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REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON LICENSING

MALTA

Corrigendum

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

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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.



- 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)  
ex. 61.10( 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 Figs' 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 ceps
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
60.02)	Gloves leather
ex. 61.10(	
	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	Fliers
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)  
08.06/09( Fruits, fresh of the local type
- 08.10 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  
27.04 Coal and coke
- 33.06 A Toothpaste
- 44.05 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 suitcases
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) 85.04 C(	Batteries for motor vehicles and marine craft and plates therefor
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       Pantikose 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 (CO 2)
39.02 A 39.07 B	Expanded polystyrene and products thereof
ex. 39.02 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 Dusts, 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. 73.38 Baths exceeding 5ft 6ins in length or metric equivalent
- ex. 73.40 Railings of an ornamental nature
- ex. 74.19 Tabernacle doors
- ex. 76.02) Aluminium structures and sections used in the manufacture of such structures
- ex. 76.08(
- 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. 84.46(
- ex. 84.52 Cash registers, calculating machines and similar machines, not suitable for currency in cents and mills

- 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 busses, 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  
97.05( substances which represent a hazard to  
97.05) health, even if a caution is included on any label or wrapper or container.
- ex. 97.03 Soft toys made of fabric
- ex. 97.04 Amusement Automatic machines
- ex. 19.05 Savoury snacks with a base of potatoes,  
ex. 21.07 F maize or rice
- 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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