Outline of systems

1. There are no systems. Except for direct imports by the Government or by Ministries, all goods are subject to licensing, whether or not any payment is made. In principle, goods can be paid for only after they have actually been imported.

   A distinction is made between the following documents:

   (a) Normal licences: for importing clearly specified goods

   (b) Global licences: for importing

   - petroleum products

   - specified amounts of other products in order to ensure uninterrupted operation.

Purposes and coverage of the licensing

2. Nil.

3. Nil.

4. Licences are examined with a view to reducing the outflow of capital as a result of inflated invoicing and to ensuring that importers do not have excessive recourse to the credit facilities of the Rwandese banks. The system of requiring prior authorization for imports is also maintained for statistical purposes.

5. The Legislative Order of 15 May 1964 and the Law of 14 July 1964 on exchange control and foreign trade, and Article 34 of the statutes of the National Bank of Rwanda.

Procedures

6. Except in the case of imports of goods from Rhodesia and Portugal, there are no restrictions.
Restrictions are brought to the notice of the public by a communication relating to the existing regulations, which:

1. is published in the Rwanda official gazette
2. is transmitted to banks, the Chamber of Commerce, etc.

7. (a) In principle, applications for licences are received on Fridays and passed to the banks on the following Friday.

   (b) Yes.

   (c) Nil.

   (d) The National Bank of Rwanda (licence office) is alone responsible for examining applications for licences.

Refusal of licences for reasons of the welfare or security of the State (for example, narcotic drugs, arms and ammunition.)

8. The right of reply to requests to give reasons for a refusal is reserved by the Bank. Appeal is to the Bank itself.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. (a) Nil.

   (b) Yes.

Documentational and other requirements for application of licence

10. Completion of form I (Import licence and authority for payment). Pro forma invoices for the goods and for the cost of transport must be attached to the application.

11. The licence, the invoices and the completion of a customs import document entitled "Déclaration en consommation".

12. Yes, 250 francs.

13. No.

Conditions of licensing

14. Licences are valid for seven months. Yes. By applying for an extension and giving reasons for doing so.

15. No.
16. No.

17. (a) Nil.
   (b) No.

Other procedural requirements

18. No.

19. Approval of an import licence also constitutes the authorization for obtaining the necessary foreign exchange.

   - Yes.
   - Yes.

Production of the licence and of the final invoice, and of the déclaration en consommation proving that the goods have been imported.