioactive materials
9022.21.00.00.00	For medical, surgical, dental or veterinary uses
9022.29.00.00.00	For other uses

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

4. The approval of the Atomic Energy Authority is not intended to restrict the quantity or the value of importation of the goods. The purpose is to assure patients' security against the probable harmful effects of radioactivity that is emitted from the goods subject to the Communiqué.

5. The procedure is covered in the Communiqué (Import Communiqué: 15/1) published in the Official Gazette of 31 December 2014, No. 29222 *bis*. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. No restriction.

7.(a)-(d) None.

8. None.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentation and other requirements for application for licence

10-11. One copy of the document which comprises the approval of the Authority should be annexed to Customs Entrance Manifest.

12-13. None.

Conditions of licensing

14. Application should be made before the registration of Customs Entrance Manifest.

15-17. None.

Other procedural requirements

18-19 None.

2 IMPORT COMMUNIQUÉ: 15/1 SECTION 3, CHAPTER 1

Outline of system

1. The permission by the Turkish Sugar Authority is required for the imports of goods listed below.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Product coverage:

HS Code	Description
2924.29.98.00.32	Aspartam (Aspartil fenilalanin metil ester)
2924.29.98.00.34	Neotam
2925.11.00.10.00	Saccharin

HS Code	Description
2925.11.00.20.11	Sodium Saccharin
2925.11.00.20.19	Salt of Saccharin other than sodium saccharin
2929.90.00.00.13	Sodium cyclamate
2929.90.00.00.14	Calcium cyclamate
2929.90.00.00.17	Cyclamic acid
2932.19.00.00.11	Sucralose
2934.99.90.90.14	Acesulfame-K(6-methyl-1,2,3-oxatiasin-4(3H)one-2,2-dioxide potassium salt)
2934.99.90.90.21	Aspartame Acesulfame Salt
2938.90.90.90.14	Neohesperidin dihidrokalkon (NHDC)
2938.90.90.90.15	Steviol glycosides
3504.00.90.00.11	Thaumatine
3824.90.93.00.13	Mixture of high-densitysweetening matter

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

4. The approval of the Turkish Sugar Authority is not intended to restrict the quantity or value of importation of goods.

5. The procedure is in the Communiqué (Import Communiqué: 15/1) published in the Official Gazette of 31 December 2014, No. 29222 *bis*. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. No restriction.

7.(a)-(d) None.

8. None.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentation and other requirements for application for licence

10-11. One copy of the document, which comprises the approval of the Turkish Sugar Authority, should be annexed to the Customs Declaration form.

12-13. None.

Conditions of licensing

14. Application should be made before the registration of the Customs Entrance Manifest.

15-17. None.

Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

3 IMPORT COMMUNIQUÉ: 15/1 SECTION 3, CHAPTER 1

Outline of the system

1. For the importation of all kinds of printed maps and hydrographical maps, including atlases, topography plans and globes that are classified under the Harmonized System Code 49.05:

- The approval of the Commandership of Maritime Forces for importation of sea maps;

- The approval of the Ministry of National Defence, the General Commandership of Cartography, for importation of other items included in the Communiqué is required for the registration of the Customs Declaration form.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Product coverage:

HS Code	Description
49.05	Maps and hydrographical or similar charts of all kinds, including atlases, wall maps, topographical plans and globes, printed
85.23	Only for including every kind and size digital map and map information recorded on magnetic or optical media

3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.
4. Neither of the approvals of the said Commanderships is intended to restrict the quantity or the value of importation of the goods. The purpose is to provide correct and accurate information to the public.
5. The procedure is mentioned in the Import Communiqué: 15/1 published in the Official Gazette of 31 December 2014, No. 29222 *bis*. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. No restriction.
- 7.(a)-(d) None.
8. None.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentation and other requirements for application for licence

- 10-11. One copy of the document which comprises the approval of the Ministry should be annexed to Customs Entrance Manifest.
- 12-13. None.

Conditions of licensing

14. Application should be made before the registration of the Customs Entrance Manifest.
- 15-17. None.

Other procedural requirements

- 18-19. None.

4 IMPORT COMMUNIQUÉ: 15/1 SECTION 3, CHAPTER 1

Outline of system

1. For the imports of vehicles indicated below, the requirement by the Customs Authorities of a pro forma invoice certified by the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology or other organizations authorized by the Ministry (Technical visa) was removed. However, the approval of the Ministry of Science, Industry and Technology continues to be required for the importation of the vehicles below.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Product coverage:

HS Codes	Description
8701.20	Road tractors for semi-trailers:
8701.90	Other (other than 8701.90.90.00.11,19)
87.02	Motor vehicles for the transport of ten or more persons, including the driver
87.03	Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02) including station wagons and racing cars
87.04	Motor vehicles for the transport of goods
87.05	Special purpose motor vehicles, other than those principally designed for the transport of persons or goods (for example, breakdown lorries, crane lorries, fire-fighting vehicles, concrete-mixer lorries, road sweeper lorries, spraying lorries, mobile workshops, mobile radiological units)
87.11	Motorcycles (including mopeds) and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor (with or without side-cars) side-cars
87.16	Trailers and semi-trailers; other vehicles, not mechanically propelled; parts thereof (other than 8716.20.00.00.00; 8716.80,90)

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

4. Certification of the Ministry is not intended to restrict the quantity or the value of importation of the goods. The purpose is to assure the importation of vehicles which are suitable for highways.

5. The procedure is mentioned in the Import Communiqué: 15/1 published in the Official Gazette of 31 December 2014, No. 29222 *bis*. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. No restriction.

7.(a)-(d) None.

8. None.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentation and other requirements for application for licence

10-11. One copy of the Approval document should be annexed to the Customs Entrance Manifest.

12-13. None.

Conditions of licensing

14. Application should be made before the registration of the Customs Entrance Manifest.

15-17. None.

Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

5 IMPORT COMMUNIQUÉ: 15/1 SECTION 3, CHAPTER 1

Outline of system

1. The approval of the Ministry of Transportation, General Directorate of Civil Aviation is required for the importation of goods below.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Product coverage:

HS Code	Description
8801.00.10.00.00	Balloons and dirigibles; gliders and hang gliders
8801.00.90.00.00	Other
8802.11.00.00.00	Of an unladen weight not exceeding 2 000 kg
8802.12.00.00.00	Of an unladen weight exceeding 2 000 kg
8802.20.00.10.00	Imported aircrafts specially designed for agricultural insecticide
8802.20.00.20.00	For carrying persons
8802.20.00.90.00	Other
8802.30.00.10.00	Imported aircrafts specially designed for agricultural insecticide
8802.30.00.20.00	For carrying persons
8802.30.00.90.00	Other
8802.40.00.10.00	For carrying persons
8802.40.00.90.00	Other

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

The approval of the General Directorate is not intended to restrict the quantity or the value of importation of the goods. The purpose is to prevent the usage of imported goods in areas other than civil aviation.

5. The procedure is mentioned in the Import Communiqué: 15/1 published in the Official Gazette of 31 December 2014, No. 29222 *bis*. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. No restriction.

7.(a)-(d) None.

8. None.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentation and other requirements for application for licence

10-11. One copy of the Approval document should be annexed to the Customs Entrance Manifest.

12-13. None.

Conditions of licensing

14. Application should be made before the registration of the Customs Entrance Manifest.

15-17. None.

Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

6 IMPORT COMMUNIQUÉ: 15/1 SECTION 3, CHAPTER 1

Outline of system

1. The approval of the Ministry of Interior, the General Directorate of Security is required for the importation of the goods listed below.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Product coverage:

HS Code	Description
3102.30.90.00.00	Only technical ammonium nitrate
3601.00	Propellant powders
3602.00	Prepared explosives, other than propellant powders
3603.00	Safety fuses; detonating fuses; percussion or detonating caps; igniters; electric detonators
36.04	Fireworks, signalling flare, rain rockets, fog signals and other pyrotechnic articles
3912.20.11.00.19	Other
3912.20.19.00.19	Other
8211.10.00.00.19	Other
8211.92.00.00.00	Other knives having fixed blades
8211.93.00.00.90	Others
9005.10.00.00.00	Binoculars
9005.80.00.10.00	Monoculars
9013.10	Telescopic sights for fitting to arms; periscopes; telescopes designed to form parts of machines, appliances, instruments or apparatus of this Chapter or Section XVI
9013.20.00.00.10	For fitting to arms
93.03	Other firearms and similar devices which operate by the firing of an explosive charge (for example, sporting shotguns and rifles, muzzle-loading firearms, Very pistols and devices, designed to project only signal flares, pistols and revolvers for firing blank ammunition, captive-bolt humane killers, line-throwing guns)
9304.00.00.00.00	Other arms (for example, spring, air or gas guns and pistols, truncheons) (excluding those of Heading 9307)
9305.10.00.00.00	For pistols and revolvers (only clips)
9305.20.00.10.00	Those of unhardened vulcanise rubber
9305.20.00.90.00	Other
9305.99.00.10.00	Those of unhardened vulcanise rubber
9305.99.00.90.11	Rifle butts
9305.99.00.90.19	Other
93.06	Bombs, grenades, torpedoes, mines, missiles and similar munitions of war and parts thereof; cartridges and other ammunition and projectiles, and parts thereof, including shot and cartridges wads (other than 9306.30.10.10.00; 9306.30.10.90.00; 9306.30.30.00.00; 9306.90.10.00)
93.07	Swords, cutlasses, bayonets, lances and similar arms and parts thereof and scabbards and sheaths thereof

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

4. The approval of the General Directorate of Security is not intended to restrict the quantity or the value of importation of the goods. The purpose is to protect national security and public safety.

5. The procedure is mentioned in the Import Communiqué: 15/1 published in the Official Gazette of 31 December 2014, No. 29222 *bis*. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. No restriction.

7.(a)-(d) None.

8. None.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentation and other requirements for application for licence

10-11. One copy of the document which comprises the approval of the General Directorate should be annexed to Customs Entrance Manifest.

12-13. None.

Conditions of licensing

14. Application should be made before the registration of the Customs Entrance Manifest.

15-17. None.

Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

7 IMPORT COMMUNIQUÉ: 15/1 SECTION 3 CHAPTER 1

Outline of system

1. The approval of the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, Institute of Workers' Health and Labour Security is required for the importation of goods covered by the Communiqué.

Costless invoiced Samples (10 kg or less by weight) are excluded.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Product coverage:

HS Code	Description
2707.10.00.00.00	Benzole
2707.20.00.00.00	Toluole
2707.50.00.00.11	Solvent Naphtha
2707.50.00.00.19	Other
2707.99.11.00.00	Crude Light Oils of which 90% or more by volume distils at temperatures of up to 200° C
2707.99.19.00.00	Other
2710.12.21.00.00	White spirit
2901.10.00.90.11	Hexane
2901.10.00.90.12	Heptanes
2902.20.00.00.00	Benzene
2902.30.00.00.00	Toluene
2902.41.00.00.00	<i>o</i> -xylene

HS Code	Description
2902.42.00.00.00	<i>m</i> -xylene
2902.43.00.00.00	<i>p</i> -xylene
2902.44.00.00.00	Mixed xylene isomers
32.08	Only for being in organic solvents as in the form of a solution
3506.10.00.90.11	Including solvent
3506.91.00.90.13	Including solvent
3506.99.00.90.11	Including solvent
3814.00	Organic composite solvents and thinners, not elsewhere specified or included, prepared paint or varnish removers
3824.90.96.90.68	Inorganic composite solvents and thinners for varnishes and similar products
39.01-39.13	Only for being in organic solvents as in the form of a solution
40.05	Only for being in organic solvents as in the form of a solution

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

4. The approval of the Ministry is not intended to restrict the quantity or the value of importation of the goods. The purpose is to protect workers' health from the harmful effects of goods covered by the Communiqué.

5. The procedure is mentioned in the Import Communiqué: 1/13 published in the Official Gazette of 31 December 2014, No. 29222 *bis*. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. No restriction.

7.(a)-(d) None.

8. None.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentation and other requirements for application for licence

10-11. One copy of the document which comprises the approval of the Ministry should be annexed to the Customs Declaration form.

12-13. None.

Conditions of licensing

14. Application should be made before the registration of the Customs Entrance Manifest.

15-17. None.

Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

8 IMPORT COMMUNIQUÉ: 15/1 SECTION 3, CHAPTER 2

Outline of the system

1. For the importation of the items which are classified under the HS Codes 4802.55.15.99.11, 4802.55.25.99.11, 4802.55.30.99.11, 4802.55.90.99.11 and 4802.56.80.99.11:

Banknotes and the like, papers of securities excluding of a kind used for printing share certificates, bonds and other instruments of capital markets and of a kind used for printing cheque books, the approval of the Central Bank of Turkey is required.

The papers used for printing cheque books are imported only by the banks and private financial institutions.

For the importation of the papers used for printing share certificates, bonds and other instruments of the capital markets and the instruments of capital markets printed abroad for the purpose of sale to the public, the approval of the Board of Capital Markets (BCM) is required. And for the papers not included in BCM Law, approval of the Ministry of Customs and Trade is required.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Product coverage: see reply 1 above.
3. The system applies to goods imported from all countries.
4. The system is intended to ensure confidence for the persons in the capital markets.
5. The procedure is mentioned in the Import Communiqué: 15/1 published in the Official Gazette of 31 December 2014, No. 29222 *bis*. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. No restriction.
- 7.(a)-(d) None.
8. None.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentation and other requirements for application for licence

10-11. One copy of the document which comprises the approval of the Institutions (Central Bank of Turkey and the Board of Capital Markets) is annexed to the Customs Entrance Manifest.

12-13. None.

Conditions of licensing

14. Application should be made before the registration of the Customs Entrance Manifest.

15-17. None.

Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.

9 IMPORT COMMUNIQUÉ: 15/1 SECTION 3, CHAPTER 3

Outline of system

1. The approval of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock is required for importation of goods included in the Communiqué.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Product coverage:

- For all countries

HS Code	Description
2834.21	Potassium nitrate exclusively used for fertilizer
3101.00	Animal or vegetable fertilizers, whether or not mixed together or chemically treated; fertilizers produced by the mixing or chemical treatment of animal or vegetable products
3102.30	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in aqueous solution
3102.40	Mixtures of ammonium nitrate with calcium carbonate or other inorganic non-fertilising substances
3102.50	Sodium nitrate
3102.60	Double salts and mixtures of calcium nitrate and ammonium nitrate

- For all countries except EU member states

HS Code	Description
2834.29.80.11.00	Containing not more than 16 % by weight of calcium nitrate exclusively used for fertilizer
2834.29.80.12.00	In tablets, lozenges and similar prepared forms or in packings of a gross weight not exceeding 10 kg exclusively used for fertilizer
2834.29.80.19.00	Other calcium nitrate exclusively used for fertilizer
3102.10	Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution
3102.21.00.00.00	Ammonium sulphate
3102.29	Other
3102.80.00.00.00	Mixtures of urea and ammonium nitrate in aqueous or ammoniacal solution
3102.90	Other
31.03	Mineral or chemical fertilisers, phosphatic
31.04	Mineral or chemical fertilisers, potassic
31.05	Mineral or chemical fertilisers containing two or three of the fertilising elements nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium; other fertilisers goods of this chapter in tablets or similar forms or in packages of a gross weight not exceeding 10 kg
3824.90.92.00.39	Other (Exclusively used for fertilizer)
3824.90.93.00.19	Other (Exclusively used for fertilizer)
3824.90.96.90.68	Other (Exclusively used for fertilizer)

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

4. The approval is not intended to restrict the quantity or the value of importation of the goods. The purpose is to manage the resources used in agricultural production properly, which may cause damage to health or lifecycle of plant, animal or human when they are treated without control.

5. The procedure is covered in the Import Communiqué: 15/1 published in the Official Gazette of 31 December 2012, No. 29222 *bis*. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. No restriction.

7.(a)-(d) None.

8. None.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentation and other requirements for application for licence

10-11. One copy of the document, which comprises of the approval of the Authority, should be annexed to the Customs Declaration form.

12-13. None.

Conditions of licensing

14. Application should be made before the registration of the Customs Entrance Manifest.

15-17. None.

Other procedural requirements:

18-19. None.

10 FOREIGN TRADE COMMUNIQUÉ: 11/1

Outline of system

1. By virtue of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), CITES document issued by the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock or the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs is required for the importation and exportation of the species listed on the Foreign Trade Communiqué 2011/1.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Product coverage: Annexed to the Foreign Trade Communiqué 2011/1.

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

4. The system is intended to ensure the control of imports and exports for the sake of sustainability of the endangered species.

5. The procedure is in the Communiqué (Foreign Trade Communiqué 2011/1) published in the Official Gazette of 27 February 2011 No: 27859 *b/s*. Since the system has been designed to comply with the requirements of the provisions of the above-mentioned Convention, it is not possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. No restriction.

7.(a)-(d) None.

8. None.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers and exporters are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentation and other requirements for application for licence

10-11. One copy of the CITES document which comprises the approval of the Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Livestock or the Ministry of Forestry and Water Affairs is attached to the Customs Entrance Manifest.

12-13. None.

Conditions of licensing

14. Application should be made before the registration of the Customs Entrance Manifest.

15-17. None.

Other procedural requirements

18-19. None.
