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SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

The Government of South Africa has submitted, for the information of contracting parties, a government notice (No. R.1106 of 8 July 1966) which amends the earlier notice classifying goods for import control purposes, circulated to contracting parties in L/2535. The new notice, including a final general explanatory note, is reproduced below.

IMPORT CONTROL

I, NICOLAAS DIEDERICHES, in my capacity as Minister of Economic Affairs and acting by virtue of the powers vested in me by section two of the Import and Export Control Act, 1963 (Act No. 45 of 1963), hereby cancel Government Notice No. R.774, dated 28 May 1965, and amend Government Notice No. R.1937, dated 10 December 1965:-

- (i) by the addition, after "poplin" in paragraph 5, of the following definition: "For the purpose of this notice 'poplin' means fabrics of silk or waste silk, cotton or man-made fibres (discontinuous), with a weight per square yard of less than 5 ounces, woven from single or plied yarn of a cotton count (in the unplied form) of 30's or finer and with a construction of 140 threads or more per square inch (of which 84 or more threads must be in the warp)", but excluding:
 - (a) fabrics in which silk or waste silk predominates by weight;
 - (b) fabrics containing 15 per cent or more wool or other animal hair;
 - (c) fabrics in a twill or sateen weave, dyed black;
 - (d) glazed fabrics commonly used as window-blind material;
 - (e) fabrics of a width not exceeding 33 inches, whether plain or striped, specially designed for use as the distinctive traditional tribal dress of the Ovambo, Pondo, Shangaan, Tonga, Venda, Swazi or Zulu;

- (f) fabrics commonly known as haircloth;
 - (g) crêpe fabrics;
 - (h) seersucker fabrics;
 - (i) figured fabrics;
 - (j) damask fabrics;
 - (k) brocade fabrics;
 - (l) indigo-blue discharge print fabrics;
 - (m) printed materials other than cottons not printed in checks and/or stripes;
 - (n) fabrics of a value for duty purposes exceeding 65¢ per square yard and of a weight exceeding 4.5 ounces per square yard, not printed;
 - (o) fabrics stiffened with size or the like, commonly used for interlinings.
- (ii) by the addition of the following items to paragraph 5:

BEN	Description of goods
90.17	*Disposal artificial plastic hypodermic syringes, with or without needles (excluding those filled with injectable preparations).
Ex 51.04	Printed fabrics (excluding indigo-blue discharge print fabrics) of an f.o.b. price per lb. exceeding or not exceeding 110¢.
Ex 56.07	Printed fabrics with scarf designs.
Ex 51.04	Bolsters.
Ex 56.07	Cold chisels.
Ex 82.04	Forges - portable, fan, bottom blast, with hand or electrically operated blower.
Ex 84.11	Blowers - hand-operated for forges.
Ex 82.04	Hammers - of base metal.
Ex 82.01	Hacking knives.
Ex 82.01	Hatchets.

BIN	Description of goods
Ex 90.16	Levels - straight-edged, of which the f.o.b. price does not exceed R10 per level.
Ex 82.04	Hand punches - drive, rail, pin, centre, roofing and taper.
Ex 82.04	Screwdrivers.
Ex 82.04)	Soldering irons.
Ex 85.11)	
Ex 82.04	Star wall drills.
Ex 82.04	Vices - mechanics', fitters', engineers' bench type (spindle operated, with or without quick release), woodworkers' or carpenters', and chain pipe.
Ex 82.04	Tyre levers.
Ex 82.04	Twist drills - all types
Ex 82.05	
Ex 84.45	
Ex 82.04	Trowels.
Ex 82.04	Other masons' hand tools.
Ex 40.01	*Natural rubber.
Ex 79.01	*Zinc.
Ex 28.05	*Mercury.
Ex 74.01	*Copper.

(iii) by the addition of the words "with the exception of poplin", at the end of NOTE 1 of paragraph 5 of Notice No. R.1937, dated 10 December 1965.

N. DIEDERICKS,
Minister of Economic Affairs.

General Note

1. The effect of this notice is:

- (a) to amend the definition of poplin as previously applied and to provide that poplin, even if imported under rebate of the duty under Schedule No.5 to the Customs and Excise Act, 1964 (Act No. 91 of 1964), may now be imported only under specific permits in which poplin is mentioned;
- (b) that the importation of scarves in the piece, where they are defined by pattern, is now restricted to imports under specific import permits;

- (c) that the previous administrative restriction on the importation of certain small tools now falls away and that such tools may now be imported only under specific import permits.
2. The attention of importers of textile piece-goods is drawn to the fact that a Poplin Committee on which the South African Cotton Textile Manufacturers Association, Die Afrikaanse Handelsinstituut, the Association of Chambers of Commerce of South Africa, the National Clothing Federation of South Africa, and the Transvaal Clothing Manufacturers Association are represented, has been constituted in the Directorate of Imports and Exports for the purpose of considering special requests to import textiles in the piece which fall under the definition of poplin.
3. For the purposes of this notice the expression "scarf designs", in relation to printed fabrics of man-made fibres (continuous and discontinuous) means fabrics which are defined by pattern or which bear an indication in any manner where they should be cut for the purpose of hemming to form finished scarves, stoles or mufflers, but excludes fabrics which have bands of unwoven threads at regular intervals and which are classifiable under heading 61.06.
4. This notice shall not apply to the goods mentioned in this notice if the importation of such goods is covered by an On Board Bill of Lading, dated not later than the day following the publication of this notice.