

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

1. The following statement concerning application of South Africa's import restrictions, made by the Minister of Economic Affairs on 25 August 1965 has been communicated to the Director-General:

"In the previous press statement issued by me on the 16th instant I said that the question of the importation of consumer goods was still under consideration. The necessary investigation has meanwhile been completed and I am now able to announce the amended arrangements applicable to the importation of this type of goods.

"I have decided that generally the same principle as that applicable to raw materials and equipment for industry should apply to this category of goods namely that stricter import control should be applied in those cases where supplies in the country are such that a reduction thereof would have no adverse effect on the country's economy or on the economic activities of the sector concerned.

"Information at the disposal of my department indicates that the volume of commercial supplies in the country are adequate and I have accordingly given instructions that the issue of permits be curtailed. The policy will be applied selectively in order to prevent supplies of essential articles running short. To enable the Director of Imports and Exports to obtain the necessary information in connexion with the range of goods presently appearing on the free list, the importation of most of those goods will in future also be subjected to import control."

The Minister added that in connexion with those types of consumer goods in respect of which normally a third round permit issue is made this time of the year, it appears that stocks thereof are also at a reasonably high level. Bearing in mind the present situation the Minister after serious consideration, decided that he would not be justified in authorizing a third round issue this year.

The Minister said that there is a small number of consumer commodities which are either produced in quantity locally or which need not be imported on such a big scale as at present and that he has decided to add these goods to the restricted list.

"It has furthermore been decided that where general consumer goods permits could hitherto be exchanged on the basis of two rands for one rand to obtain permits for goods on the 'Restricted List' the exchange ratio will in future be three for one rand. The concession to exchange the first R5,000 on the basis of one for one will continue to apply.

"The list of commodities which will be transferred from the 'Free List' to the 'Controlled List', as well as the additional commodities to be added to the 'Restricted List' will be published in the Government Gazette within the next day or two. Importers should note that the Director of Imports and Exports will only consider the issue of covering import permits in respect of such consignments of goods as are actually shipped or forwarded for shipment by the suppliers on or before today's date."

2. The list of items transferred from the "Free List" to the "Controlled List" is as follows:

Tariff
Heading No.

Description of Goods

Ex 05.04	Sausage casings (animal)
Ex 39.07	Sausage casings (other)
Ex 48.21	
Ex 40.13	Bibs and feeders
Ex 39.07	
Ex 60.05	
Ex 61.02	
58.08	Laces, lace curtaining, lace flouncing and lace
58.09	embroidery in the piece, or in the form of
	insertions or medallions
Ex 59.09	Oil baize and oil cloth
Ex 61.11	Waistbanding in the piece
Ex 58.05	Elastic, tape, braid, webbing and ribbon bindings,
Ex 58.06	cloth labels and tabs with woven inscriptions
Ex 58.07	
Ex 59.13	
Ex 58.07	Buttonhole gimp yarn
Ex 60.01	Welts and/or knitted ribbing
98.02	Separable slide fasteners and parts; adjustable
	slide fasteners
Ex 55.01	Raw cotton, including linters
Ex 55.02	
	Yarns, threads and twists, excluding the following:
Ex 40.07	(i) any yarn of wool, synthetic or man-made fibres or
50.04	mixtures thereof, single or plied, dyed or undyed,
50.05	bleached or unbleached, prepared on cones, hanks,
50.06	skeins, balls, etc. for use as hand-knitting yarn
50.07	for retail sale;

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Ex 51.01	
Ex 51.02	
Ex 51.03	
52.01	
53.06	
53.07	
53.08	
53.09	
Ex 53.10	(ii) sewing threads and twists containing 50 per cent
54.03	or more by weight of cotton in units of more than
54.04	300 yards;
55.05	
Ex 55.06	
56.05	
Ex 56.06	(iii) man-made polyamide filament yarn not for retail
57.05	sale
57.06	
57.07	
56.01	Man-made staple fibres
56.04	
Ex 88.02	Aeroplanes and gliders
Ex 84.52	Calculating machines
84.53	
Ex 84.52	Cash registers
Ex 84.53	
Ex 84.54	Coin counting and sorting machines
Ex 84.53	Electronic data processing machines
Ex 84.53	Tabulators
Ex 84.53	Postal franking machines
Ex 84.52	Ticket issuing machines
Ex 84.51	Cheque writing machines
Ex 84.52	Adding machines
Ex 84.53	
Ex 84.52	Accounting machines
Ex 84.53	
Ex 84.53	Bookkeeping machines
Ex 84.54	Addressing machines
Ex 84.54	Duplicating machines

<u>Tariff</u> <u>Heading No.</u>	<u>Description of Goods</u>
Ex 84.51	Typewriters
Ex 84.54	Photocopying machines
Ex 92.11	Dictating machines
Ex 92.11	Tape and wire sound recorders
Ex 92.12	Tapes and wire prepared for sound recording
	Hairdressing equipment, viz:-
Ex 82.11	Safety razor blades
Ex 82.11	Razors and shavers
Ex 85.07	
Ex 85.12	Hairdryers
Ex 71.13	Shaving brushes
Ex 96.02	
	Hotel kitchen equipment, viz:-
Ex 85.06	Food mincers, electromechanical with self-contained motor
Ex 82.08	Food mincers, other
Ex 85.06	Food mixers, electromechanical with self-contained electric motor
Ex 82.08	Food mixers, other
Ex 84.17	"Expresso" type coffee percolators, electrically heated
Ex 85.06	Vegetable peelers, electromechanical with self-contained electric motor
Ex 82.08	Vegetable peelers, other
	Domestic equipment, viz:-
Ex 82.08	Egg beaters
Ex 85.06	
Ex 82.08	Egg whisks
Ex 73.38	Icing sets
Ex 76.15	
Ex 80.06	
Ex 82.04	Flat irons, paraffin and petrol types
Ex 84.41	Spare parts and needles for industrial sewing and knitting machines
Ex 82.04	Stapling machines and tools
Ex 84.32	
Ex 84.33	
Ex 84.47	
Ex 84.54	
Ex 84.59	
Ex 82.04	Banding machines and tools
Ex 84.19	
Ex 84.41	Industrial sewing machines

<u>Tariff</u> <u>Heading No.</u>	<u>Description of Goods</u>
Ex 85.03	Primary batteries suitable for deaf aids
Ex 90.24	Air pressure gauges
Ex 90.26	Gas supply and production meters
Ex 84.41	Needles and spare parts for all domestic sewing machines
Ex 84.20	Weighing machinery (excluding balances of a sensitivity of five centigrammes or better) including weight operated counting and checking machinery but excluding weigh-bridges; weighing machine weights of all kinds.
Ex 70.17	Laboratory glassware
Ex 39.01	Plastic sheeting in rolls, other than foam plastic
Ex 39.02	
Ex 39.05	
Ex 32.13	Duplicating machine ink
Ex 39.03	Whalebone and other collar supports including those of
Ex 48.21	cardboard, celluloid and plastic and other packing pieces
Ex 48.15	of celluloid, plastic, cardboard and/or reinforced
Ex 49.11	cardboard
Ex 98.13	
Ex 49.11	Printed cloth labels and tabs
Ex 48.13	Stencil sheets for duplicating
91.01	Clocks and watches (excluding gold and silver cased) and
91.02	clock movements
91.03	
91.04	
Ex 91.05	
91.07	
91.08	
91.09	
91.10	
91.11	
Ex 92.04	Harmonicas, piano accordions and concertinas
Ex 93.05	Airguns
Ex 98.11	Smokers' pipes
Ex 93.07	Cartridges (excluding .22 cartridges)
	Photographic and cinematographic apparatus and materials,
	viz:-
Ex 90.08	Projectors, cinematographic and image
Ex 90.09	
Ex 90.07	Cameras and camera accessories
Ex 90.08	

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Ex 37.02	Cinematographic film
Ex 37.04	
Ex 37.05	
Ex 37.07	
Ex 37.01	Photographic film
Ex 37.02	
Ex 37.04	
Ex 37.05	Photographic paper, sensitized
Ex 37.05	
Ex 85.11	Tower and turret bells and parts thereof
Ex 90.05	Field glasses, binoculars, opera glasses and telescopes
Ex 90.19	Deaf aids

3. The list of items to be added to the "Restricted List" is as follows:/ Les produits à ajouter à la liste des importations soumises à restrictions sont les suivants:

<u>Tariff</u> <u>Heading No.</u>	<u>Description of Goods</u>
58.08	Tulle and other net fabrics: hand or mechanically made lace, in the piece, in strips or in motifs; knitted or crocheted fabrics similar to lace
58.09	
60.01	
60.06	Regenerated cellulose tape (transparent and pressure sensitive)
39.03	
Ex 85.01	Generators up to 7½ kilowatts
Ex 85.11	Generators up to 250 amps.
19.07	Biscuits, cakes, puddings, pastry and bread, including diabetic bread
19.08	
21.07	Instant pudding
19.03	Macaroni, spaghetti and vermicelli
Ex 60.05	Shawls
Ex 61.05	Synthetic rubber
40.02	
Ex 67.02	Artificial flowers
Ex 90.08	Cine cameras, 8 mm.
Ex 90.08	Cine projectors, 8 mm.
Ex 90.07	Photographic cameras for film of width up to 35 mm.
Ex 90.09	Image projectors for film of width up to 35 mm.
Ex 90.05	Field glasses, binoculars, opera glasses and telescopes