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EXTENSION OF IMPORT CONTROLS BY  
SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Communication from the Government of Southern Rhodesia

The following note, dated January 9, 1952, has been received from the Government of Southern Rhodesia:

"In accordance with Section 2 of Annexure "J" of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, I have the honour to advise you that the Government of Southern Rhodesia has found it necessary to extend the existing Import Control over importations from the dollar area to include importations from the non-sterling non-dollar area. With this object, Government Notice No. 1005 of the 19th December, 1951, was issued, and I attach hereto for your information a copy of this Notice.

"This extension of the Import Control has been occasioned by the necessity for Southern Rhodesia's total payments on non-sterling account to remain in balance with the earnings from these areas.

"The Controls will therefore be operated in such a manner as to ensure that the allocations for the dollar area and those for the non-sterling non-dollar area do not exceed the estimated earnings in 1952, from the non-sterling area."

A N N E X

Import Control Order, 1951 (Order No 1)  
Government Notice No 1005, 19th December, 1951

UNDER the provisions of paragraph (b) of sub-section (1) of section 14 of the Exchange Control Act, 1948, as amended, the Minister of Finance hereby orders as follows:

1. This Order may be cited as the Import Control Order, 1951 (Order No 1).

2. In this Order, unless inconsistent with the context - "Scheduled Territory" shall mean any of the following countries:-

(1) The United Kingdom

(2) Any Dominion within the meaning of the Statute of Westminster, 1931, except Canada.

(3) Any part of His Majesty's Dominions not being a Dominion within the meaning of the Statute of Westminster, 1931, or a part of such a Dominion.

(4) Any territory in respect of which a mandate on behalf of the League of Nations has been accepted by His Majesty's Government and is being exercised by His Majesty's Government in the United Kingdom or the Government of any Dominion.

(5) Any British Protectorate or British-protected State.

(6) Burma.

(7) Iraq.

(8) Iceland.

(9) Jordan.

"Non- Scheduled Territory" shall mean any country not being a Scheduled Territory.

"Port of Entry" shall mean any Port of Entry as appointed by the Minister of Finance in terms of sub-section(a) of section 6 of the Customs and Excise Management Act (Chapter 136), as amended, and Victoria Falls.

3. No person shall, after the date of this Order, import goods which are the product or manufacture of any Non- Scheduled Territory except in accordance with a written permit issued by the Minister of Trade and Industrial Development or such officer as he may appoint to issue permits.

4. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Order it shall be lawful to import into Southern Rhodesia any goods which are the product or manufacture of any Non-Scheduled Territory provided -
  - (a) that the goods are raw produce of the soil of Portuguese East Africa, or
  - (b) that the goods, not being goods described in paragraph (a) of this Section, were shipped on or before 18th December, 1951, and that documentary evidence to the effect that the goods were shipped is produced to a Customs officer at the Port of Entry, at the time the goods arrive at the Port of Entry.
5. For the purposes of paragraph (b) of section 4 of this Order goods shall be regarded as having been shipped on or before 18th December, 1951 -
  - (a) in the case of goods shipped by sea, if On Board Bills of Lading are produced showing that the goods were delivered on or before 18th December, 1951, to the ship on which they were dispatched to an African port, for direct importation into Southern Rhodesia;
  - (b) in the case of goods dispatched by air, if documentary evidence is produced to the effect that the goods were placed on board an aircraft on or before 18th December, 1951, for direct dispatch to Southern Rhodesia;
  - (c) in the case of goods dispatched by rail, if documentary evidence is produced to the effect that the goods were delivered to railway authorities at any railway station, siding or other loading point in Africa on or before 18th December, 1951, for direct transportation to Southern Rhodesia.
6. The Import Control Order, 1950 (Order No 5) published in Government Notice No 988 of 1950, is hereby revoked.

EXPLANATORY NOTE : This notice has the effect of extending Import Control to cover all countries outside the "Sterling Area". Previously, Import Control was applied to goods produced or manufactured in the United States Dollar Area, Canada, Japan and Argentina, only.

Additional Note.

The licensing authority has stated that permits will be issued for goods which are covered by an order placed and confirmed before 19th December, 1951, subject to the goods being shipped by 31st March, 1952.

In order to prove the confirmation of an order the importer will be required when applying for a permit to produce to the Department of Trade and Industrial Development documentary evidence such as original correspondence, cables, invoices or pro forma invoices.

