

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Limited Distribution

NORWEGIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

New Liberalization Measures

The Government of Norway has advised the GATT secretariat that the items listed below were liberalized as from 1 April 1961:

Cleaned feathers and down for bedding;

Travel goods and other similar articles of leather or composition leather or of vulcanized fibre, of artificial plastic sheeting, of paper board or of textile fabric;

Articles of glove leather, also trimmed with furskin or other materials;

Leather gloves;

Belts and bandoleers;

Wheeled toys, designed to be ridden by children, (e.g. toy bicycles and tricycles and pedal motor cars), dolls prams;

Dolls;

Other toys; working models of a kind used for recreational purposes.

Effective 1 May 1961 the following products were liberalized:

Bananas, fresh or dried;

Oranges and mandarins, fresh or dried;

Various types of oils including: linseed oil, palm oil, sesamum oil, mustard seed oil, animal and vegetable oils, boiled, oxydised, dehydrated, sulphurised, blown, polymerised or otherwise modified;

Vegetable fatty acids with high melting-point;

Cocoa powder, unsweetened;

Cocoa powder, sweetened;

Sugar confectionery (except liquorice) not containing cocoa, in bulk;

Macaroni, spaghetti and similar products;

Sauces, other mixed condiments and seasonings;
Active yeast;
Other active yeast but not wine yeast;
Coffee pasta; cooked ravioli, macaroni,
spaghetti and the like;
Beverages, including beer, wine and vermouth,
and ethyl alcohol;
Colloidal precious metals; amalgams of precious
metals; salts and other inorganic or organic
compounds of precious metals, including
albuminates, protinates, tannates and similar
compounds, whether or not chemically defined;
Varnishes and lacquers, clear or pigmented;
distempers; water pigments for leather; other
paints and enamels; pigments shredded in linseed
oil, white spirit, spirits of turpentine, varnish
or other paint or enamel media; stamping foils;
insoluble dyes in forms or packings of a kind
sold by retail; (except stamping foils, pearl
essence and packed dyes);
Putty and painters' fillings, containing oil;
Perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations;
Soap, except soap powder and household soap;
Organic surface active agents;
Polishes and creams, for footwear, furniture or
floors, metal polishes, scouring powders and
similar preparations, but excluding certain prepared
waxes;
Candles, tapers, nightlights and the like;
Pyrotechnic articles (for example, fireworks,
railway fog signals, amorces, rain rockets)
except distress rockets, flares and the like;
Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose
esters and ethers and articles thereof;
Eriezes, for parquet flooring;
"Improved" wood, in sheets, blocks or the like;
Other articles of wood;
Agglomerated cork (with or without a binding
substance) and articles of agglomerated cork
(except packings for motor car engines);
Basket work, wickerwork, etc. made directly
to shape of plaiting materials; articles of
loofah (except of shavings or undebarked twigs
and baskets for glass carboys);

Paper and paperboard, impregnated, coated, surface-coloured, surface-decorated or printed (not being merely ruled, lined or squared and not constituting printed matter) in rolls or sheets;

Boxes, bags and other packing containers, of paper or paperboard (except finished wrappers for cigarette paper);

Other articles of paper pulp, paper, paperboard or cellulose wadding;

Serviettes;

Handkerchiefs and towels;

Table cloths, sheets and the like;

Filters for coffee percolators and the like;

Pipes, not for technical use, including drinking straws;

Stamps;

Road and paving sets of natural stone;

Statuettes and other ornaments and articles of personal adornment; articles of furniture;

Refractory glassware;

Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery;

Coin;

Stranded wire, cables, cordage, ropes, plaited bands, slings and the like of iron or steel wire, but excluding insulated electric cables;

Wire nails of a length under 45 mm. of iron or steel;

Wire nails, other, of iron or steel;

Cast enamelled bath tubs;

Spoons and forks of silver-plated aluminium;

Spoons and forks of silver-plated steel;

Spoons and forks, silver-plated, other;

Spoons and forks of aluminium, not silver-plated;

Internal combustion piston engines (except engines for motor cars, aeroplanes, mo-peds and motor cycles including other engines under 100 ehp. and over 699 ehp.);

Non-electric refrigerators;
Rotary presses;
Trucks;
Chassis fitted with an engine and cab
(except for trucks weighing 1,350 kg.
and more);
Special purpose motor lorries and vans (such
as breakdown lorries, fire engines, fire
escapes, snow ploughs, spraying lorries, crane
lorries, searchlight lorries, mobile workshops
and mobile radiological units);
Chassis fitted with engines, for the motor
vehicles falling within headings Nos. 8701, 8702
or 8703 (except engines for tractors, buses,
lorries without cabs of a minimum weight of
1,200 kg. each);
Auto-cycles and cycles fitted with side-cars,
with a cylinder capacity of more than 50 cc;
Camping trailers;
Trailers for motor cycles;
Pleasure boats and craft; competition rowing
boats (except carvel built);
Tape recorders;
Chairs and other seats of wood and upholstered
or covered; with gilding; made of foreign
wood;
Furniture of steel;
Fishing rods;
Pencils.

On 1 July 1961 fertilizers (superphosphates) were liberalized.

The following items will be liberalized on 1 January 1962:

Prepared foods obtained by the swelling or
roasting of cereals (puffed rice, corn flakes
and the like, except semi-manufactures);
Soups and broths in liquid, solid or powder
form (except of fish, crustaceans or molluscs);
Household soaps;
Building board of wood pulp or vegetable fibre,
whether or not lined with natural or artificial
resins or with similar binders;
Soil pipes of iron and steel, and parts.

As a result of the above measures, by the beginning of 1962 the main items remaining subject to restriction in Norway will be coffee, sugar, some vegetable oils, chocolate, plywood, television receivers, aircraft and ships.

The Government of Norway advised the secretariat that the introduction of the above-mentioned liberalization measures will lead to an increase of the liberalization percentage vis-à-vis OEEC countries from 33.2 to 35.2 as from 1 January 1962 (on the basis of 1948 imports on private account). Vis-à-vis the dollar area the liberalization percentage will increase from 94.3 to 95.1 (on the basis of 1953 imports on private account).

A consolidated negative list of items for which import licences are still required has been deposited with the secretariat and may be consulted upon request.