The following notification has been received from the delegation of Czechoslovakia in response to the Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures annexed to document L/5106 and replaces the relevant data previously submitted by Czechoslovakia in document COM.IND/W/55 - COM.AG/W/72/Add.26.

Goods may be imported into Czechoslovakia without licensing requirement unless otherwise provided in the following sections. The information reproduced below describes four import licensing arrangements/procedures which operate under various legislative measures. Their scope covers:

1. Live animals and animal products
2. Plants and vegetable products
3. Narcotics
4. Arms, ammunition and explosives.

1. Live Animals and Animal Products

Outline of the system

1. A veterinary licence is required for importation of all animals and animal products.

Purpose and coverage of the licensing

2. See No. 1 above.

3. The system is applied to goods originating in and coming from all countries. Imports are permitted under specified conditions guaranteeing that the animal diseases cannot be brought into Czechoslovakia.

4. The licensing procedure is not intended to restrict the quantity or value of items identified in No. 1 above and no quotas exist. The veterinary licensing system is intended to ensure that all mentioned items are imported in conformity with Czechoslovakia's sanitary health regulations.
5. The Law No. 66/1961 of Veterinary Care. 
The Public Notice of the Ministry of Agriculture No. 154 of 
3 December 1961 as amended by the Public Notice of the Federal 

Procedures

6. Not applicable.

7. (a) and (b) In the case of live animals and animal products, a 
veterinary licence must be issued prior to the importation. On arrival 
at the place of entry or destination the items covered by the 
veterinary licence are subject to veterinary inspection and accompanying 
veterinary certificate is controlled to ensure that import health 
requirements are met. Licences are granted promptly upon application.

(c) There are no limitations.

(d) The consideration of licence application is effected by a single 
administrative organ, i.e. by the Veterinary Service of the Federal 
Ministry of Agriculture.

8. An application for a licence is refused when ordinary criteria are not 
met. The applicant for the licence is always notified of the reason for the 
rejection.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. Eligible to apply for licences are foreign*-trade enterprises, other 
Czechoslovak legal persons and foreign persons on the basis and within the 
limits of their authorization to engage in foreign trade. The list of 
authorized importers is published.

Documentational and other requirements for application of licence

10. Application must be made in writing and must specify the species, 
quantities, date of arrival, country of origin, purpose of import, means of 
transport and form of packing.

11. In addition to the usual accompanying documents a veterinary certificate 
issued by veterinary services of the country of origin is required.

12. There is no licensing fee or administrative charge.

13. No deposit or advance payments are required.
Conditions of Licensing

14. The validity of the licence is determined for a definitive period according to the species of the goods.

15. There is no penalty for the non-utilization of a licence or a portion of a licence.

16. Licences cannot be transferred between importers.

17. There are no other conditions attached to the issue of a licence.

Other procedural requirements

18. There are no other administrative procedures required prior to importation, apart from the veterinary regulations.

19. Foreign exchange is automatically available for imports covered by issued veterinary licences.

2. Plants and Vegetable Products

Outline of the system

1. The importation of plants and vegetable products specified in the relevant public notice of the Ministry of Agriculture (see reply number 5) requires a special import licence.

Purpose and coverage of the licensing

2. See reply number 1 above.

3. The system is applied to goods originating in and coming from all countries. Imports are permitted from those countries which are able to deliver goods according to Czechoslovak health and phytosanitary requirements.

4. The licensing procedure is not intended to restrict the quantity or value of items identified in reply number 1 above and no quotas exist. The system is intended to ensure that all mentioned items are imported in conformity with Czechoslovak health and phytosanitary regulations.

Procedures

6. Not applicable.

7. (a) and (b) In the case of plants and vegetable products a licence must be issued prior to the importation. On arrival at the place of entry or destination the items covered by the system are subject to phytopathological inspection. Licences are granted promptly upon application.

(c) There are no limitations.

(d) The consideration of licence applications is effected by a single administrative organ, i.e. by the Ministry of Agriculture.

8. An application for a licence is refused when ordinary criteria are not met. The applicant for the licence is always notified of the reason for the rejection.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licence

9. Eligible to apply for licences are foreign-trade enterprises, other Czechoslovak legal persons and foreign persons on the basis and within the limits of their authorization to engage in foreign trade. The list of authorized importers is published.

Documentational and other requirements for application of licence

10. Application must be made in writing and must specify the species, quantities, date of arrival, country of origin, purpose of import, means of transport and form of packing.

11. In addition to the usual accompanying documents a phytopathological certificate issued by the relevant body in the country of origin is required.

12. There is no licensing fee or administrative charge.

13. No deposits or advance payments are required.

Conditions of licensing

14. The validity of the licence is determined for a definitive period according to the species of the goods.

15. There is no penalty for the non-utilization of a licence or a portion of a licence.

16. Licences cannot be transferred between importers.
17. There are no other conditions attached to the issue of a licence.

Other procedural requirements

18. There are no other administrative procedures, required prior to importation, apart from the health and phytosanitary regulations.

19. Foreign exchange is automatically available for import covered by issued licence.

3. Narcotics

Outline of the system

1. The importation into Czechoslovakia of narcotics is subject to import licensing to ensure that import procedures and movement of narcotics are in conformity with Czechoslovak international obligations and domestic regulations and meet Czechoslovak medical requirements.

Purposes and coverage of the licensing

2. The importer of narcotics must apply for a licence (authorization) to cover each importation, specifying the origin, quantity and type of narcotics.

3. The system applies to narcotics originating in and coming from all countries.

4. Licences are granted only for import of narcotics for the purposes of medical treatment, for veterinary purposes and for purposes of scientific research. The licensing is intended to protect public health, to meet Czechoslovak's international obligations and medical requirements and to ensure that the quantities imported are within the balance of estimates authorized by international narcotics authorities. Consequently, all narcotics are subject to quantitative restrictions.


Procedures

6. (a) Allocations of quotas of narcotics are not published. Importers are advised in the event that quantities requested are in excess of quotas. The allocation of quotas and granting of licences for imports of narcotics is based on expected medical, veterinary and scientific research demand.

(b) The quotas of narcotics are annual.
(c) Licences for imports are issued to authorized importers only.

(d) Quotas are on a calendar-year basis.

(e) Licences are granted within five working days of receipt of the application.

(f) Validity of the import licences enables imports under annual quota.

(g) All applications for import of narcotics are sent to the Ministry of Health which examines the application and grants the import licence.

(h) Licences are granted on a first-come-first-served basis.

(i) Under the international estimate system and the international licensing system, narcotics covered by an import licence must also be covered by an export permit issued by the narcotics authorities of the supplying country. Both permits are documented by narcotics authorities of the opposite country.

(j) Not applicable

(k) No

7. (a) Not applicable

(b) Not applicable

(c) Not applicable

(d) Not applicable

8. In the case of narcotics, an application for a licence can be refused if there is an insufficient quota balance. The reason for refusal is given to the applicant.

Eligibility of importers to apply for licences

9. Eligible to apply for licences are foreign-trade enterprises, other Czechoslovak legal persons and foreign persons on the basis and within the limits of their authorization to import narcotics. The list of authorized importers is published.

Documentational and other requirements for application of licence

10. Application must be made in writing and must specify the species to be imported.
11. The import licence
12. There is no licensing fee or administrative charge.
13. No deposits or advance payments are required.

Conditions of Licensing
14. Validity of the import licence enables imports under the annual quota.
15. There is no penalty for the non-utilization of a licence or a portion of a licence.
16. Licences cannot be transferred between importers.
17. There are no other conditions attached to the issue of a licence.

Other procedural requirements
18. There are no other administrative procedures, required prior to importation, apart from the regulations on narcotics.
19. Foreign exchange is automatically available for import covered by issued licence.

4. Arms, Ammunition and Explosives

The possession and use as well as the importation of arms, ammunition and explosives are regulated by internal provisions. These provisions are not published and information relating to their implementation is not furnished for reasons of protection of essential security interests.