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The Government of South Africa has submitted copies of Government Notice, No. R. 2083 of 25 December 1966, which gives effect to the relaxation of import control referred to in the press statement of 8 December (L/2722). The corresponding regulations governing 1966 imports may be found in L/2535 and Add.1.

In an effort to guide readers to the changes in this regulation from the corresponding regulation issued last year, the secretariat gives herewith the complete text of the new order¹ but has abridged the lists which it includes so as to show only the changes from last year. Secretariat explanatory remarks appear in brackets below.

Import Control

I, NICOLAAS DIEDERICHS, 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 (Act No. 45 of 1963), do hereby prescribe the following in regard to the issue of import permits valid for 1967:

Paragraph 1

The goods mentioned in this paragraph in column (2) below and provided for in the respective customs tariff items, as shown in column (1), are hereby exempted from the provisions of Government Notice No. 1918, dated 6 December 1957, and may be imported into the Republic of South Africa, from any country, without an import permit.

¹The complete list given at this point in R. 2083 comprises the items listed in paragraph 1 of the 1966 order reproduced in L/2535 with the following additions which are, unless otherwise noted, items that appeared last year in paragraph 4 (quota goods).¹⁷

¹Except notes to lists, which are in all cases the same as last year.

(1) Tariff heading No.	(2) Description of goods
ex 05.04	Sausage casings (animal)
ex 39.07	Sausage casings (other)
ex 32.13	Duplicating machine ink
ex 37.03	Photographic paper, sensitized
ex 48.13	Stencil sheets for duplicating
56.01	Man-made staple fibres
56.04	
ex 58.05	Waistbanding in the piece
ex 58.06	Elastic, tape, braid webbing and ribbon bindings; cloth labels and tabs with woven inscriptions
ex 58.07	
ex 59.13	
ex 58.07	Buttonhole gimp yarn
ex 61.01	Second-hand overcoats
ex 61.11	Waistbanding in the piece
ex 71.13	Shaving brushes
ex 96.02	
ex 73.32 ¹	Caps, rivets and eyelets, eyelets
ex 74.15 ¹	
ex 76.16 ¹	
ex 83.09 ¹	
ex 82.04	Banding machines and tools
ex 84.19	
ex 82.04	Stapling machines and tools
ex 84.32	
ex 84.33	
ex 84.47	
ex 84.54	
ex 84.59	
ex 83.11	Tower and turret bells and parts thereof
ex 84.20	Weighing machinery (excluding balances of a sensitivity of five centigrammes or better), including weight operated counting and checking machinery, but excluding weighbridges; weighing machine weights of all kinds
ex 84.41	Industrial sewing machines
ex 84.41	Spare parts and needles for industrial sewing and knitting machines

¹ These items were not specifically listed in paragraph 4 in the 1966 list, but may have been classified there under the "basket" language of paragraph 4(b)(i) (see paragraph 11 for the same language in this year's notice).]

(1) Tariff heading No.	(2) Description of goods
ex 84.41	Needles and spare parts for all domestic sewing machines
ex 84.51	Cheque writing machines
ex 84.51	Typewriters
ex 84.52	Calculating machines
ex 84.53	
ex 84.52	Cash registers
ex 84.53	
ex 84.52	Accounting machines
ex 84.53	
ex 84.52	Postal franking machines
ex 84.52	Ticket issuing machines
ex 84.52	Adding machines
ex 84.53	
ex 84.53	Electronic data processing machines
ex 84.53	Tabulators
ex 84.53	Bookkeeping machines
ex 84.54	Coin counting and sorting machines
ex 84.54	Addressing machines
ex 84.54	Duplicating machines
ex 85.03	Primary batteries suitable for deaf-aids
ex 90.19	Hearing aids
ex 90.24	Air pressure gauges
ex 90.26	Gas supply and production meters
91.07	Clock movements
91.08	
91.09	
91.10	
91.11	
ex 98.15	Vacuum flasks

Paragraph 2

Capital plant and equipment and raw materials. Import permits will be granted for importation of capital plant and equipment and raw materials required by:

- (i) industry,
- (ii) agriculture, and
- (iii) mining

on the following basis:

- (i) In the case of merchants who import such goods for re-sale - according to such quotas as may be authorized from time to time;
- (ii) in the case of manufacturers who import such goods for their own use:
 - (a) for raw materials - on the basis of consumption. (Upon receipt of such applications, import permits will be granted for an amount equal to the difference between the cost of the stock on hand of similar goods at the time of application and the cost of six months' stock at the current rate of consumption), and
 - (b) for capital plant and equipment - on a basis of essentiality.

Note 1

Manufacturers may apply for such import facilities at any time by submitting an application on form Excon 82 in respect of raw materials, and on form Excon 81 in respect of capital plant and equipment.

Note 2

In all cases, however, both manufacturers and merchants are expected to obtain their requirements of the goods and capital plant and equipment covered by this paragraph from local sources whenever it is possible to do so.

Paragraph 3

Permits for the importation of the following will be issued to registered importers in accordance with such import quotas as may be authorized from time to time:

- (i) motor cars;
- (ii) commercial vehicles;
- (iii) motor cycles;
- (iv) motor scooters;
- (v) mopeds and auxiliary engines, including outboard motors;
- (vi) pedal cycles;
- (vii) C.K.D. material for motor vehicles, and
- (viii) maintenance spares and accessories for the above.

Permits will be issued to individuals to provide for the importation of built-up motor vehicles on the following basis:

- (a) in the case of motor vehicles with an f.o.b. cost not exceeding R1,900 - provided the motor vehicle has been used by the applicant for a period of not less than two (2) calendar months outside the Republic of South Africa and has been registered in the name of the applicant during that period; and
- (b) in the case of a motor vehicle with an f.o.b. cost exceeding R1,900 - at any time on application.

Paragraph 4

Quotas for the importation of the goods mentioned in this paragraph will be determined from time to time, and the relevant import permits will be issued to registered importers in accordance with such quotas.

- (a) The undermentioned goods:

The complete list given at this point in R. 2083 comprises the items listed in paragraph 4(a) of the 1966 order reproduced in L/2535 with the deletion of the items that have been transferred to the free list (see paragraph 1 above) and the addition of the following, which last year were included in paragraph 5 (the most restricted category).7

(1) Tariff heading No.	(2) Description of goods
04.01 04.02	Milk, in sweetened condensed, unsweetened condensed, desiccated or other form, and including skimmed or separated milk, cream Jams, jellies and honey, artificial honey, pudding, cake and jelly powders, ice cream mixes, n.e.e.
ex 04.06 ex 17.02 ex 19.02 ex 20.05	
21.07 07.02	Vegetables: tinned or otherwise preserved
ex 07.04 ex 20.01 ex 20.02 ex 11.08	
ex 25.22 ex 25.23 ex 27.16	Starch Cement and concrete proofers (including hydraulic lime, roofing and similar prepared adhesive cement and other adhesives)
ex 32.12 35.06 ex 38.19 ex 39.05 ex 40.06	
ex 27.14 ex 27.15 ex 27.16	Natural asphalt and bitumen (including rock asphalt), petroleum bitumen, bitumen emulsions and mastics
32.09 ex 32.10	Paints, ready-mixed for use, and enamels, poster colours, flat oil paints and sheepmarking oils, colour washes and distempers in paste or powder form; colours ground in oil
34.05	Polishes
ex 35.01	Dextrinized starch, adhesives and glue, in bulk
ex 35.03 35.05	
36.06	Matches
ex 39.01 ex 39.02 ex 39.07	Thermosetting resin-laminated decorative plastic sheeting and sheets; plastic tubing; household articles made wholly or mainly of moulded or extruded plastic material

(1)	(2)
Tariff heading No.	Description of goods
	(7)
ex 39.07	Towels, tissues, novelties, decorations, curtains, blinds, tablecloths and similar articles of paper or paperboard, badges and signs of plastic or plastic and metal
ex 48.21	
40.09	Rubber hose
ex 40.11	Rubber pneumatic tyre covers and tubes
ex 40.13	Gloves
ex 42.03	
60.02	
ex 60.06	
ex 61.10	
ex 68.13	
43.03	Articles of furskins
44.12	Wood wool and wood flour
ex 44.25	Handles, wooden
ex 44.27	Portable electric lamps
ex 83.07	
ex 90.13	
ex 48.07	Toilet paper; waxed paper; gummed paper tape; pressure-sensitive adhesive paper, including masking tape
ex 48.15	
ex 48.07	Felt, dampcourse and similar substances, in rolls or otherwise, for building purposes, including the wrapping of water pipes
ex 59.02	
48.09	Pulpboard for building purposes
48.12	Floor coverings on a base of paper/paperboard, whether or not cut to size, with or without a coating of linoleum compound
ex 48.14	Loose-leaf covers and binders, letter or document files in book or folder form; plain paper stationery
ex 48.18	
ex 48.16	Cardboard boxes, jars, cups and cartons, and paper cups, printed or otherwise
48.19	Printed, ruled, lithographed, or embossed labels, tickets and address tags or tabs, flat or in rolls
ex 48.21	Labels, tickets and address tags or tabs, flat or in rolls, made of aluminium foil (printed or unprinted), backed with paper or plastic material; paper serviettes; paper doilies and paper mats
ex 76.16	

(1) Tariff heading No.	(2) Description of goods
ex 53.11 ex 55.09 ex 56.07 ex 60.05 62.01	Blankets and rugs; sheets commonly used as blankets or rugs and known as kaffir sheets; blanketing; padded quilts
ex 63.01 ex 94.04 59.04	Twine, rope and cordage Towels and bath mats of woven terry towelling
ex 59.06 ex 60.05 ex 60.06 ex 61.08	Candlewick Hosiery, finished or unfinished
ex 59.14 ex 60.03 ex 61.10 69.10	Baths, cisterns, lavatory basins, sanitary pans, sinks, urinals and other sanitaryware of earthen- ware or stone, including porcelainware Barbed and other fencing wire; baling wire
ex 73.14 73.26 73.17	Pipes, piping and tubes
ex 73.18 ex 75.04 ex 78.05 ex 79.04 ex 80.05 ex 83.08 ex 73.20	Pipefittings, viz: (i) black malleable cast-iron (ii) galvanized malleable cast-iron (iii) cocks, taps and valves, viz; hose and toilet bibcocks, plain, pillar and stop cocks; baths, handbasin, shower and sink watermixers; shower units; tank locking cocks; ball valves gate or sluice valves for use with pipes of an internal diameter not exceeding 8 inches
84.61	

(1) Tariff heading No.	(2) Description of goods
ex 73.18	Electric conduit tubing rigid or flexible
ex 83.08	
ex 85.27	
ex 80.05	
ex 73.24	Cylinders of a type used for liquid petroleum gas
ex 73.27	Wire netting
ex 73.32	Bolts and nuts of metal
ex 74.15	
ex 75.06	
ex 77.03	
ex 79.06	
ex 73.32	Wood screws and roofing screws of metal
ex 74.15	
ex 75.06	
ex 77.03	
ex 79.06	
ex 73.36	Stoves, ranges, coppers, grates, ovens and steam-jacketed pans, not being for industrial or manufacturing purposes
ex 73.37	
ex 73.38	
ex 74.17	
ex 84.17	
ex 84.40	
ex 85.12	
ex 85.19	
ex 73.38	Baths
ex 74.19	
ex 74.03	Plain copper wire, insulated electric cable and wire
ex 74.10	
ex 85.23	
ex 76.04	Printed or unprinted aluminium foil, backed with paper or plastic
ex 83.14	Badges, name or number plates, and similar articles (signs) of metal - enamelled, printed, lithographed, embossed, varnished or lacquered
ex 83.15	Welding electrodes
ex 84.07	Windmills, working heads, turbine pumps other than submersible
ex 84.08	
ex 84.10	
ex 84.15	Household refrigerators, deep freezers, ice-cream cabinets and frozen food display cabinets

(1) Tariff heading No.	(2) Description of goods
ex 84.22	Differential chain hoists; triple spur-gear chain hoists
ex 84.24	Ploughs - harrows, ploughshares and discs; buckrakes cultivators, fertilizer distributors, hammer mills and combination hammer mills; maize pickers and harvesters; peanut pickers, diggers and harvesters; animal-drawn, tractor-drawn or mounted planters; potato spinners, diggers and harvesters; shellers and threshers, power-driven
ex 84.25	
ex 84.28	
ex 84.25	
ex 84.40	Lawnmowers
ex 85.01	Domestic laundry washing machines
ex 85.01	Generators up to $7\frac{1}{2}$ kilowatt
ex 85.19	Moulded case circuit breakers; motor control and sub-station control panels; battery chargers; ballasts for fluorescent lamps; electric generating sets; roof junction boxes; low voltage lightning arrestors; liquid motor-starters; distribution boards
ex 85.01	
ex 85.11	
ex 87.13	
96.01	Electric motors, not less than 1 h.p.
ex 96.02	Generators up to 250 amps
96.04	Perambulators and baby carts
ex 85.12	Brushes, brooms, whisk brushes, feather dusters and mops
ex 85.19	
(b) (i)	General merchandise other than those items mentioned in sub-paragraph (a) above
(ii)	Juke boxes, pin tables, novelty tables, coin-operated machines and amusement machines
(iii)	Television apparatus and equipment
(iv)	Milled rice
(v)	Textile piece-goods imported by merchants
(vi)	Timber
(vii)	Fertilizers
(viii)	All other items not included in paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Paragraph 5

The goods described in this paragraph in column (2) below and provided for in the respective customs tariff items, as shown in column (1), may be imported into the Republic of South Africa only if the goods are specifically described in the relevant import permit.

Importers wishing to import any of the goods detailed in this paragraph may convert their import permits into specific permits (in which the goods to be imported are described), provided:

- (i) the goods to be imported under the specific permit applied for, fall within the same general category as the goods detailed in the original import permit issued;
- (ii) the importer surrenders R3 of his original import permit for every R1 of a specific permit required for the importation of the goods mentioned in this paragraph;
- (iii) importers wishing to convert their import permits into specific permits in terms of this paragraph must apply on form Excon 80.

As a concession to importers of goods detailed in this paragraph, the first R 5.000 of an importer's total annual quota received may be converted to a specific permit on the basis of R1 for R1 except in the case of goods marked with an asterisk (*).

∫ The complete list given at this point in R. 2083 comprises the items listed in paragraph 5 of the order reproduced in L/2535 and in L/2535/Add.1 (re poplins and certain additions to the paragraph 5 list) with the deletion of the items that have been transferred to the "quota list" (see paragraph 4(a) above) and the addition of the following. 7

ex 85.20 Mercury and sodium vapour discharge lamps, infra red
filament lamps

Explanatory note

1. Government Notice No. R. 1957 dated 10 December 1965, applies to 1966 import permits and the notice now published above, applies to 1967 import permits.
2. The attention of importers is directed to the goods grouped in paragraph 1 which may be imported without an import permit. This list now includes an additional number of items which were brought under import quotas by Government Notice No. R. 1238, dated 25 August 1965, and which have now been transferred back to the free list.
3. The initial 1967 allocations for raw materials imported by merchants will be 50 per cent of the importer's imports during the calendar year 1964 for which the importer can produce stamped customs prime bills of entry.
4. The initial 1967 allocation for merchants for the importation of capital plant and equipment is as follows:
 - (a) Merchant importers of capital plant and equipment with an f.o.b. price not exceeding R1,000 per single unit will be granted a first round allocation equivalent to 50 per cent of their 1964 imports.
 - (b) Merchant importers of capital plant and equipment with an f.o.b. price in excess of R1,000 per single unit must apply on the prescribed form Excon 81.
 - (c) Merchant importers of machine tools will be granted a first round allocation equivalent to 50 per cent of their 1964 imports and thereafter will be permitted to maintain a stock level equal to six months, based on current sales.

Discussions are now taking place regarding the importation for stock purposes of printing machinery and road making and earthmoving equipment, and certain concessions in this respect will be made to merchant importers of these goods.

5. The attention of importers is directed to the list of goods in paragraph 4(a). These goods include goods which before 25 August 1965, could have been imported without an import permit, as well as certain other items of general merchandise and goods which have now been removed from the restricted list.

The initial 1967 import allocation for these goods will be 50 per cent of an importer's direct imports of such goods during the calendar year 1964 for which the importer can, if called upon to do so, submit stamped customs prime bills of entry. Those importers who have imported such goods in the past, may make application for an import quota for these goods on the form Excon 85.

The permits issued for these goods are not transferable for the importation of any other goods.

6. The initial 1967 import allocation for general merchandise other than those items included in paragraph 4(a) will be 30 per cent of an importer's assessment basis. Such permits will not be valid for the importation of any of the goods which appear in paragraph 4(a) of this notice nor will the conversion thereof for this purpose be permitted.

7. The initial 1967 import allocations for rice will be for the same tonnages as those issued for the initial 1965 issue and will be issued on application on receipt of signed invoices stating the f.o.b. price of the tonnages to which the importer is entitled.

8. Importers wishing to import any goods mentioned in paragraph 5 should apply on form Excon 80.

9. Importers are reminded of the following:

- (i) Import permits are issued to enable importers to carry on their normal business and to import the same types of goods previously imported by them.

In cases where an importer wishes to change the nature of the goods imported, written application should be made to the Director of Imports and Exports.

- (ii) Goods should not be shipped unless the importer is in possession of an appropriate valid import permit. Goods which arrive at ports in the Republic of South Africa and for which the importer cannot produce a valid import permit, will be deemed to have been imported in contravention of the Import Control Regulations.
- (iii) Import permits may not be negotiated, sold or used to the benefit of any firm not named in the import permit without the prior written approval and consent of the Director of Imports and Exports. Any import permits which appear to have been used in this manner will be cancelled and withdrawn forthwith.

[The official notice also includes, in an annex, various application forms for the use of importers or their agents.]

