

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
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REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Sweden

The following notification has been received from the delegation of Sweden in response to the questionnaire on import licensing procedures annexed to document L/5640/Rev.1. The present document contains a list of changes updating the information on Swedish import licensing procedures appearing in L/5640/Add.14 of 16 November 1984.

Import Licensing Procedures for Goods under CCCN  
Chapters 1-24

Reply number 1 In the third line replace "the Board of Commerce" with "the National Board of Trade".

Reply number 2-3 Add the following sentence before the last one: "An import license is required from the National Agricultural Market Board for seeds of lupin for imports from all countries except those, who have a free trade agreement with Sweden".

Reply number 6 e) Replace with the following: "The procedure normally takes a maximum of ten working days".

Reply number 17 a)-b) In the first sentence replace "a foreign exchange bank" with "an authorized bank".

Reply number 19 Replace with the following:  
"Payments may be made through authorized banks without specific permission in each case and without the formality of presenting an import licence provided that the conditions for current payment are met, that is if the

payments are not made earlier than immediately before the delivery of the goods to Sweden or, in respect of advance payments, do not exceed one third of the purchase sum for imports of machinery and such advance payments is stipulated in the contract, and an amount of SEK 100 000 for other imports. If payment is made by a letter of credit the latter must not be covered earlier than nine months before its expiry. For payments exceeding SEK 3 000 importers have to fill in - on the form where the customer instructs the bank to make the payment abroad - a few data in codes about the transaction".

Import licensing Procedure for Goods under CCCN  
Chapters 25-99

Replies number 1, 6 a), 6 j) and 12 Replace "the Board of Commerce" with "the National Board of Trade".

Reply number 2-3 Replace the list of products in the first paragraph with the following: "cement; a limited number of chemical products, certain plastics; certain yarns and fabrics, knitwear and ready-made textiles; shoes with outer soles of leather, artificial leather, rubber or plastics; table china; pig iron, most ferro-alloys, rolling mill products, including tubes of iron or steel, bars and rods of brass, certain semimanufactures of aluminium and cables, cordage and the like of aluminium; AC motors, triphase; graphite electrodes".

In the third paragraph add "Turkey" after "Thailand".

Reply number 5 Replace with the following:

"The licensing is authorized under an ordinance of 9 February 1984 (No 53) on Import and Export Regulation. Section 1 of that ordinance reads as follows:

"This ordinance is to be applied if the Government or, after decision by the Government, the National Agricultural Market Board or the National Board of Trade prescribe that goods are not allowed to be imported or exported without permission (Import licence or Export

licence) by the National Agricultural Market Board or the National Board of Trade (licensing authorities).

The ordinance is not applicable to goods for which import or export control is regulated according to the statutes mentioned in Annex 1.<sup>1)</sup>"

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1) Statutes concerning gas protection equipment, military equipment, nuclear engineering and foreign exchange.

Reply number 6 c) Replace the last sentence with the following: "In accordance with existing legislation the names of the importers who have obtained licences are not revealed to authorities and exporting organizations in the exporting countries".

Reply number 17 In the first sentence replace "a foreign exchange bank" with "an authorized bank".

Reply number 19 Replace with the following:  
"Payments may be made through authorized banks without specific permission in each case and without the formality of presenting an import licence provided that the conditions for current payments are met, that is if the payments are not made earlier than immediately before the delivery of the goods to Sweden or, in respect of advance payments, do not exceed one third of the purchase sum for imports of machinery and such advance payment is stipulated in the contract, and an amount of SEK 100 000 for other imports. If payment is made by a letter of credit the letter must not be covered earlier than nine months before its expiry. For payments exceeding SEK 3 000 importers have to fill in - on the form where the customer instructs the bank to make the payment abroad - a few data in codes about the transaction".