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1 RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS AND DEVICES USING THEM

Outline of system

1. The approval of the Nuclear Regulation Authority (NRA) is required for 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)

HS Code	Description
2845.90.10.00.11	Deuterium and compounds thereof
2845.90.10.00.19	Other
2845.90.90.00.11	Tritium compounds
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	Specially designed for the transport of highly radioactive materials
8704.22.10.00.00	Specially designed for the transport of highly radioactive materials
8704.23.10.00.00	Specially designed for the transport of highly radioactive materials
8704.31.10.00.00	Specially designed for the transport of highly radioactive materials
8704.32.10.00.00	Specially designed for the transport of highly radioactive materials
8709.11.10.00.00	Specially designed for the transport of highly radioactive materials
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 Nuclear Regulation 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: 2020/3**) published in the Official Gazette of **31 December 2019, No. 30995 bis**. Related Communiqué is available at the <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2019/12/20191231M3-4.htm> website link. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. I-XI: Not applicable.

7.(a) Application for approval should be made to NRA at least 15 days in advance of importation. The approval shall be issued within 1 to 5 days, depending on the characteristic of the radioactive substance and the completeness and suitability of the application. Shipment of radioactive substances cannot be initiated without obtaining approval from the Authority. Therefore, approval for import permission must be obtained from the Authority by the importers in the country before being sent by the shippers abroad for the purpose of importing radioactive materials coming from abroad. However, approval for import permission may also be obtained for radioactive materials that accidentally arrive at the port without permission from the NRA.

(b) The approval shall be issued within 1 to 5 days, depending on the characteristic of the radioactive substance and completeness of the application.

(c) There is no limitation on the time when application for approval should be made.

(d) The assessment of the import approval of radioactive materials is carried out by the NRA. In addition to the NRA, application for import permission shall be also made to the Ministry of Trade electronically via Single Window System.

8. Application for approval shall be rejected in case information or documents requested by NRA are incomplete or domestic use or possession of radiation sources do not comply with the provisions of the legislation in force.

The NRA shall notify reasons of refusal to the applicant in an official letter and it shall also notify electronically via the Single Window System.

The applicant may submit an objection to the NRA with an official letter, together with the reasons of objection. NRA may review the objections and reasons within the framework of the provisions of the legislation in force and re-evaluate the application for the import permission.

No appeal procedures are specified in provisions of the legislation in force. However, all actions and procedures of the administration is subject to judicial remedy in the constitution.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9.(a) Under restrictive licensing systems:

Only for substances that are classified under the Harmonized System Codes of 28.44, 9022.21.00.00.00, 9022.29.00.00.00, organizations that have obtained import-export transportation license from NRA or those that have obtained a use-possession license from NRA may apply for an import permission.

Organizations that obtained import-export-transportation license from NRA can apply for an import permission to NRA for radiation sources. NRA issues import-export-transportation licenses to real or legal persons when requested documents are complete and conditions are fulfilled and applications are made in accordance with the provisions of the legislation in force. There is no registration fee. Companies authorized to obtain import-export-transportation license from NRA for radiation sources are announced on the website.

(b) Under non-restrictive systems:

All importers are eligible to apply for an import permission to import substances defined in the product list, other than those listed under item a.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. Applications for an import permission shall be made by filling out the application form via e-government. Necessary documents for the products mentioned in reply 9 (a) are described as follows:

- Application form that can be obtained from <https://ndk.org.tr/tr/> web site link.
- Signed or stamped invoice or proforma invoice which declares the serial number and HS codes of radioactive source.
- Production certificate of radioactive source issued by the manufacturer of the closed radioactive source.
- For highly active radioactive sources.
- Transportation Permit Application Form for high activity radioactive sources.
- Transport Plan for High-Activity Radioactive Sources.
- A certificate of device containing closed radioactive source. Technical catalog of device containing closed radioactive source.
- A consensus certificate of the manufacturer / distributor company.
- A copy of a contract between the user organization and the importer related to the supplying of closed radioactive sources.
- Organization's commitment to send obsolete radioactive resource abroad or to the waste facility.
- A receipt showing that the permission fee is deposited to NRA account.
- Open Radioactive Source List Format for open radioactive sources and CD where the forms are saved in XLS format.
- Necessary documents for the products mentioned in reply 9 (b).
- Original signed, stamped invoice / proforma invoice.

- Document / catalog showing the technical specifications of the materials to be imported.
- Official request letter of the end user (signed official request letter containing the name, amount, project name, project purpose, name and title of the person responsible for the project).

11. One copy of the document, which comprises the approval of the Nuclear Regulation Authority, shall be annexed to the Customs Declaration form.

12. The import permission fee for radiation sources is 466 TL. The fee for the import permission of nuclear substances and materials and strategic substances is 478 TL. The license fee is 2.776 TL and these fees may change from one year to another

13. Import permission fee is deposited to the NRA corporate account at the application stage. If the applicant formally requests to NRA to cancel the application before the authorization process is completed, the application fee is refunded to the applicant by the NRA.

Conditions of licensing

14. For the products mentioned in reply 9 (a); the validity period of the import permission granted by NRA is 3 months. Re-application for an expired import permission can be made.

For the products mentioned in reply 9 (b); the validity period of the import permission issued by NRA is for the periods specified by the applicant in the application. Re-application for an expired import permission can be made.

15. There is no penalty for non-use or partial use of a permission issued by the NRA. However, it is mandatory to notify the NRA in case the import permission for the items mentioned in 9 (a) are not used or some of them are used. Sanction may be applied within the framework of the provisions of the legislation in force for those who do not make the necessary notifications.

16. Permission issued by NRA shall not be transferred according to provisions of legislation in force.

17. There are no other conditions for an import permission other than those previously mentioned.

Other procedural requirements

18. For the above mentioned in reply 9 (a);

If the applicant is not the user of the materials covered by the permit; the applicant must have an import-export-transport license from the NRA. If the import permit applicant is the user of the materials covered by the permit; the applicant must have obtained a use-possession license from the NRA, or the application for a use-possession license must be approved by the NRA.

19. Not applicable.

2 HIGH INTENSITY SWEETENERS

Outline of system

1. The approval by the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is required for the imports of goods listed below.

Purposes and coverage of licensing

2. Product coverage:

HS Code	Description
2924.29.70.00.32	Aspartam (Aspartil fenilalanin metil ester)
2924.29.70.00.34	Neotam
2924.29.70.00.36	Advantam

HS Code	Description
2925.11.00.10.00	Saccharin
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
2932.14.00.00.00	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
3824.99.93.00.13	Mixture of high-intensity sweeteners matter

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

4. The approval of the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is not intended to restrict the quantity or value of importation of goods. The purpose is to monitor the impact of High Intensity Sweeteners (HIS) importation on the Turkish sugar market, for statistical purpose.

5. The procedure is in the Communiqué (**Import Communiqué: 2020/4**) published in the Official Gazette of **31 December 2019, No. 30995 bis**. The Communiqué is available at the <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2019/12/20191231M3-5.htm> website link. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. I-XI. Not applicable.

7.(a) Applications for approval shall be made to Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry at least 10 days in advance of importation.

(b) Applications for license are issued within 10 (ten) working days, if requested application documents are complete.

(c) There is no limitation. Applications for approval can be made any time during the year.

(d) The assessment of applications is carried out by a single administrative organ.

8. Application for approval may be rejected in case information or documents requested by administrative authority are incomplete. The reason for the rejection shall be notified to the applicant via the electronic system.

The applicant may submit an objection to the Ministry with an official letter, together with the reasons of objection. The Ministry may review the objections and reasons within the framework of the provisions of the legislation in force and re-evaluate the application.

No appeal procedures are specified in provisions of the legislation in force. However, all actions and procedures of the administration is subject to judicial remedy in the constitution.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. Requested documents from importers to submit for an application for license are as follows:

- Commercial invoice or proforma invoice certified by the Consulate of Republic of Turkey.
- Drug prospectus and custom exemption letter for pharmaceutical applications. In addition, the information on the application form shall be completed.

11. One copy of the document, which comprises the approval of the Republic of Turkey Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, shall be annexed to the Customs Declaration form.

12.-13. No.

Conditions of licensing

14. The validity of licence is 6 (six) months and this period can not be extended.

15-17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. There are no quantitative restrictions or other conditions attached to the issue of a licence.

19. Not applicable.

3 MAPS AND PRODUCTS INCLUDING MAP INFORMATION

Outline of 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 Defense, 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 ¹	Maps and hydrographical or similar charts of all kinds, including atlases, wall maps, topographical plans and globes, printed
85.23 ¹	Only for including every kind (disc, tape, floppy disc, CD, DVD etc.) and size digital map and map information (atlases, wall maps, electronic navigational maps, topographical plans and globes) recorded on magnetic or optical media

¹ For the cadastral maps, there is no requirement of certificate of conformity. Certificate of conformity is required for all other kinds of goods including map information (books, magazine, jigsaw puzzle, beach ball, panel, tray, t-shirt etc.)

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: (**Import Communiqué 2020/5**) published in the Official Gazette of **31 December 2019, No. 30995 bis**. The Communiqué is available at the <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2019/12/20191231M3-6.htm> website link. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. I-XI: Not applicable.
- 7.(a) Before the importation process is carried out, the originals or copies of the maps and products including map information that are being imported shall be sent to Authorities mentioned above to be inspected. Importation of map and products including map information can be carried out after the approval of the import license.
- (b) Following the submission of products to the Authorities with an application, the inspection and approval process starts. The duration of the inspection may change depending on workload.
- (c) There is no limitation. Applications for approval can be made any time during the year.
- (d) For the importation of all kinds of printed maps and hydrographical maps, including atlases, topography plans and globes are required to obtain approval of the General Commandership of Cartography is required while the approval of Commandership of Maritime Forces is required for importation of sea maps.
8. Approval may not be given if maps and products including map information to be imported are found to be faulty as a result of the examination in order to prevent the production and usage of maps that are not suitable regarding the borders and geographical names of the countries. The reason for rejection shall be notified to the applicant via an official letter.

The applicant may submit an objection to the above-mentioned Authorities with an official letter, together with the reasons of objection. The Authorities may review the objections and reasons within the framework of the provisions of the legislation in force and re-evaluate the application.

No appeal procedures are specified in provisions of the legislation in force. However, all actions and procedures of the administration is subject to judicial remedy in the constitution.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. Three originals or copies of each product to be examined together with the application letter should be sent with three CDs or DVDs for numerical data.
11. One copy of the document which comprises the approval of the Ministry should be annexed to Customs Declaration.
12. The fee for the map inspection and examination service for the product requested for approval is 72,50 TL per hour and this fee varies depending on the intensity of the data and inspection period.
13. No.

Conditions of licensing

14. Import approval shall be obtained for each product to be imported. The validity of a license can not be extended.
15. There is no penalty for non-use or partial use of a license.
16. Licenses are not transferable among importers.
17. There are no other conditions for an import license other than those mentioned above.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. Not applicable.

4 VEHICLES

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 Industry and Technology or other organizations authorized by the Ministry (Technical visa) was removed. However, the approval of the Ministry of Industry and Technology or Turkish Standard Institution (TSI) authorized by the Ministry 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
8701.91.10	Agricultural tractors and forestry tractors, wheeled
8701.92.10	
8701.93.10	
8701.94.10	
8701.95.10	
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, firefighting 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: (**Import Communiqué 2020/7**) published in the Official Gazette of **31 December 2019, No. 30995 bis**. The Communiqué is available at the <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2019/12/20191231M3-8.htm> website link. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. I-XI: Not applicable.

- 7.(a) Since the products are subject to physical examination, it is not possible to give license without application and examination process. Since the products are subject to inspection, there is no advantage for the importer to apply before the products arrive at the site.
- (b) Since the products are subject to physical examination, it is not possible to give license without application and examination process.
- (c) There is no time limit. Applications for approval can be made any time during the year.
- (d) The assessment of applications is conducted by a single administrative organ.

8. Applications for the approval are not rejected for reasons other than failure to meet ordinary criteria. The reason for the rejected application shall be notified to the applicant through official communication channels.

The applicant may submit an objection to the TSI with an official letter, together with the reasons of objection. The TSI may review the objections and reasons within the framework of the provisions of the legislation in force and re-evaluate the application.

No appeal procedures are specified in provisions of the legislation in force. However, all actions and procedures of the administration is subject to judicial remedy according to constitution.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10.-11. Detailed information about the application procedure can be found at the official website of TSI: (<https://statik.tse.org.tr/upload/en/file/contentionation/9110/13072018150342-2>).

It is required to submit the below-mentioned documents to TSI by an application for import of vehicles with EC Type Approval Certificate;

- a) For serial imports, EC Type Approval Certificate which is valid in EU Countries, copy of the certificate of conformity.
- b) In case a maximum of 75 imports of one type are imported within one calendar year, copy of certificate of conformity which is valid in EU Countries and exhaust emission level declaration certificate.

12. The fee schedule, including the import vehicle inspection fees at customs, is published at this website <https://www.tse.org.tr/IcerikDetay?ID=477&ParentID=7902>.

13. There is no deposit or advance payment requirement.

Conditions of licensing

14. There is no period of validity of licenses issued by TSI. They are issued once.

15. There is no penalty applied by TSI for non-use or partial use of a license.

16. Licenses issued by TSI cannot be transferred among importers according to provisions of legislation in force.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. Not applicable.

5 CIVIL AIRCRAFT

Outline of system

1. The approval of the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure, General Directorate of Civil Aviation (GDCA) 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.

4. 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: (**Import Communiqué 2020/8**) published in the Official Gazette of **31 December 2019, No. 30995 bis**. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval. The Communiqué is available at the <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2019/12/20191231M3-9.htm> website link.

Procedures

6. I-XI: Not applicable.

7.(a) Applications for approval shall be made to the General Directorate of Civil Aviation 7 days in advance of importation.

(b) Approval period may be shortened depending on workload, when all the requirements are fulfilled.

(c) There is no limitation. Applications for approval can be made any time during the year.

(d) Application for approval is only made to General Directorate of Civil Aviation.

8. Applications may be rejected if license application requirements are not fulfilled by applicants. The reasons for rejection shall be notified to the applicant via an official letter.

The applicant may submit an objection to the GDCA with an official letter, together with the reasons of objection. The GDCA may review the objections and reasons within the framework of the provisions of the legislation in force and re-evaluate the application.

No appeal procedures are specified in provisions of the legislation in force. However, all actions and procedures of the administration is subject to judicial remedy according to constitution.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for license.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. Application form that can be obtained from <http://web.shgm.gov.tr/en> web site, shall be filled during application.

11. One copy of the document, which comprises the approval of the General Directorate of Civil Aviation, shall be annexed to the Customs Declaration form.

12. Yes. The relevant fees are included in the Charges Tariff of the General Directorate of Civil Aviation. See <http://web.shgm.gov.tr/en/s/4007-service-tariff> for more detailed information.

13. One of the application requirements is that the service fee receipt is attached. Except that no other payment is required.

Conditions of licensing

14. There is no validity period.

15. There is no penalty for non-use or partial use of an authorization issued by the General Directorate of Civil Aviation.

16. Licenses issued by the General Directorate of Civil Aviation cannot be transferred among importers.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. Not applicable.

6 CERTAIN EXPLOSIVES, FIREARMS, KNIVES AND SIMILAR PRODUCTS

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	Technical ammonium nitrate containing 34.5% or more nitrogen only (except pure ammonium nitrate for narcotic gas production only)
3601.00	Propellant powders
3602.00	Prepared explosives, other than propellant powders

HS Code	Description
3603.00	Safety fuses; detonating fuses; percussion or detonating cops; igniters; electric detonators
36.04	Fireworks, signaling 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
8211.92.00.00.19	Other knives having fixed blade s(other than craft knife and using in industry)
8211.93.00.00.90	Others (including pruning knives)
8211.94.00.00.00	Blades (only for 8211.10.00.00.19, 8211.92.00.00.19, or 8211.93.00.00.90 HS Codes)
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-bold 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
9305.99.00.90.19	Other
9306.21	Cartridges for smooth-barrelled shotguns
9306.29	Other
9306.30.90	Cartridges and parts thereof
9306.90.90.00.00	Other
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: (**Import Communiqué 2020/11**) published in the Official Gazette of **31 December 2019, No. 30995 bis**. The Communiqué is available at the <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2019/12/20191231M3-12.htm> website link. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. I-XI: Not applicable.

7.(a) It is not specifically defined regarding how far in advance of importation application for a license must be made in legislation in force. Licenses can be obtained for goods arriving at the port without an import license. There are no restrictive elements about this situation in the legislation.

- (b) No. If requested application documents are complete, applications for a license are granted within 2 (two) working days.
- (c) There is no limitation. Applications for approval can be made any time during the year.
- (d) The assessment of applications is conducted by a single administrative organ.

8. According to our legislation, importers who have production, sales and usage license documents from the Governorates, may import goods which are classified under 3102.90.00.00, 3601.00, 3602.00, 3603.00, 36.04, 3912.20.11.00.19, 3912.20.19.00.19, 9306.21, 9306.29, 9306.30.90, 9306.90.90.00.00 HS codes. Those who do not have at least one of these documents or those whose documents are missing shall be rejected. Also, security and public order shall be taken into consideration by administrative authority while issuing an import license for other items which listed above in the product coverage. The application shall be rejected when the use of imported goods within the country are not considered appropriate in terms of security and public order. The reason for rejection shall be notified to the applicant in writing.

No appeal procedures are specified in provisions of the legislation in force. However, all actions and procedures of the administration is subject to judicial remedy in the constitution.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. Importers who have production, sales and usage permit certificate from the Governorates, may import goods which are classified under HS codes of 3102.90.00.00, 3601.00, 3602.00, 3603.00, 36.04, 3912.20.11.00.19, 3912.20.19.00.19, 9306.21, 9306.29, 9306.30.90, 9306.90.90.00.00. Importers who have manufacturer or dealership certificate may import other items which are listed in the second chapter (product coverage) excluding items indicated above.

There is a system where companies/importers are registered in the aforementioned Authority's database. Companies/Importers with production, sales and usage permit certificates from the relevant Governorates and importers who have manufacturer or dealership certificate can be considered eligible. There is no transaction fee. There is no published list of authorized importers.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. Required documents in the application are as follows:

- Petition.
- Import declaration.
- Importer's Commitment issued by Notary. - Proforma invoice.
- Production, Sales or Usage Permit Certificate issued by relevant Governorates for importation of goods classified under 3102.90.00.00, 3601.00, 3602.00, 3603.00, 36.04, 3912.20.11.00.19, 3912.20.19.00.19, 9306.21, 9306.29, 9306.30.90, 9306.90.90.00.00 HS codes.
- Manufacture permit certificate or dealership certificate for importation of other items listed in the product coverage excluding items indicated above.
- Catalog or product image;
- Bullet sale certificate for importation of gun magazine.
- Certificate of origin and its translation;
- Dangerous Goods Compulsory Liability Insurance Policy;

11. One copy of the document which comprises the approval of the General Directorate of Security shall be annexed to Customs Declaration.

12.-13. No.

Conditions of licensing

14. The duration of the import license is valid for the year in which it is issued and in case the importation does not take place, this period can be extended for another one year upon the application of the requesting person, company/institution.

15. There is no penalty for non-use or partial use of a license granted by the General Directorate of Security.

16. Licenses granted by the General Directorate of Security cannot be transferred between importers.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. For the importation of goods classified under HS codes 3102.90.00.00, 3601.00, 3602.00, 3603.00, 36.04, 3912.20.11.00.19, 3912.20.19.00.19, 9306.21, 9306.29, 9306.30.90, 9306.90.90.00.00 obtaining a production, sales or use permit certificate from the relevant Governorates is required.

For the importation of other items which listed in the product coverage excluding items indicated above, it is required to have manufacturer or dealership certificate.

19. Not applicable.

7 CERTAIN SUBSTANCES AFFECTING LABOUR'S HEALTH AND SECURITY

Outline of system

1. The approval of the Ministry of Labour, Social Services and Family, 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 (benzene)
2707.20.00.00.00	Toluole (Toluene)
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 200C
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 (Benzole)
2902.30.00.00.00	Toluene (Toluole)
2902.41.00.00.00	o-xylene
2902.42.00.00.00	m-xylene
2902.43.00.00.00	p-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
3506.91.90.90.13	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
3824.99.96.90.68	Only for varnish and similar materials unorganic composite solvents and thinners

HS Code	Description
39.01-39.13	Only in solution form in organic solvents (excluding in solid form)
40.05	Only in solution form in organic solvents (excluding in solid form)

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: (**Import Communiqué 2020/13**) published in the Official Gazette of **31 December 2019 No. 30995 bis**. The Communiqué is available at the <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2019/12/20191231M3-14.htm> website link. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. I-XI: Not applicable.

7.(a) There is no specific provision regarding how far in advance of importation application for a license must be made in legislation in force.

(b) Yes.

(c) There is no limitation. Applications for approval can be made any time during the year.

(d) The assessments of applications are conducted by a single administrative organ.

8. Applications shall be rejected if license application requirements are not fulfilled by applicants. The reasons for rejection shall be notified in writing. The applicant may submit an objection to the Ministry with an official letter, together with the reasons of objection. The Ministry may review the objections and reasons within the framework of the provisions of the legislation in force and reevaluate the application.

No appeal procedures are specified in provisions of the legislation in force. However, all actions and procedures of the administration is subject to judicial remedy according to constitution.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

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

12.-13. No.

Conditions of licensing

14. The import license is valid for the year in which it is issued. This period can not be extended.

15.-17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. Not applicable.

8 PAPERS OF A KIND USED FOR PRINTING BANKNOTES AND SECURITIES

Outline of system

1. The approval of the Ministry of Trade is required for 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 excluding for the importation of 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 and the papers used for printing cheque book.

The approval of the Board of Capital Markets (BCM) is required 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. And for the papers not included in BCM Law, applications should be made to the Ministry of Trade.

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: (**Import Communiqué 2020/10**) published in the Official Gazette of **31 December 2019, No. 30995 bis**. The Communiqué is available at the <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2019/12/20191231M3-11.htm> website link. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. I-XI: Not applicable.
- 7.(a) It is not specifically defined regarding how far in advance of importation application for a license must be made in legislation in force.
 - (b) Yes.
 - (c) There is no limitation. Applications for approval can be made any time during the year.
 - (d) The assessment of applications are conducted by Ministry of Trade and Board of Capital Markets (BCM).
8. If the companies prefer to import more paper for printing share certificates than they need, the requests shall be rejected. This refusal shall be notified to the Company and a change in the amount of paper to be imported shall be requested. The mentioned Authorities may review the objections and reasons within the framework of the provisions of the legislation in force and re-evaluate the application.

No appeal procedures are specified in provisions of the legislation in force. However, all actions and procedures of the administration is subject to judicial remedy according to constitution.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. Papers used for printing banknotes and the like, papers of securities and of a kind used for printing government debt securities including papers used in the printing of securities issued by the Privatization Administration are imported only by The Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey. Papers used for printing cheque books are imported only by banks.

Publicly held companies covered by the BCM Law and whose shares are not subjected to trade on the exchange market shall apply to the BCM for importation of the papers used for printing share

certificates, bonds and other instruments of the capital markets. There is no registration fee. There is no published list of authorized importers.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. Required documents for the importation of papers used for printing share certificates, bonds and other instruments of the capital markets in the application are as follows:

- Petition.
- Proforma invoice (with translation) that includes the characteristics of the paper to be imported. Company's commitment that the paper to be imported will be used by the relevant company for its own needs and do not transfer license to another company without the permission of the Board, Signature circular of Company's representatives.
- Decision of reasoned competent body that includes distribution of stock denomination.
- Description of the amount of papers to be imported.

11. One copy of the document which comprises the approval of the Institutions is annexed to the Customs Declaration.

12.-13. No.

Conditions of licensing

14. There is no time limit in the validity of a licence.

15. There is no penalty for non-use or partial use of a license issued by BCM.

16. Imported paper may be transferred with the permission of BCM.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. Not applicable.

9 FERTILIZERS

Outline of system

1. The approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry 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
3002.90.50.90.00	Exclusively used for micro-organism cultures for plant grow (microbial fertilizers)
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

HS Code	Description
3102.30	Ammonium nitrate, whether or not in the form of aqueous solution) (except for ammonium nitrate), containing only ammonium nitrate with pure ammonium nitrate for narcotics gas only and with 34.5% or more nitrogen (nitrogen) subject to the authorization of the Ministry of Interior (General Directorate of Security) in terms of general safety and public order
3102.40	Mixtures of ammonium nitrate with calcium carbonate or other inorganic nonfertilising substances
3102.50	Sodium nitrate

- For all countries except EU member states

HS Code	Description
2832.30.00.20.00	Ammonium Tiosulphate only used as fertilizers
2832.30.00.90.00	Potassium Tiosulphate only used as fertilizers
2834.29.80.11.00	Containing not more than 16 % by weight of calcium nitrate exclusively used for fertilizers
2834.29.80.12.00	Calcium nitrate 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
2834.29.80.20.11	Magnesium nitrate
3102.10	Urea, whether or not in aqueous solution
3102.21.00.00.00	Ammonium sulphate
3102.29	Other
3102.60	Double salts and mixtures of calcium nitrate and ammonium nitrate (excl. those in pellet or similar forms, or in package
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
3824.84.00.00.00	Containing aldrin (ISO), camphechlor (ISO) (toxaphene), chlordane (ISO), chlordecone (ISO), DDT (ISO) (clofenotane (INN), 1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis(p-chlorophenyl)ethane), dieldrin (ISO, INN), endosulfan (ISO), endrin (ISO), heptachlor (ISO) or mirex (ISO) (Exclusively used for fertilizers)
3824.85.00.00.00	Containing 1,2,3,4,5,6-hexachlorocyclohexane (HCH (ISO)), including lindane (ISO, INN) (Exclusively used for fertilizers)
3824.86.00.00.00	Containing pentachlorobenzene (ISO) or hexachlorobenzene (ISO) (Exclusively used for fertilizers)
3824.87.00.00.00	Containing perfluorooctane sulphonic acid, its salts, perfluorooctane sulphonamides, or perfluorooctane sulphonyl fluoride (Exclusively used for fertilizers)
3824.88.00.00.00	Containing tetra-, penta-, hexa-, hepta- or octabromodiphenyl ethers (Exclusively used for fertilizers)
3824.99.92.00.39	Other (Exclusively used for fertilizers)
3824.99.93.00.19	Other (Exclusively used for fertilizers)
3824.99.96.90.68	Other (Exclusively used for fertilizers)

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: (**Import Communiqué 2020/16**) published in the Official Gazette of **31 December 2019 No. 30995 bis**. The Communiqué is available at the <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2019/12/20191231M3-17.htm> website link. It is possible for the Government to abolish the system without legislative approval.

Procedures

6. I-XI: Not applicable.

7. (a) There is no deadline about how far in advance of importation application for a license must be made.

(b) License can be issued immediately if requested information and documents are complete.

(c) There is no deadline for application. It can be made any time during the year.

(d) The assessment of applications are conducted by a single administrative organ.

8. Application for approval can be rejected in case information or documents requested by the Ministry are incomplete. The reason for the rejection is notified to the applicant in writing.

The Ministry may review the objections and reasons within the framework of the provisions of the legislation in force and re-evaluate the application.

No appeal procedures are specified in provisions of the legislation in force. However, all actions and procedures of the administration is subject to judicial remedy according to constitution.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. All importers are eligible to apply for licence.

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. Application form, original of the analysis report of the product in importation of agricultural purpose, original of the invoice / proforma invoice, original receipt.

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

12. License fees range from 500 TL to 1.065 TL depending on the quantity of imported products.

13. Fees are paid in advance. it can be refund in case of excessive deposit.

Conditions of licensing

14. The period of validity of a licence is six months from the date of issue within the calendar year. Validity of license can be extended up to end of the calendar year.

15. There is no penalty for non-use or partial use of a license.

16. Licenses are not transferable between importers.

17. No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. Not applicable.

10 ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

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 Agriculture and Forestry is required for the importation and exportation of the species listed in 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 *bis*. The Communiqué is available at the <https://www.resmigazete.gov.tr/eskiler/2011/02/20110227-8.htm> link. 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. I-XI: Not applicable.

7. (a) Pre-import permission is granted before live animals which are listed in CITES Annex I arrive in the country in order to secure that the animals do not get stressed.

(b) Within a maximum of 10 working days depending on the process of technical evaluation.

(c) No.

(d) Different organs involved depending on the species in question to be imported. Management authorities are determined according to Regulation on CITES Implementations.

8. Applications are not refused for reasons other than not meeting the relevant criteria.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

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

Documentational and other requirements for application for licence

10. One copy of the CITES document which comprises the approval of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry is attached to the Customs Entrance Manifest.

11. No extra documents are required upon actual importation. However, import control certificate is required for live animals.

12.-13. No.

Conditions of licensing

14. Validity of the document is 12 months.

15. No.

16. There is no provision regarding the transfer of licenses.

17. Import control certificate is required for live animals.

Other procedural requirements

18. Written scientific proof guaranteeing that import of the species does not threaten the continuation of the endangered species. The rules of transportation and accommodation are determined according to the CITES Convention procedure and IATA Rules.

19. Not applicable.
