The Government of the Russian Federation resolves:

1. To supplement the list of specific goods (works, services) whose import is to be effected under licences, approved by the Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 854 of November 6, 1992 on the Licensing and Quoting of the Export and Import of Goods (Works, Services) on the Territory of the Russian Federation (Sobraniye aktov Presidentsa i Pravitelstva Rossii, 1992, No. 19, item 1589) with items reading as follows:

- "Strong spirituous beverages (of an alcoholic strength by volume of more than 28% vol)"
  - 2208 90 110, Ministry of Economics
  - 2208 90 190, of the Russian Federation
  - 2208 90 330
  - 2208 90 380, from 2208 90 410
  - 2208 90 450, from 2208 90 480
  - 2208 90 520, from 2208 90 570
  - 2208 90 690, from 2208 90 710
  - 2208 90 740, from 2208 90 780

2. To prohibit as from February 15, 1998 the importation into the customs territory of the Russian Federation of the alcoholic products indicated in Item 1 of the present Decision without the presence of the import licence, including in the case of the importation of those goods from the territory of the states comprising the Customs Union.

The State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation shall carry on the acceptance of applications and the issuance of excise and special marks for the alcoholic products indicated in Item 1 of the present Decision only in the presence of the licence for the import of such goods.


   a) Item 4 shall be set forth in the following wording:
   "4. The issuance of licences shall be carried out by the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations and Trade of the Russian Federation through its representatives in the regions, and in the case of the import of ethyl alcohol and alcoholic products of certain names, through the representative for the Central Region";

   b) Item 6 shall be supplemented with Subitem (i) reading as follows:
   "i) in the cases of the import of ethyl alcohol and alcoholic products of certain names also:
   a copy of the licence for the wholesale of such imported products;
   documents characterizing the financial condition of the importer".

4. To establish that the ensuring of the making of the customs payments for the imported alcoholic products that are subject to licensing in the importation, and also the record keeping of the licenses issued for the import of the said products shall be carried out in the procedure determined by the Decision of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 77 of January 28, 1997 on the Additional Measures for the Control over the Import of Ethyl Alcohol and Vodka (Sobraniye zakonodatelstva Rossiyskoy Federatsii, 1997, No. 5, item 685).

5. The Ministry of the Russian Federation for Cooperation with the Member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States and the State Customs Committee of the Russian Federation shall notify the member states of the Commonwealth of Independent States about the expansion of the types of the alcoholic products that are subject to licensing in the importation into the customs territory of the Russian Federation.


Chairman of the Government of the Russian Federation
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