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Ministry of Industry and Commerce

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Notification

On the Automatic and Non-automatic Licensing of Import and Export of Goods

To: Directors of Provincial and Capital Departments of Industry and Commerce throughout the country and all concerned parties

- Pursuant to Prime Minister's Decree on the Organization and Activities of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce No. 188/PM, dated 17 August 2006.
- Pursuant to Prime Minister's Decree on the Goods Import Licensing Procedures No. 180/PM, dated 07 July 2009.
- Pursuant to Government's Decree on the Import and Export of Goods No. 114/GOL, dated 6 April 2011.

The Minister of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce hereby issues the following notification:

I. Non-automatic licensing of import and export of goods

- 1) Non-automatic licensing of import and export of goods is applied to goods which are subject to quotas of import and export for the purposes of protecting life or health of human and animal and protecting environment and natural resources (Annex 1).
- 2) Importer or exporter of such goods shall lodge an application with the relevant authority as specified in Annex 1 of this Notification before each import or export of such goods.
- 3) The licensing consideration shall be based on a first-come, first-served basis. The timeframe for such consideration shall not exceed thirty days of the receipt of such application.
- 4) Supporting documents for the application for licensing of import or export of goods which are under the supervision of the industry and commerce authority include:

- (1) Application form
- (2) Commercial invoice

(3) Enterprise Registration Certificate or Investment License (one time)

(4) Tax Registration Certificate (one time)

(5) Technical and standard certification (if applicable).

For goods which are under the supervisions of other authorities as specified in Annex 1 hereof, regulations of such authorities shall apply.

II. Automatic licensing of import and export of goods

- 1) Automatic licensing of import and export of goods is applied to collect data and statistics. Importer or exporter shall lodge valid application documents in accordance with the conditions provided for (Annex 2).
- 2) Importer or exporter of goods which are subject to automatic licensing of import or export shall lodge an application with the relevant authority as specified in Annex 2 before each import or export of such goods.
- 3) The license shall be issued as soon as practicable but not later than 10 working days of the receipt of such application.
- 4) Supporting documents for the application for licensing of import or export of goods which are under the supervision of the industry and commerce authority include:

(1) Application form

(2) Commercial invoice

(3) Enterprise Registration Certificate or Investment License (one time)

(4) Tax Registration Certificate (one time)

(5) Technical and standard certification (if applicable).

For goods which are under the supervisions of other authorities as specified in Annex 2 hereof, regulations of such authorities shall apply.

III. Goods which are not listed in Annexes 1 or 2; not subject to sanitary or phytosanitary measures; or not subject to technical barriers to trade may directly go through customs clearance without requirement for relevant importer or exporter to obtain any import or export license of such goods.

IV. Change, withdrawal or revocation of the license

1. Where any change is required in the content of an import or export license, importer or exporter shall lodge an application and relevant documents with the relevant licensing authority.
2. Where an import or export license has been lost or damaged, importer or exporter shall promptly notify the licensing authority of such loss or damage and may lodge an application with such an authority for obtaining a replacing license.
3. Timeframe for consideration of changing or replacing the license shall comply with Section I.3 or II.3 above.

V. Term of the license

The term of any automatic or non-automatic import or export license shall comply with Article 5.6 of the Decree on the Import Licensing Procedures No. 180/PM, dated 07 July 2009.

VI. Implementation

Provincial and Capital Departments of Industry and Commerce, other relevant authorities and all concerned parties shall strictly comply with this Notification.

VII. Effectiveness

This Notification is effective after 30 days of its date of signature and replaces Notification No. 2151/MOIC.DIMEX, dated 30 October 2009. Any notifications or provisions which are incompatible with this Notification shall be hereby repealed.

Minister
Of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce,

[signed and sealed]

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