AUSTRALIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

Addendum

The Australian Government has transmitted the text of the following "Licensing Instructions" which outlines the import restrictions applied on goods originating in non-dollar countries with effect from 1 October 1955.

LICENSING INSTRUCTIONS NO. (1955) 52

Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations
Import Restrictions on Goods the origin of
Non-dollar Countries

1. The following variations in the import licensing measures applied to goods originating in non-dollar countries will come into operation on 1 October 1955.

2. Where this Instruction refers to a reduction by a specified percentage it means that, as from 1 October 1955, the quotas which were applicable in the July/September 1955 quarter are to be reduced by that percentage.

3. Quota Adjustments

(a) Category "B"

(i) With the exception of quotas specially granted for textiles for manufacturing purposes, all quotas for category "B" goods will be reduced by 25 per cent. For example, an importer who had a category "B" quota of £12,000 for the July/September 1955 licensing period will be eligible for licences for category "B" goods up to an amount of £9,000 during the quarter commencing 1 October 1955.

(ii) Special quotas established for textiles for manufacturing purposes will be reduced by 12½ per cent.

4. Category "A"

(i) The following items which are at present listed in the Schedule of Categories as category "A", will be transferred to the Adm.* category:
Item 133(A)  
Ex Item 137(A)(2) Balance  
Item 137(B)  
Ex Item 139(B)  
Ex Item 139 Balance  
Item 284(A)  
Item 392(A)(1)  
392(A)(5)  
Ex Item 392 Balance  
Item 407  
Ex Item 419 Balance

Meat Wraps  
Aluminium angles, bars etc.  
Aluminium wire  
Electrical resistance wire, tape and strip  
Brass, Britannia metal etc.  
Bacteriological products  
Yarns (other than jute and artificial silk)  
Ophthalmic instruments  
Surgical instruments

(ii) Quotas for goods which, as from 1 October 1955 are listed in the Schedule of Categories as category "A" will, from that date, be reduced by 12\(\frac{1}{2}\) per cent. For example, an importer who had a quota of £1,000 during the July/September 1955 licensing period for goods included in Item 55 will be eligible for licences for such goods up to an amount of £875 during the quarter commencing 1 October 1955.

5. *adm.* category

(a) Items

(i) Quotas for the following items will be reduced by 25 per cent:

Item 22  
Ex Item 189  
Item 281(W)

(ii) Quotas for the following items will be reduced by 7\(\frac{1}{2}\) per cent:

Ex Item 3  
Item 43(A)(1)  
Ex Item 51(C)  
Item 77  
Ex Item 88  
Item 90(B)  
Item 91(D)  
Ex Item 105(A)(1)  
Items 129(C) and 334(M)  
Item 133(A)  
Ex Item 137(A)(2)  
Item 137(A)(3)  
Item 137(B)  
Ex Item 139(B)

Whisky  
Tuna  
Iodised salt  
Choose bandages and cheese cap material  
Balance  
Nickel alloy angles, bars, channels pipes, plates, rods, sheet, strips, toes and tubes not further manufactured than plated, polished or decorated; nickel alloy wire
Ex Item 139(B)
Ex Item 139
Item 176(K)
Item 176(U)(3)
Ex Item 181(C)
Ex Item 208(A)
Item 213
Ex Item 215(B)(1)
Ex Item 215(B)(2)
Ex Item 215
Item 240(A)
Items 242(D) and 242(E)
Item 249(A)
Item 249(B)
Item 248(A)
Ex Item 311
Ex Item 318(U)(3)
Item 319(D)
Item 320(C)(1)
Item 334(B)
Item 350
Item 351(D)(2)
Ex Item 369(C)
Item 379
Item 392(A)(1)
Item 392(A)(5)
Ex Item 392
Item 407
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(iii) Item 32 (molasses) will be transferred from Adm.* to Adm.

(b) **Banks**

(i) Quotas for the following Banks will be reduced by 7½ per cent:

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(ii) Quotas for Bank A10 will be reduced by 12½ per cent;

(iii) Quotas for Bank A16 will be reduced by 25 per cent.

6. **Japan**

The ceilings applicable to certain goods of Japanese origin (vide Annex A to Licensing Instruction 1954/76 as amended) will be reduced by percentages corresponding with the various percentage reductions set out in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

7. **Quotas established as from 1 October 1955**

Similar adjustments to those outlined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 will be made, where relevant, to new quotas or increased quotas which have been granted to operate as from 1 October 1955, unless specific instructions to the contrary have been given in a particular case.

8. **Seasonal goods**

Adjustments to quotas for goods which are licensed on a seasonal basis will be made in accordance with the various percentage reductions set out in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

9. **Commodities licensed on a world basis**

(a) As from 1 October 1955 certain commodities will be licensed on a world basis. In other words, allocations may be used to import these goods from dollar or non-dollar countries. The items in this group will be subject to administrative control and will be distinguished in the Schedule of Categories by the symbol "Adm. (W)" appearing in the column headed "Licensing Treatment."
(b) The commodities to be licensed on a world basis are:

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<td>Nickel ingots and nickel shot</td>
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<td>Copper blocks, ingots and pigs</td>
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<td>Item 140(A)</td>
<td>Titanium dioxide</td>
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<td>Ex Item 231(E)</td>
<td>Sulphur</td>
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<td>Pulp for manufacturing paper</td>
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<td>Crude asbestos</td>
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<td>Item 374(E)</td>
<td>Raw cotton</td>
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10. Abolition of Import Licences Committees

(a) As the Hon. the Minister for Trade and Customs announced on behalf of the Government, it will no longer be possible to grant special licenses or licenses in excess of quotas or to grant new or increased quotas. Accordingly the special committees set up in each State to examine applications of this type have been abolished and all applications at present in the hands of the Committee will be refused.

(b) Licensing Instruction 1955/17 is hereby cancelled.

11. Schedule of Categories

Arrangements are being made for a new Schedule of Categories to be printed and it is expected that supplies will be available early in October. Meanwhile, the following amendments are to be made to the existing Schedule of Categories consequent upon the above variations:

- Delete "Adm.*" and insert "Adm. (W)"
- Delete "Adm.*" and insert "Adm. (W)"
- Delete "Adm.*" and insert "Adm. (W)"
- Delete "Adm.*" and insert "Adm. (W)"
- Delete "A" and insert "Adm.**"
- Delete the whole references and insert:

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"Ex 137(A)(1)  Aluminium ingots ...........  Adm. (W)
Ex 137(A)(1)  Nickel ingots and nickel shot .................  Adm. (W)
Ex 137(A)(1)  Balance  ......................  Adm.**
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Ex Item 137(A)(2) Balance delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"
Item 137(B) delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"

Ex Item 139(A) - Aluminium alloy ingots -
delote "adm" and insert "Adm.(W)"

Ex Item 139(B) - Electrical resistance wire, tape and strip
delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"

Ex Item 139 Balance
delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"

Item 140 delete the whole reference and insert:

"140(A) ......................... Adm.(W)
140(B) ......................... Adm.
140(C)  ......................... Adm."

Ex Item 231(B) - Titanium dioxide
delete "adm." and insert "Adm.(W)"

Item 275 delete the whole reference and insert:

"275  ......................... Adm.(W)"

Item 284(A) delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"
Item 334(A) delete "Adm.*" and insert "Adm.(W)"
Item 334(C) delete "Adm." and insert "Adm.(W)"
Item 374(E) delete "Adm.*" and insert "Adm.(W)"

Item 392 delete the whole references and inserts:

"392(A)(1) ...................... Adm.*(J)
392(A)(5) ...................... Adm.*(J)
392(E)  ......................... Adm.*
392(G)  ......................... Adm.(J)
Ex 392 Balance ................ Adm.*"

Item 407 delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"

Ex Item 419 Balance
delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"

Item 432 delete "N.Q.R." and insert "Adm.(W)"