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Addendum

BRAZIL

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EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. Under Article 55 of Law No. 3,244/57, Brazil's imports are, in principle, liberalized and are therefore not subject to prior licensing.[1] Nevertheless, for purposes of supervising the classification, specifications and prices of goods for application of the ad valorem duty rates and for verifying the use made of foreign exchange purchased on the foreign exchange market, imports are the subject of certificates (guias) which are issued by CACEX.

2. Brazilian imports are divided into three categories; imports for which a licence is not required, imports for which a licence is required and prohibited imports. The licensing system is not intended to restrict the quantity or the value of imports.

3. A licence is required before dispatch from abroad, for goods imported under special conditions, in particular goods which are to benefit from exemption or reduction of duties for which are imported by means of external financing for a period exceeding 180 days or which are purchased by any Brazilian official body.

4. An import licence must be produced before or after dispatch of the goods from abroad, but before customs clearance, in particular in the case of goods the import of which is subject to the regulations of the competent authorities. These goods are designated by the symbol L in the list below.

5. Imports of goods from Cuba and Southern Rhodesia are prohibited.

6. Brazil has trade or payments agreements with Bulgaria, the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Israel, Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia. Brazil is a member of the Latin American Free Trade Association.

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[1] For purposes of exchange control, Article 48 of Law No. 3,244/57 provides the possibility of classifying imported goods in two categories (general and special), imports in the latter category being subject to permit. This restriction was, however, applied only until 1 March 1967; from that date, accordance with resolution No. 41 of 22 November 1966 of the Central Bank of Brazil, imports of the products which had until then made up the special category were brought under the same régime as those in the general category i.e. exempt from licensing.

7. The United States showed interest in items 10.01 and 11.01 of the BTN.

8. The following symbols are used in the list, in which products are shown in the order of their BTN numbers:

L: Imports subject to the regulations of the competent authorities

P: Prohibition

ST: State trading

BQ: Bilateral quota

9. Remarks: unless otherwise indicated, the remarks in the last column were made by the Brazilian delegation or have been taken from reference documents.

10. References: BOP/92, BOP/92/Rev.1, BOP/118
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BTN	Description	Type of restriction	Remarks
ex 01.01	Breeding horses (stallions) (01.01.01.01), breeding asses (01.01.02.01)	L	Authorization of the Ministry of Agriculture
ex 01.03	Breeding swine (01.03.01.00)	L	Authorization of the Ministry of Agriculture
ex 01.04	Breeding sheep and goats (01.04.02.01)	L	Authorization of the Ministry of Agriculture
ex 01.05	Breeding poultry (01.05.01.00), day-old chicks (01.05.01.01), day-old turkeys (01.05.02.01), day-old ducks and geese (01.05.03.01)	L	Authorization of the Ministry of Agriculture
ex 01.06	Queen bees (01.06.03.01), other useful insects (01.06.03.99)	L	Authorization of the Ministry of Agriculture
ex 03.01	Fish for breeding or industrial raising, including spawn for the same uses (03.01.01.00), live fish for food and other uses (03.01.03.00)	L	Authorization of the Ministry of Agriculture
ex 04.05	Birds' eggs for hatching (04.05.01.00)	L	Authorization of the Ministry of Agriculture
ex 05.02	Boars' bristles, crude (05.02.01.00), other bristles, crude (05.02.05.00)	L	
ex 05.03	Horse hair, crude (05.03.01.00)	L	
05.05	Fish waste	L	
05.06	Sinews and tendons; parings and other waste of raw hides and skins	L	
05.08	Bones and horn cores, crude, scoured, simply prepared (but not cut to shape), acid-treated or degelatinized; powder and waste of these	L	

BTN	Description	Type of restriction	Remarks
ex 05.09	Horns, antlers, hoofs, nails, claws and beaks of animals (05.09.01.00)	L	
ex 05.13	Natural sponges, raw (05.13.01.00)	L	
05.14	Musk (05.14.01.00), Ambergris (05.14.02.00), cantharides (05.14.03.00), castoreum (05.14.04.00), civet (05.04.05.00), gallstones (05.14.06.00), bile (ox gall) (05.14.07.00) and other animal substances used in the preparation of pharmaceutical products, fresh, chilled or frozen, or temporarily preserved in any other manner (05.14.99.00)	L	
ex 06.02	Other plants and live roots, including buds, slips and grafts (06.02.01.99)	L	Authorization of the Ministry of Agriculture
10.01	Wheat and meslin	ST, BQ	United States: Brazil has concluded a bilateral agreement with Argentina. (Applies also to 11.01) Brazil: The wheat trade in Brazil has certain aspects which go beyond normal commercial considerations. Wheat and wheat flour can be described as "political products" in the same way as petroleum and refined petroleum products, in that they have repercussions on national security. The wheat trade is an essential element in commercial relations with Argentina, which are vital for

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10.01 (cont'd).			the regional integration sytems and for LAFTA. This measure is not regarded as limiting trade, particularly with the United States, which has concluded a bilateral agreement in connexion with its own programme PL 480. Although it takes its supplies mainly from Argentina, Brazil has bought this product from other countries in the past. For imports from other countries, made on the basis of tenders, an approximate margin of 1 million tons a year (in addition to the amount to be imported from Argentina) is normally provided for. The State has a de facto monoply of wheat imports through the National Wheat Office.
ex 11.01	Wheat flour	ST, BQ	(See 10.01)
12.03	Seeds, fruit and spores of a kind used for sowing	L	Authorization of the Ministry of Agriculture
12.06	Cones or flowers of hops, fresh or dried, lupulin	L	
12.07	Plants, parts of plants fruit and seeds, used mainly in perfumery and pharmacy or for the preparation of insecticides, fungicides or similar products, fresh or dried, whether or not cut, crushed or powdered	L	

BTN	Description	Type of restriction	Remarks
13.01	Raw vegetable materials for dyeing and tanning	L	
ex 15.04	Cod liver oil, not refined (15.04.01.00)	L	
ex 21.06	Natural yeast (21.06.01.00)	L	
ex 22.05	Wines in containers of over 1 litre capacity	P	