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Addendum

The Australian Government has transmitted the text of the following "Licensing instructions" which outlines the import restrictions applied on goods originating in non-dollar countries with effect from 1 October 1955.

LICENSING INSTRUCTIONS NO.(1955)52

Customs (Import Licensing) Regulations Import Restrictions on Goods the origin of Non-dollar Countries

1. The following variations in the import licensing measures applied to goods originating in non-dollar countries will come into operation on 1 October 1955.
2. Where this Instruction refers to a reduction by a specified percentage it means that, as from 1 October 1955, the quotas which were applicable in the July/September 1955 quarter are to be reduced by that percentage.
3. Quota Adjustments
 - (a) Category "B"
 - (i) With the exception of quotas specially granted for textiles for manufacturing purposes, all quotas for category "B" goods will be reduced by 25 per cent. For example, an importer who had a category "B" quota of £12,000 for the July/September 1955 licensing period will be eligible for licences for category "B" goods up to an amount of £9,000 during the quarter commencing 1 October 1955.
 - (ii) Special quotas established for textiles for manufacturing purposes will be reduced by 12½ per cent.
4. Category "A"
 - (i) The following items which are at present listed in the Schedule of Categories as category "A", will be transferred to the Adm.* category:

Item 133(A)	Meat Wraps
Ex Item 137(A)(2) Balance	Aluminium angles, bars etc.
Item 137(B)	Aluminium wire
Ex Item 139(B)	Electrical resistance wire, tape and strip
Ex Item 139 Balance	Brass, Britannia metal etc.
Item 284(A)	Bacteriological products
Item 392(A)(1))	Yarns (other than jute and
392(A)(5))	artificial silk)
Ex Item 392 Balance)	
Item 407	Ophthalmic instruments
Ex Item 419 Balance	Surgical instruments

- (ii) Quotas for goods which, as from 1 October 1955 are listed in the Schedule of Categories as category "A" will, from that date, be reduced by 12½ per cent. For example, an importer who had a quota of £1,000 during the July/September 1955 licensing period for goods included in Item 55 will be eligible for licences for such goods up to an amount of £875 during the quarter commencing 1 October 1955.

5. Adm.* category

(a) Items

- (i) Quotas for the following items will be reduced by 25 per cent:

Item 22	
Ex Item 189	Sporting rifles
Item 281(W)	

- (ii) Quotas for the following items will be reduced by 7½ per cent:

Ex Item 3	Whisky
Item 43(A)(1)	
Ex Item 51(C)	Tuna
Item 77	
Ex Item 88	Iodised salt
Item 90(B)	
Item 91(D)	
Ex Item 105(A)(1)	Cheese bandages and cheese cap material
Items 129(C) and 334(M)	
Item 133(A)	
Ex Item 137(A)(2)	Balance
Item 137(A)(3)	
Item 137(B)	
Ex Item 139(B)	Nickel alloy angles, bars, channels pipes, plates, rods, sheet, strips, tees and tubes not further manufactured than plated, polished or decorated; nickel alloy wire

Ex Item 139(B)	Electrical resistance wire, tape and strip
Ex Item 139	Balance
Item 176(K)	
Item 176(U) (3)	
Ex Item 181(C)	Graphite electrodes including nipples
Ex Item 208(A)	Fencing posts
Item 213	
Ex Item 215(B) (1)	Flexible back metal cutting bandsaws
Ex Item 215(B) (2)	Handsaws
Ex Item 215	Highspeed steel hacksaw blades
Item 240(A)	
Items 242(D) and 242(E)	
Item 249(A)	
Item 249(B)	
Item 248(A)	
Ex Item 311	Precious stones, unset, including diamonds
Ex Item 318(A) (3)	Alarm clocks
Item 319(D)	
Item 320(C) (1)	
Item 334(B)	
Item 350	
Item 351(D) (2)	
Ex Item 369(C)	Polystyrene injection moulding powder
Item 379	
Item 392(A) (1)	
Item 392(A) (5)	
Ex Item 392	Balance
Item 407	
Item 418	
Item 419	
Item 444	
Item 450	
Ex Unspec	Abrasives
Ex Unspec	Mercury
Ex Unspec	Greasy and scoured wool and clippings (unprocessed)
Ex Unspec	Cotton waste, unmanufactured
Ex Unspec	Fibres other than of jute or flax
Ex Unspec	Hides and skins excluding fur skins, undressed
Ex Unspec	Waste for caffeine
Ex Unspec	Rosin
Ex Unspec	Earths and clays
Ex Unspec	Animal hair

(iii) Item 32 (molasses) will be transferred from Adm.* to Adm.

(b) Banks

(i) Quotas for the following Banks will be reduced by $7\frac{1}{2}$ per cent

Bank A1	B1	C2
A4	B2	C6
A5	B3	C7
A6	B6	C9
A11	B7	C10
A12	B12	C11
A13	B13	C12
A15	B14	C13
A17		
A18		
A19		

(ii) Quotas for Bank A10 will be reduced by $12\frac{1}{2}$ per cent;

(iii) Quotas for Bank A16 will be reduced by 25 per cent

6. Japan

The ceilings applicable to certain goods of Japanese origin (vide Annex A to Licensing Instruction 1954/76 as amended) will be reduced by percentages corresponding with the various percentage reductions set out in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

7. Quotas established as from 1 October 1955

Similar adjustments to those outlined in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 will be made, where relevant, to new quotas or increased quotas which have been granted to operate as from 1 October 1955, unless specific instructions to the contrary have been given in a particular case.

8. Seasonal goods

Adjustments to quotas for goods which are licensed on a seasonal basis will be made in accordance with the various percentage reductions set out in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5.

9. Commodities licensed on a world basis

(a) As from 1 October 1955 certain commodities will be licensed on a world basis. In other words, allocations may be used to import these goods from dollar or non-dollar countries. The items in this group will be subject to administrative control and will be distinguished in the Schedule of Categories by the symbol "Adm.(W)" appearing in the column headed "Licensing Treatment".

(b) The commodities to be licensed on a world basis are:

Item 18)	
Item 19)	Tobacco leaf
Item 23)	
Item 90(A)	Hog casings
Ex Item 137(A) (1)	Aluminium ingots
Ex Item 137(A) (1)	Nickel ingots and nickel shot
Ex Item 139(A)	Aluminium alloy ingots
Item 140(A)	Copper blocks, ingots and pigs
Ex Item 231(E)	Titanium dioxide
Item 275	Sulphur
Item 334(A)	Pulp for manufacturing paper
Item 334(C)	Newsprint
Item 374(E)	Crude asbestos
Item 432	Raw cotton

10. Abolition of Import Licences Committees

(a) As the Hon. the Minister for Trade and Customs announced on behalf of the Government, it will no longer be possible to grant special licenses or licenses in excess of quotas or to grant new or increased quotas. Accordingly the special committees set up in each State to examine applications of this type have been abolished and all applications at present in the hands of the Committee will be refused.

(b) Licensing Instruction 1955/17 is hereby cancelled.

11. Schedule of Categories

Arrangements are being made for a new Schedule of Categories to be printed and it is expected that supplies will be available early in October. Meanwhile, the following amendments are to be made to the existing Schedule of Categories consequent upon the above variations:

<u>Item 18</u>	delete "Adm.*" and insert "Adm.(W)"
<u>Item 19</u>	delete "Adm.*" and insert "Adm.(W)"
<u>Item 23</u>	delete "Adm.*" and insert "Adm.(W)"
<u>Item 90(A)</u>	delete "Adm." and insert "Adm.(W)"
<u>Item 133(A)</u>	delete "A" and insert "Adm.*"
<u>Item 137(A) (1)</u>	delete the whole references and insert:

"Ex 137(A) (1)	Aluminium ingots	Adm.(W)
Ex 137(A) (1)	Nickel ingots and nickel	
	shot	Adm.(W)
Ex 137(A) (1)	Balance	Adm.*"

Ex Item 137(A) (2) Balance delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"
Item 137(B) delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"
Ex Item 139(A) - Aluminium alloy ingots -
delete "Adm" and insert "Adm.(W)"
Ex Item 139(B) - Electrical resistance wire, tape and strip
delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"
Ex Item 139 Balance delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"
Item 140 delete the whole reference and insert:
"140(A)Adm.(W)
140(B)Adm.
140(C)Adm."
Ex Item 231(E) - Titanium dioxide
delete "Adm." and insert "Adm.(W)"
Item 275 delete the whole reference and insert:
"275 Adm.(W)"
Item 284(A) delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"
Item 334(A) delete "Adm.*" and insert "Adm.(W)"
Item 334(C) delete "Adm." and insert "Adm.(W)"
Item 374(E) delete "Adm.*" and insert "Adm.(W)"
Item 392 delete the whole references and insert:
"392(A) (1)..... Adm.*(J)
392(A) (5)..... Adm.*(J)
392(E) Adm.*
392(G) Adm.(J)
Ex 392 Balance Adm.*"
Item 407 delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"
Ex Item 419 Balance delete 'A' and insert "Adm.*"
Item 432 delete "N.Q.R." and insert "Adm.(W)"

