REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON LICENSING

MALTA

Corrigendum

The following communication dated 2 August 1977 has been received from the delegation of Malta.

The licensing procedures in Malta have not been changed in substance since we last communicated to your secretariat. I am enclosing two copies of the up-dated list of items governed by the said procedures.

Purely for statistical purposes, it had been the practice for quite a long time for imports into Malta from Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, the German Democratic Republic, Hungary, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Poland, Romania, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the Democratic Republic of Vietnam to be subject to licensing control. This procedure which may have been interpreted as being discriminatory has been discontinued as from 19 January 1977, and an import licence for goods originating from the above-mentioned countries is now required only in respect of products which are subject to a licence when imported from any country.

As a developing country, Malta has been adversely affected by the oil crisis and the consequential inflation and recession which have hit the world since 1973. To remedy matters the Government had to mount a drive to create new industries and protect others whose workers were threatened with redundancy by applying some temporary import controls.

This notwithstanding, steps are taken from time to time to relax such controls as the occasions warrant.
LIST OF RESTRICTIONS AND PROHIBITIONS

Freely Licensed

ex. 15.13 Margarine
ex. 16.04 Fish, canned, salted or preserved
ex. 20.02 Preserved canned globe artichokes
ex. 20.06 Fruit in tins other than peaches and pears
ex. 20.07 Fruit squashes
ex. 21.07 Ice-cream mixtures unsweetened
ex. 24.02 Cigarettes (except brands manufactured locally)
ex. 27.10 Lubricants
ex. 27.10 Aerosols except engine starters, air fresheners and insecticides.
ex. 32.05 Bleaching preparations (except in containers under 40 ozs)
ex. 34.01 Laundry Soap
ex. 34.02 Detergents (other than liquid)
ex. 34.02 Liquid detergents
ex. 36.06 Matches
ex. 38.11 Disinfectants
ex. 39.07 Shopping bags of string or of rigid net
ex. 39.07 Disposable plastic cups (except 7 ozs capacity)
ex. 40.11 Used motor car tyres
ex. 42.02 Shopping bags not of plastic or leather
ex. 42.02 Trunks, satchels
ex. 42.02 Travelling bags of plastic, leather or canvas:
a) duffle bags; (b) other types over 16" in length.
ex. 48.16 Cardboard boxes provided they are supplied by parent company
ex. 48.19 Paper labels, printed (except those of the type produced locally)
ex. Chap 49 Printed matter except that of the type produced locally
ex. 58.09 Lace (not with Malta Emblems), machine-made if indelibly marked with the country of origin.
ex. 59.01 Shoulder pads made of wadding
ex. 60.02) Gloves other than leather
ex. 60.04 A Pantihose tights of more than 70 denier
ex. 61.01 Jeans
ex. 61.02 Children's and infants' woven fabric suits and dresses
ex. 61.03 Men's and boys' shirts not woven
ex. 62.01 Bedspreads except under £M10 each CIF Malta
ex. Chap 64 Footwear, the following:
a) Footwear with upper of fabric
b) Children's footwear
c) Flipflops
68.02 Marble works (except worked marble slabs)
ex. Chap 71 Manufactured or semi-manufactured articles of gold (not including filigree)
71.07 Gold bullion
ex. 73.10 Bars and rods (not of the building type manufactured locally)
ex. 73.27A Wire mesh for the reinforcement of concrete (not of a type manufactured locally)

73.32 Screws (except woodscrews of the type manufactured locally)

73.31 Nails (except wire nails of the type manufactured locally)

ex. 73.38 Stainless steel sinks embossed with name of country of origin or trade mark

ex. 74.19 Candlesticks (except those of solid brass or bronze of the altar type)

ex. 76.16 Venetian blinds

83.06 Medals and medallions (except those of a type minted locally)

ex. Ch 84 Construction and earth moving equipment (bulldozers, compressors, concrete mixers, cranes, dumpers, excavators, forklifts, jackhammers, roadrollers, shovel loaders, tippers and trailers)

ex 84.13 Burners, industrial type other than those operated on kerosene

ex. 85.19 Electrical wiring accessories

ex. 85.19 Earth leakage circuit breakers

ex. 87.02 Used vans

87.09 Motorcycles (except over 250 cc)

94.01 Furniture and identifiable parts thereof of the type not manufactured locally

98.01 Buttons

ex. 98.11 Cigar and cigarettes holders (except those made of bone, ivory or silver) (die stamped with the country of origin)

ex. 98.11 Smokers ash receptacles (other than those made wholly of glass, and advertising ashtrays)
ex. 99.00  Paintings in oil or water-colour (antiques)
All aerosols other than insecticides,
engine starters or air freshners

Licence Issued subject to approval by the Department of Health.

22.08 B  Alcohols and glycols

29.25/26/30  Saccharine and other sweetening agents other than those for medicinal purposes

Licence Issued subject to approval by the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries

01.01  Equines
01.02  Bovines
01.03  Swine
01.04  Caprines and ovines
01.05  Poultry

ex. 01.06  Birds of the following species:
bramblefinch, chaffinch, crow and jackdaw, goldfinch, greenfinch,
hawfinch, ortulan barting, serinfinch,
siskin, twite or linnet

ex. 01.06  Rabbits

ex. 02.01  Meat of equines, bovines, caprines and ovines

ex. 02.01  Meat (pork)

ex. 02.02  Dead poultry

ex. 02.04  Meat of rabbits, of game, parts of dead poultry

ex. 02.06  Pigs' feet

03.01  Fish frozen, chilled

ex. 04.05  Egg powder and egg albumen
ex. 04.05 Eggs in the shell
ex. 04.06 Natural honey
ex. 07.05 Horsebeans, chickpeas, dariseed, sorghum
10.03 Barley
10.05 Maize
12.09 Hay and straw
ex. 23.02 Bran, pollard, middlings
23.04 Cotton-seed cake
23.07 Prepared animal feeding stuffs
27.03 Peat moss
62.03 Flour and potato sacks of whatever material
84.25 Mechanical graders for agricultural and horticultural produce

Licence Issued subject to approval by the Milk Marketing Undertaking

ex. 04.02 Cream, preserved other than canned
ex. 04.02 Milk powder skimmed (with addition of 10% sucrose) in bulk
ex. 04.02 Milk powder, full cream, without additions of 10% sucrose, in bulk

Licence Issued subject to approval by Director of Industry

39.02 PVC Drainpipes
39.02 PVC Hosepipes
39.02 PVC Sewerpipes
ex. 39.07 Articles made of welded plastic sheeting
39.07 Inflatable rings for swimming
39.07 Belts of plastic material
39.07 Plastic cops
42.02 Purses of plastic material
42.02 Wallets of plastic material
42.02 Purses of leather
42.02 Wallets of leather
42.03 Belts of Leather
42.03 Garments of leather
55.09 White towelling material

ex. 61.10( ) Gloves leather

Tourist souvenirs and other articles advertising the Maltese Islands in any manner whatsoever

60.03 Men's and children's socks other than of nylon/man-made fibres
61.03 Collars prefabricated
ex. 61.03 B Men's and boys' woven fabric pyjamas
ex. 61.04 A Baby napkins
ex. 61.05 Handkerchiefs
73.34 A Hairpins
73.34 B Paper clips and paper pins
83.05
82.03 Allen Keys
82.03 Files
82.03 Files
82.03 Rasps
82.04 Chisels
82.04 Hammers
82.04 Screwdrivers
83.05  Staples
83.13  Crown corks
84.37  Automatic and semi-automatic weaving machines and warping mills, reeds, heddles, shuttles and winders
91.04  Long case clocks
97.04  Billiard tables
98.11  Smoking pipes and racks

**Licence Issued (Seasonal)**

07.01  Vegetables, fresh or chilled, of the local type
07.02  Vegetables, frozen of the local type
08.02/04  Fruits, fresh of the local type
08.06/09  Fruits, frozen of the local type

**Licence Issued subject to price considerations**

04.02  Milk evaporated and condensed
04.03  Butter
04.04  Cheese, grating and peppered

ex. 04.04  Cheddar and Edam Cheese
10.06  Rice
10.07  Canary Seed
15.07  Oil, edible, crude
17.01 B  Sugar in Bulk
21.02  Coffee instant
27.01  Coal and coke
27.04  Toothpaste
33.06 A  Timber sawn
73.39 Steel wool

Licence Issued - subject to revision of policy
18.06 Chocolate other than Easter Eggs and bars
21.05 Soup cubes, or tablets the following: Beef, chicken
ex. 25.01 Salt other than in small packets or containers
84.19 B Aerosol filling machinery
84.61 Water taps

Licence Issued - subject to approval by Commissioner of Police
87.06 Burglar alarms for vehicles
ex. chap 93 Arms and ammunition

Licence Issued subject to approval by Malta Development Corporation
14.01 Cane, rattan, wicker or willow
ex. 53.11 Flannellette
ex. 55.09 B Denim, blue
55.09 Grey cotton cloth and bleached sheeting

Licence Issued according to previous imports
ex. 02.02 Ducks and turkeys
ex. 02.06 Bacon
ex. 07.05 Dried splitbeans and peas
09.02 Teabags
ex. 19.08 Cakes and puddings (rich fruit)
21.06 Baking powder
ex. 21.07 Jellies in crystal form, cream and custard powder
ex. 22.03  Beer
ex. 22.05  Wine in bottles
ex. 30.04  Cotton wool
ex. 32.09  Paints
ex. 34.06  Candles
ex. chap 39 Plastic flexible cellular form in blocks, sheets or chips
ex. 42.02  Women's and children's handbags of plastic or leather and fibre/fibreboard suitecases
ex. 48.21 B Sanitary towels of paper
ex. 49.11  Postcards with subjects of local interest
ex. 59.01 A Sanitary towels of wadding
ex. 60.03  Ladies' nylon stockings
ex. 61.01  Men's trousers
ex. 61.01 C Men's suits and jackets
ex. 61.03  Men's woven shirts with collar attached
ex. 64.02  Footwear made of leather and/or plastic material excluding sports footwear and slippers and excluding those freely licensed
ex. 70.09  Glass mirrors (other than framed mirrors under 8" in length or diameter)
ex. 85.04 B) Batteries for motor vehicles and marine craft and plates therefor
85.04 C
ex. 85.15  Television sets (black and white)
ex. 87.02 B Motor cars (except used cars and those over 2150 cc)
Chap 94  Furniture suites whether in an assembled or in a knocked down state
94.04  Spring mattresses
Imports by the State

ex. 10.01  wheat in grain
ex. 25.23  Cement
ex. 27.10  The following petroleum products:
           Benzine, gas oil, fuel oil, kerosene oil
ex. 27.11  Liquified petroleum or natural gas
           27.14/16  Bituminous emulsions
ex. 40.09  Rubber tubing for liquified petroleum
gas cylinders
ex. 27.15  Bitumen the following: Emulsifiable
ex. 27.16  bitumen, penetration bitumen
ex. 82.03  Spanners for liquified petroleum
gas cylinders
ex. 84.61  Regulators for liquified petroleum
gas cylinders
87.02     Refuse collection vehicles

Licence Issued subject to approval by the Wireless
telegraphy Branch of the Office of the Prime Minister

85.15     Wireless telegraphy apparatus
           excluding sound receiving apparatus
           capable of receiving transmissions
           intended for direct reception by
           the general public

Licence Issued subject to approval by the Manager, Water
Works Department

ex. Chap 84  Water Pumps

Licence Issued subject to revision of Policy
ex. 51.04 B  Knitted piece goods made of synthetic
           fibre
ex. 60.04    Pantihose tights under 70 denier
ex. 84.13    Burners industrial type operated
             on kerosene
Prohibitions

ex. 02.01  Ground beef

03.01  Fish, fresh

ex. 04.01  Fresh milk and fresh cream yoghurt, rikotta

11.01  Flour, including self-raising flour (except special blends)

ex. 11.01  Semolina

ex. chap 15  Lard and cooking fats

15.07  Oil, edible refined other than in containers not exceeding 1 gallon capacity

16.01  Sausages, fresh, chilled or frozen

16.02  Hamburgers

ex. 17.01  Sugar, icing

ex. 17.04  Sugar almonds, helwa, boiled sweets excluding stick packs

ex. 18.06  Chocolate bars and chocolate Easter Eggs

ex. 19.03  Macaroni, spaghetti and similar products

ex. 19.07  Bread

ex. 19.08  Cakes, pastries, puddings (plain)

ex. 20.02  Tomato paste, canned tomatoes

ex. 20.02  Potato crisps

ex. 20.02  Peas canned

20.04  Candied peel, candied fruit, and/or candied vegetables, glace cherries

ex. 20.06  Fruit in tins (peaches and pears)

ex. 21.07  Ice cream

ex. 21.07  Ice creams mixtures sweetened
22.05 Wine in bulk, must and grape juice
ex. 23.05 Lees in any stage, form or state
ex. 23.07 Cat and Dog food, canned
ex. 25.08 Chalk
ex. 25.22 Lime
ex. 28.04 Oxygen
ex. 28.13 Carbon dioxide (CO₂)
39.02 A Expanded polystyrene and products thereof
39.07 B Polythene sheeting and tubing similar to that manufactured locally
39.07 PVC Conduit Tubing
ex. 39.07 B Plastic sponges, baby pants, knights in armour
ex. 42.02 Shopping bags of plastic or leather, shoulder bags of textile fabric
ex. 44.21 Bottle crates for soft drinks
ex. 44.23 etc Prefabricated houses
ex. 44.28 B Coffins and parts thereof
ex. 46.03 Baskets and basketware of cane, willow or wicker
ex. 48.01 Telex paper rolls in one ply
ex. 48.15 Toilet paper, adding machine and calculator paper rolls (coils), gummed Kraft paper in rolls (gummed tape )
ex. 48.15 - 48.21 Paper handkerchiefs, kitchen towels and serviettes similar to those manufactured locally
48.16 Cardboard boxes
ex. 48.18 Exercise books
58.01 and 58.02 Carpets handmade
ex. 58.02 Mats, bathroom with foam underlay
ex. 59.05 Mist nets for the trapping of birds
ex. 61.03 Boys' woven shirts with collar attached
ex. 62.02 A Bed sheets
ex. 62.05 Dust cloths, floor cloths and glass cloths
ex. 68.11 Cement tiles (other than glazed wall tiles)
ex. 68.11 B Concrete, articles in pre-cast, whether reinforced with steel or not
ex. 71.12 Gold or silver filigree articles
ex. 73.21 Collapsible iron gates (of the type manufactured locally)
ex. 73.21 Metal doors and windows
73.27 Wire mesh for the reinforcement of concrete (of the type manufactured locally)
ex. 73.38/40 Articles representing or incorporating a dolphin in embodied form whether in finished or partly finished state
ex. 74.18/19( ex. 74.19 Tabernacle doors
ex. 76.02) Aluminium structures and sections used in the manufacture of such structures
ex. 83.06 Cannons, brass
ex. 84.06 Liquified petroleum gas carburation equipment for motor engines
ex. 84.45) Machinery for the production of chalk, hairpins, paper clips, paper pins and/or staples
ex. 84.52 Cash registers, calculating machines and similar machines, not suitable for currency in cents and mils
ex. 84.58 Cigarette vending machines
ex. chap 84 Machinery for the production of aerated water, gas, macaroni, spaghetti and similar products, brooms, socks and stockings, filigree, tomato paste as well as flour milling, refrigeration and ticket issuing machines
ex. 85.15 Colour television sets and television aerials
ex. 85.20 Neon signs
ex. 87.02 Motor hearses, motor buses and bodies for motor buses, whether ready built or in a knocked-down condition
ex. 87.06 Radiator cores
ex. 96.02 Brooms, scrubbing brushes, mops and squeegees
97.03) Toys and fancy articles containing any substances which represent a hazard to health, even if a caution is included on any label or wrapper or container.
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ex. 97.03 Soft toys made of fabric
ex. 97.04 Amusement Automatic machines
ex. 19.05 Savoury snacks with a base of potatoes, maize or rice  
ex. 21.07 F  
ex. 99.01 Paintings in oil or water colour framed or unframed, on any material (not antiques)
ex. 84.59 Machinery for crushing and/or pulverising scrap materials
ex. 87.05 Bodies of used motor vehicles without the relative chassis

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