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IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA

Further Notification and List of Remaining Restrictions

The following communication, dated 19 December 1969, has been received from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of South Africa.

1. I acknowledge receipt of your letter No. XII/102/SAF of 10 December 1969, and would like to say that, following on its decision to disinvoke its recourse to Article XII as justification for its remaining import restrictions, the South African Government has introduced a substantial simplification of its import control system as a further step towards compliance with its obligations under the General Agreement.
2. Concurrently with the simplification of its import control system the South African Government has also introduced the following relaxations of its restrictions:
 - (a) twenty commodities have been added to the "permit free" list; and
 - (b) the "restricted list" has been discontinued. This has resulted in a substantial liberalization of the restrictions on those categories of consumer goods which appeared in that list.
3. In this regard I may recall that, as is known to you, my Government has progressively relaxed its import restrictions over the last few years.
4. Details of the new system, which will come into operation on 1 January 1970, are set out in the annexure to this letter. In brief the new system, which covers the total import trade of South Africa, comprises three lists of commodities, namely:
 - (a) goods which may be imported without an import permit;
 - (b) goods for which permits are granted to meet full reasonable requirements; and
 - (c) goods for which quotas are determined from time to time.

5. The South African Government has directed me to advise you that it will transmit to you at an early date a notification of those of its restrictions which are being applied inconsistently with the provisions of the General Agreement. In this notification I shall also communicate to you, on behalf of my Government, the Government's proposals with regard to further progress towards the dismantling of its remaining restrictions which are being applied inconsistently with the provisions of the General Agreement.

NOTIFICATION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

SOUTH AFRICA

The goods mentioned in Annex A may be imported without an import permit. Permits for the importation of the classes and kinds of goods specified in Annexes B and C are granted on the following bases:

Annex B - Permits are granted on application to bona fide merchants and manufacturers to meet their full reasonable requirements.

Annex C - Permits are granted to individual importers in accordance with quotas determined from time to time.

South Africa's import restrictions do not distinguish between sources of supply. Permits are valid for the importation of goods from any country.

PRETORIA
18 December 1969

Annex A

GOODS WHICH MAY BE IMPORTED WITHOUT AN IMPORT PERMIT

Description of goods	Tariff heading No.
Animals and birds, live	01.01 01.02 01.03 01.04 01.05 01.06
Sausage casings (animal)	ex 05.04
Rice	10.06
Sausage casings (other)	ex 39.07
Petrol and aviation spirit	ex 48.21
Kerosene	ex 27.07
Distillate fuels and residual fuel oils	ex 27.10
Crude oil	ex 27.07
White spirit	ex 27.10
Lubricating greases	ex 27.10
Lubricating oils	ex 34.03
Petroleum jelly	27.12
Benzine, toluene, xylene, hexane, heptane, octane	ex 29.01
Lifesaving rockets and flares	ex 36.05
X-ray plates and film	ex 37.01
Sensitized photographic paper, but excluding diazocoated paper for dry and moist development processes for plan reproduction and office copying	ex 37.02
Buckles, including buckle-slides and buckle-clasps and metal clasps therefor; buckle moulds, hooks; hooks and eyes; hooks and bars and waisthooks; trouser clips and slides; dress shields, crochet hooks; thimbles	ex 37.03
Rubber bands	ex 39.07
Erasers	ex 40.13
	ex 61.11
	ex 73.33
	ex 73.40
	ex 83.09
	ex 40.14
	ex 40.14

Description of goods	Tariff heading No.
Lifebuoys and lifebelts	ex 45.03
	ex 45.04
	ex 70.21
Printed pattern paper for the clothing industry	ex 48.03
	ex 48.07
Stencil sheets for duplicating	ex 48.07
	ex 48.13
Record binders	ex 48.18
Telephone indexes and refills	ex 48.18
Pocket diaries and refills	ex 48.18
Desk diaries and refills	ex 48.18
Offset duplicating masters	ex 48.21
Belt backing; plain paper patterns, or those with printed instructions, for dressmaking, and printed envelopes in which such patterns are imported	ex 48.21
Printed books, booklets, brochures, pamphlets and leaflets	ex 49.01
	ex 49.11
Newspapers and periodicals	ex 49.02
Children's picture books and painting books	49.03
Music, printed or in manuscript	49.04
Maps, charts, atlases and terrestrial and celestial globes	49.05
Transfers (decalcomanias)	ex 49.08
Catalogues; price lists and trade publications, paper dressmaking pattern catalogues; printers' proofs	ex 49.11
Wool	53.01
	ex 53.05
Wool noils	ex 53.03
Wool tops	ex 53.05
Waistbanding in the piece	ex 58.05
	ex 61.11
Belt backing; eyeletted tape and hook-and-eye tape	ex 58.05
	ex 83.09
Elastic, tape, braid, webbing ribbon and bindings; cloth labels and tabs with woven inscriptions	ex 58.05
	ex 58.06
	ex 58.07
	ex 59.13
Dressing gown cord; narrow woven textile fabrics with woven fringes; ornamental trimmings in the piece; loops and loopings for the overall and clothing industry	ex 58.07
Buttonhold gimp yarn	ex 58.07
Tracing cloth	ex 59.07

Description of goods	Tariff heading No.
Elastic trouser bindings; elastic trimmings; not knitted or crocheted	ex 59.13
Secondhand overcoats	ex 63.01
Edgings, knitted, not elastic or rubberized; pyjama girdles	ex 60.05
Suspender ends and grips	ex 61.09
Shoulder and other pads; dressing gown girdles	ex 61.11
Elastic trouser bands; adjustable shoulder straps for women's underwear	ex 61.11
Headbands and chevrettes of leather or imitation leather, for headgear; peaks	ex 65.07
Diamonds, unworked and synthetic	ex 71.02
Shaving brushes	ex 71.03
	ex 71.13
Drawing pins	ex 96.02
	ex 73.31
	ex 74.14
Typewriter and office machine empty ribbon spools (metal)	ex 73.40
Caps, rivets and eyelets, eyelets	ex 73.32
	ex 74.15
	ex 76.16
	ex 83.09
	ex 39.07
	ex 76.16
Pins, including safety pins	ex 95.04
	ex 73.34
Metal fasteners for buttons	ex 74.19
	ex 73.40
Banding machines and tools	ex 82.04
	ex 84.19
Scissors	ex 82.12
Hair clippers	ex 82.13
	ex 85.07
Tower and turret bells and parts thereof	ex 83.11
Needles and spare parts for all domestic sewing machines	ex 84.41
Cheque-writing machines	ex 84.51
Typewriters	ex 84.51
Calculating machines	ex 84.52
	ex 84.53
Cash registers	ex 84.52
	ex 84.53
Accounting machines	ex 84.52
	ex 84.53

Description of goods	Tariff heading No.
Postage-franking machines	ex 84.52
Ticket-issuing machines	ex 84.52
Adding machines	ex 84.52
	ex 84.53
Continuous stationery processing machines for use in conjunction with electronic data processing machines	ex 84.53
Electronic data processing machines and ancillary and peripheral equipment and parts therefor	ex 84.53
Tabulators	ex 84.53
Book-keeping machines	ex 84.53
Change-giving machines	ex 84.54
Coin-counting and sorting machines	ex 84.54
Addressing machines	ex 84.54
Electronic stencil cutters	ex 84.54
Collating, folding, inserting and closing machines	ex 84.54
Perforators (for office use)	ex 84.54
Automatic typewriting equipment, when imported separately from typewriters	ex 84.54
Punches (for office use)	ex 84.54
Watch-cleaning machines	ex 84.59
Primary batteries of a type ordinarily used for deaf-aids	ex 85.03
Inter-office communication sets and equipment	ex 85.13
Tape recorder head sets	ex 85.13
Tape recorder microphones	ex 85.14
Amplifiers and speakers	ex 85.14
Electrostatic automatic document reproducers and peripheral and ancillary equipment and parts therefor	ex 90.07
Microscopes	ex 90.11
	ex 90.12
Surveying instruments	ex 90.14
Drawing and mathematical sets; set squares; protractors; school rulers; compasses; dividers and protractors of the cheap school type	ex 90.16
Medical, dental, surgical and veterinary instruments and appliances and electro-medical apparatus and ophthalmic instruments	90.17
Gas masks and other lifesaving equipment, including mine rescue apparatus	ex 90.18
Orthopaedic appliances, surgical belts, trusses and the like; artificial limbs, eyes and other artificial parts of the body (excluding artificial teeth)	ex 90.19

Description of goods	Tariff heading No.
Deaf-aids	ex 90.19
X-ray apparatus and accessories	ex 90.20
Scientific and laboratory instruments	ex 90.22
	ex 90.23
	ex 90.24
	ex 90.25
	ex 90.28
Air-pressure gauges	ex 90.24
Production meters	ex 90.26
Time registers and recorders excluding pigeon timing clocks	ex 91.05
Clock movements	91.08
	ex 91.11
Dictating machines	ex 92.11
Tape recorders	ex 92.11
Sound recorders	ex 92.11
Tape recorder foot controls	ex 92.11
Computer disc packs	ex 92.12
Magnetic recording tapes, cassettes and discs	ex 92.12
Empty spools	92.13
Verrey light pistols, line-throwing guns and the like for lifesaving	ex 93.04
Time recorder metal card racks	ex 94.03
	ex 83.04
Charting and planning boards	ex 94.03
Whalebone supports used in clothing	ex 95.05
Typewriter brushes	ex 96.02
Button moulds, snap fasteners; press-button tape; plain single shirt studs, other than those of metal, generally used in the clothing industry	ex 98.01
Penholders	ex 98.03
Marking pens	ex 98.03
Pen nibs	ex 98.04
Pencil leads; tailors' chalks	ex 98.05
Numbering machines	ex 98.07
Plastic carbon ribbons for typewriters	98.08
Plastic, silk and cotton computer ribbons	98.08
Corset busks and similar supports for articles of apparel or clothing accessories	98.13
Vacuum flasks and glass inners for vacuum flasks	ex 70.12
	ex 98.15

Annex B

GOODS FOR WHICH PERMITS ARE GRANTED TO MEET FULL REASONABLE REQUIREMENTS

- (i) Raw materials, components, consumable stores and maintenance spares other than those specified in Annex C;
- (ii) plant, machinery, equipment and spares therefor, other than those specified in Annex C;
- (iii) agricultural tractors, machinery and spares therefor, other than those specified in Annex C;
- (iv) commercial motor vehicles and spares therefor;
- (v) pedal cycles, components and spares therefor;
- (vi) components and sub-assemblies for passenger motor vehicles, covered by a currently valid manufacturing programme approved by or on behalf of the Minister of Economic Affairs;
- (vii) built-up passenger motor vehicles (S.U.P.), provided that such vehicles are imported by private individuals for their own use and the f.o.b. price is in excess of R 1,900;
- (viii) aircraft and gliders and spares therefor;
- (ix) electronic equipment and spares therefor;
- (x) machine and hand tools and spares therefor, other than those specified in Annex C;
- (xi) pharmaceutical products and requisites other than those specified in Annex C;
- (xii) fungicides, pesticides and insecticides;
- (xiii) hardwood and hardwood logs;
- (xiv) textile piece-goods other than those specified in Annex C;
- (xv) wines, all types, including champagne, liqueurs, cordials, mixed potable spirits and other potable spirits exceeding 3 per cent of proof spirits, and malt liquors;
- (xvi) artists' requirements and materials;
- (xvii) ships, boats and all other types of vessels and spares therefor;
- (xviii) all classes and kinds of goods not specified elsewhere in Annexes A or C.

Annex CGOODS FOR WHICH QUOTAS ARE DETERMINED FROM TIME TO TIME

Description of goods	Tariff heading No.
Raw materials, components, consumable stores and maintenance spares for new industries and expansions of existing industries	
Plant, machinery, equipment and spares therefor for new industries and expansions of existing industries	
Agricultural tractors, machinery and spares therefor, in respect of which after-sales services are not adequately provided for in the Republic of South Africa	
Fish (fresh, frozen, salted, in brine or dry), but excluding fry and roes, anchovies, caviar, lax, lobster, fish pastes, salted herrings and kippered herrings	ex 03.01 ex 03.02 03.03 16.04.
Fruits (bottled, tinned or otherwise preserved, including candied peel and dried fruit)	ex 16.05 ex 08.01 08.02 08.04 08.06 08.07 08.08 08.09 08.10 08.11 08.12 08.13
	ex 20.01 20.03
	ex 20.04 ex 20.06
Coffee, not roasted, roasted or ground; mixed coffee substitutes	ex 09.01 ex 21.01 ex 21.02
Crude and/or processed fish oil, including refined deodorized and hardened fish oil but excluding fats and oils imported under rebate of duty	ex 15.04 ex 15.12
Tung oil and oiticica oil	ex 15.07
Smoked "Saithe in oil"	ex 16.04
Sugar, including loaf and cube sugar and glucose	17.01 ex 17.02 ex 17.05

Description of goods	Tariff heading No.
Confectionery, including slab chocolate, ice-cream mixes made with sugar, sweetened cocoa or chocolate, sweetmeats, crystallized fruits, chow-chow, but excluding ice-cream, ginger preserved in syrup or brine or in some other manner and candied ginger	ex 17.04 ex 18.06 ex 20.04 ex 21.07 ex 97.05
Paste, pulp, purée, extract or concentrate of tomato	ex 20.02
Glacé cherries	ex 20.04
Mercury	ex 28.05
The following items shall include raw materials as well as the finished product in dosage form:	
Paracetamol	ex 29.25
Dicyclamine hydrochloride	ex 29.23
Amylobarbitone and its salts	ex 29.25
Phenacetin; pentobarbitone and its salts	ex 29.25
Quinalbarbitone and its salts	ex 29.25
Phenylbutazone	ex 29.25
Furazolidone	ex 29.25
Chlorpromazine hydrochloride	ex 29.35
Nitrofurazone	ex 29.35
Nitrofurantoin	ex 29.35
Piperazine salts	ex 29.35
Phenolphthalein	ex 29.37
Digoxin	ex 29.41
Quinine and quinidine and their salts	ex 29.42
Lignocaine and its salts	ex 30.03
Thiopentone and its salts	ex 30.03
Ethylchloride	ex 29.02
Acetylsalicylic acid and preparations thereof	ex 29.16
	ex 30.03
Salicylic acid and preparations thereof	ex 29.16
	ex 30.03
Methylsalicylate (raw material)	ex 29.16
Calcium methanesulphonate of isonicotinic acid hydrazide in raw material or finished dosage form	ex 29.35
Injections (in finished dosage and ampoule form):	
Vitamin B12 and vitamin B complex	ex 29.38
ACTH gel. solution and long-acting form (excluding the zinc salts)	ex 29.39
Injections containing salts of penicillin and/or salts of streptomycin	ex 29.44
	ex 30.03
Dental cartridges	ex 30.03
Hyaluronidase in raw material and/or in finished dosage form	
	ex 29.40
Narcotics derived from opium (in raw material and/or in finished dosage form)	
	ex 29.42

Description of goods	Tariff heading No.
Aerosols (containing in finished dosage form):	
Polymixin and/or neomycin and/or bacitracin	ex 29.44
	ex 30.03
Suture materials, surgical, sterile	30.05
Gold and any alloy of gold which is used for dental purposes	30.05
Fertilizers	31.01
	31.02
	31.03
	31.04
	31.05
Diazo-coated paper for dry and moist development processes for plan reproduction and office copying	ex 37.03
Insecticides with trichlorodi(chlorophenyl)-ethane (D.D.T.) as active ingredient	ex 38.11
Polystyrene	ex 39.02
Ethylene polymers and copolymers in liquid, paste, blocks, lumps, powders and similar bulk forms	ex 39.02
Polyvinyl chloride and copolymers in liquid paste, blocks, lumps, powders and similar bulk form	ex 39.02
Plastic containers for the collection of blood transfusion	ex 39.07
	ex 90.17
Jute bags (lined or unlined) and bags made from plastic or other material, of a kind used for the packing of goods	ex 39.07
	ex 62.03
All clothing (including infants' napkins), excluding	ex 39.07
second-hand overcoats, infants' knitted outerwear not	ex 40.13
exceeding 20 inches chest measurement, infants' nightwear	ex 42.03
not exceeding 27 inches in length, infants' petticoats	ex 43.03
not exceeding 18 inches in length, bibs, feeders and saris	ex 43.04
	ex 60.03
	60.04
	ex 60.05
	ex 60.06
	61.01
	61.02
	ex 61.03
	61.04
	ex 61.09
	ex 61.10
	ex 63.01
	ex 64.06
	ex 68.13
Natural rubber	ex 40.01
Rubber latex	40.02
Synthetic rubber	40.02
Latex camelback	40.11
Latex seamless tubing	ex 40.09

Description of goods	Tariff heading No.
Wood of coniferous species (in the rough, whether or not stripped of its bark or merely roughed down, roughly squared or half-squared or planed, but not further manufactured), boxes and shooks	44.01 ex 44.03 ex 44.04 ex 44.05 ex 44.15 ex 44.21
Basketwork and wickerwork	46.03
Postage stamps	49.07
Polyester fibres	99.04 ex 56.01 ex 56.02 ex 56.03 ex 56.04
Jute fibre, jute bagging and sacking and hessian	57.03 ex 57.10
Woven fabrics in which synthetic fibres (continuous and discontinuous) predominate, of a weight per square yard of not less than 4.2 ounces and woven fabrics in which cellulosic fibres (continuous and discontinuous) predominate and which contain not less than 30 per cent of combed wool or other combed animal hair or synthetic fibres or mixtures thereof, of a weight per square yard of not less than 4.2 ounces, but excluding fabrics imported under rebate of duty and used in the manufacture of boys' shorts, women's and girls' outer garments and infants' wear	50.09.15 50.09.25 50.10.15 50.10.25 51.04.70 51.04.85 56.07.80 56.07.87
Sisal, raw or processed and twine, rope and cordage produced from sisal	ex 57.04 ex 59.04
Graduated or calibrated pharmaceutical glassware	70.17
Unwrought gold in the form of bars, ingots, buttons, wire, plate, granules or in solution or in any other form whatsoever	ex 71.07
Any article or substance consisting of gold or containing gold which, although manufactured, is not as such an article of commerce	ex 71.07
Coins	72.01 99.05
Galvanized sheet steel in corrugated, flat, coil or strip form and cold-rolled steel in sheet, coil or strip form, but excluding stainless steel	ex 73.12 ex 73.13 ex 73.15
Pressure stoves (Primus stove type)	ex 73.36 ex 74.17
Zinc	ex 79.01
Serrated saw banding	ex 82.02

Description of goods	Tariff heading No.
Vices-mechanics', fitters', engineers', bench type (spindle-operated, with or without quick release), woodworkers or carpenters' (excluding table, leg, swivel and pipe vices, including the combination type)	ex 82.04
Hammers of base metal, being carpenters', claw, ballpein, club, sledge, joiners', telephone and brickhammers	ex 82.04
Screwdrivers, excluding the ratchet, screwholding and jewellers' types	ex 82.04
Hand punches - drive, rail, pin, centre, roofing and taper	ex 82.04
Trowels	ex 82.04
Twist drills - all types (excluding tungsten carbide drills and woodboring bitstock drills)	ex 82.04
Other masons' hand tools (excluding stone cutting combs and holders, pitching tools, chiselpoint and stone chisels and plumb bobs)	ex 82.05
Millings cutters, all types	ex 82.04
Miners' safety lamps (cap lamps), electric	ex 82.05
Pumps of the kind commonly used for the delivery of petrol or lubricating oil, fitted with measuring devices	ex 83.07
Weighing machinery, including weighing machine weights of all kinds	ex 85.10
Conveyors	ex 84.10
Scrapers	ex 84.20
Guillotines (excluding hand guillotines for use in the paper industry)	ex 84.22
Plate bending rolls	ex 84.23
Presses for the metal industry	ex 84.33
Press brakes	ex 90.10
Centre lathes	ex 84.45
Concrete mixers	ex 84.45
Electric floor polishers, including vacuum cleaner/floor polisher combinations	ex 84.56
Television apparatus and equipment	ex 85.06
Graphite electrodes	ex 85.15
Built-up passenger motor vehicles in S.U.P. form other than those specified in paragraph 2 of this notice	ex 85.24
Engines, chassis, body parts, sub-assemblies and other materials in C.K.D. or S.K.D. form for the assembly of passenger motor vehicles other than those specified in Annex B	ex 87.02
Coin-operated projectors	ex 87.02
	ex 87.04
	ex 87.05
	ex 87.06
	ex 90.08
	ex 90.09

Description of goods	Tariff heading No.
Balances of a sensitivity of five centigrammes or better, with or without their weights	ex 90.15
Metal levels - straight-edged, exceeding 12 inches in length, of an f.o.b. price not exceeding R 10 per level	ex 90.16
Medical tubes for endotracheal, tracheostomic and urological drainage as well as for anaesthesia and for veterinary purposes	ex 90.18
Gas supply meters	ex 90.26
Water supply meters for use with piping with an inside diameter not exceeding one inch	ex 90.26
Juke boxes, pin tables, novelty tables, coin-operated machines and amusement machines	ex 92.11
Firearms:	ex 97.04
9 mms. automatic pistols, .25 in. automatic pistols	ex 93.02
12 bore shotguns	ex 93.04
All single barrel sporting rifles between and including 0.22 in. and 0.375 in. calibres and including mm. calibres in this series	ex 93.04
Cartridges:	
7.62 mms., all kinds	ex 93.07
0.305 in., all kinds	
0.380 in., Smith and Wesson type	
0.308 in., all kinds	
0.25 in., pistol type	
0.5 in., all kinds	
9 mms., parabellum or luger	
0.22 in., all kinds	
0.22 in. and 0.25 in., for captive-bolt humane killers or stunners or for rivet guns	
12, 16, 20 and 0.410 bore shotgun cartridges	