ITALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

Liberalization of Imports from Japan

The Italian Permanent Mission in Geneva has transmitted to the secretariat a copy of the Protocol No. S/111301 dated 25 August 1961 which amends the regulations applicable to imports from Japan.

As a result of the new Protocol, the Italian negative list applicable to imports from Japan has been shortened considerably. The following are among the more important products that may now enter Italy from Japan free from quantitative restrictions:

- Certain edible meat offals
- Fish salted in brine dried or smoked in airtight containers
- Crustaceans and molluscs
- Whole sweetened eggs and egg yolks not in the shell
- Various products of animal origin such as chilled or frozen guts, bladders and stomachs
- Certain fruit, including citrus fruits, bananas, figs, nuts, apples and pears, etc.
- Coffee, pepper, caraway seeds, bay leaves and other spices
- Oats and rice
- Various types of flour
- Cereal straw and husks and forage products
- Lard stearin, fish oil and wool grease
- Beeswax
- Sausages and canned meat
- Meat extracts and meat juices
- Cocoa and cocoa preparations
- Malt extract
- Tapioca and sago
- A number of canned fruits and vegetables
- Instant coffee
- Sauces
- Fishmeal
- Oilcakes
- Animal foods
Tobacco
Slag, dross, scalings and similar waste from the manufacture of iron and steel
Lubricating oils
Various inorganic chemicals, including hydrochloride acid, ammonia, caustic soda, chromium oxides and hydroxides, iron oxides and hydroxides, ammonium phosphate and sodium cyanide
Colloidal precious metals
A number of organic chemicals such as sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives of hydrocarbons, cyclic alcohols, phenols, ethers, acyclic aldehydes, monoacids and their anhydrides, and amine-function compounds
Wadding, gauze, bandages, first-aid boxes and kits and similar articles
Fertilizers
Certain tanning and dyeing extracts
Soaps
Waxes, polishes and creams
Candles
Modelling pastes
Casein, albumins and gelatin
Prepared glues
Sensitized plates and films
Animal black
Tall oil
Prepared rubber accelerators
Preparation and charges for fire-extinguishers; charged fire-extinguishing grenades
Composite solvents and thinners for varnishes and similar products
Artificial resins
Hardened rubber and articles thereof
Synthetic rubber
Reclaimed rubber
Rubber waste
Plates, sheets and strip and other forms of unvulcanized natural or synthetic rubber
Parings and other waste of leather
Articles of furskin
Artificial fur and articles made thereof
Wood and articles of wood
Wood charcoal
Agglomerated cork
Paper-making material
Composite paper and paperboard
Ruled or corrugated paper and paperboard
Filter blocks of paper pulp
Building board of wood pulp or of vegetable fibre
Metallised textiles
Waste of sheep's or lambs' wool
Woven fabrics of horse-hair
Flax and ramie
Cotton, carded or combed
Hemp and jute and other vegetable textile fibres
Paper yarn and woven fabrics thereof
Wadding and articles thereof
Bonded fibre fabrics
Fish nets
Old clothing and used textile articles
Headgear and parts thereof
Prepared feathers and down and articles thereof
Artificial flowers
Fans
Articles of stone, of plaster, of cement,
of asbestos, of mica and of similar materials
Bricks, rotorts, crucibles, etc.
Waste glass
Glass in balls, rods and tubes, unworked
Fishing net floats
Pearls and precious and semi-precious stones
Silver
Rolled gold or base metal or silver
Platinum
Goldsmiths, silversmiths' and jewellers' sweepings
Coin
Pig iron, cast iron and spiegeleisen in pigs, blocks,
lumps and similar forms
Blooms, billets, slabs and sheet bars (including tinplate
bars), of iron or steel; pieces roughly shaped by
forging, of iron or steel
Iron or steel coils for re-rolling
Angles, shapes and sections, of iron or steel, hot-rolled,
forged, extruded, cold-formed or cold-finished; sheet
piling of iron or steel, whether or not drilled, punched
or made from assembled elements
Iron or steel wire, whether or not coated, but
not insulated
Railway and tramway track construction material
of iron or steel, the following: rails, check-rails,
switch blades, crossings (or frogs), crossing pieces,
point rods, rack rails, sleepers, fishplates, chairs,
chair wedges, sole plates, rail clips, bedplates and ties
Tubes and pipes of cast iron
High-pressure hydro-electric conduits of steel, whether
or not reinforced
Structures, complete or incomplete, whether or not
assembled, and parts of structures (for example,
hangars and other buildings, bridges and bridge-sections,
lockgates, towers, lattice masts, roof, roofing frameworks,
dccr and window frames, shutters, balustrades, pillars and
columns), of iron or steel; plates, strips, rods, angles,
shapes, sections, tubes and the like, prepared for use in
structures, of iron or steel
Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, for any material, of iron or steel, of a capacity exceeding 300 litres, whether or not lined or heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment.

Casks, drums, cans, boxes and similar containers, of sheet or plate iron or steel, of a description commonly used for the conveyance or packing of goods.

Gauze, cloth, grill, netting, fencing, reinforcing fabric and similar materials, of iron or steel wire.

Expanded metal, of iron or steel.

Chain and parts thereof, of iron or steel.

Nails, tacks, staples, hook-nails, corrugated nails, spiked cramps, studs, spikes and drawing pins, of iron or steel, whether or not with heads of other materials, but not including such articles with heads of copper.

Sewing-machine hoods.

Copper, nickel, lead, zinc, tin, and articles thereof.

Aluminium and articles thereof except aluminium foil.

Spades, shovels, picks, hoes, forks and rakes, and similar articles.

Non-mechanical saws.

Anvils, vices and clamps, and similar articles.

Interchangeable tools for hand tools, for machine tools or for power-operated hand tools (for example, for pressing, stamping, drilling, tapping, threading, boring, broaching, milling, cutting, turning, dressing, morticing or screw driving), including dies for wire drawing, extrusion dies for metal, and rock drilling bits.

Knives and cutting blades, for machines or for mechanical appliances.

Scissors.

Paper knives, hair clippers and similar articles of cutting.

Locks and padlocks.

Safes, strong-boxes, armoured or reinforced strong-rooms, strong-room linings, and strong-room doors, and cash and deed boxes and the like, of base metal.

Filing cabinets and office furniture.

Statuettes.

Flexible tubing and piping of base metal.

Sign plates, name plates, numbers, letters and other signs of base metal.

Auxiliary plant for use with steam and other vapour generating boilers (for example, economisers, super-heaters, soot removers, gas removers and the like); condensers for vapour engines and power units.
Gas turbine engines
Air conditioning machines, self-contained,
comprising a motor-driven fan and elements for
changing the temperature and humidity of air
Coffee percolators
Various other types of machinery
Industrial and laboratory electric furnaces and ovens;
electric induction and dielectric heating equipment;
electric welding, brazing and soldering machines and
apparatus and similar electric machines and apparatus
for cutting
Electrical conduit tubing and joints therefor,
of base metal lined with insulated material
Railway and tramway locomotives,
rolling-stock and parts thereof
Certain types of tractors
Invalid carriages, fitted with means of mechanical
propulsion (motorized or not)
Balloons, airships, gliders and kites
Parachutes
Astronomical instruments (for example, reflecting
telescopes, transit instruments and equatorial
telescopes), and mountings therefor, but not
including instruments for radio-astronomy
Gas masks and similar respirators
Calorimeters and similar instruments
Watches
Musical instruments
Accessories and parts for gramophones,
dictating machines, etc.
Furniture, bedding, mattresses and cushions
Ivory and carving material
Brooms, brushes, feather dusters and sieves
Carnival articles
Fish-hooks, line fishing rods and tackle;
fish landing nets and butterfly nets; decoy "birds", lark
mirrors and similar hunting or shooting requisites
Roundabouts, swings, shooting galleries and other
fair-ground amusements; travelling circuses,
travelling menageries and travelling theatres
Pen nibs and nib points
Typewriter ribbons
Sealing wax
Mechanical lighters and other smoking requisites

The complete list is available for consultation at the secretariat.