

Legal Notice No.78/2003

Regulations Regarding Import Permits and Declared Goods

I-Preliminary

1. Short Title

These Regulations may be cited as the " Regulations Regarding Import Permits and Declared Goods-Legal Notice No. 78/2003".

2. Definition

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1 "Imports" means goods brought from abroad into Eritrea;
- 2 "Declared Article" shall have the meaning given to it under Proclamation No. 125/2002;
- 3 "Minister or Ministry" means the Minister or Ministry of Trade and Industry, respectively;
- 4 "Person" means a physical or juridical person;
- 5 "Import Permit" means a written document issued by the Ministry to a person permitted to import goods;
- 6 "Franco-valuta" refers to a process of importing goods by a person permitted to do so by using foreign currency from his own source.

II-Imports

3. Import permits

- (1) Any person desiring to import commercial goods shall first obtain an import permit from the Ministry or any person authorized by it.
- (2) An import permit shall be required for every consignment.
- (3) An application for an import permit shall only be filled in a form especially prepared by the Ministry for this purpose.
- (4) The Ministry shall issue an import permit taking into account that the application complies with national priorities established from time to time and time and that the goods for which the import permit is applied are of competitive value. The time limit for an import permit shall be determined by the Ministry.

4. Mode of using import permit

- (1) Any person given an import permit by the Ministry shall import only through the Bank of Eritrea or the commercial banks by opening a letter of credit with the Bank of Eritrea or the commercial banks of Eritrea or employing any other mode of payment approved by the Bank of Eritrea.
- (2) The Bank of Eritrea or the commercial banks shall ascertain that the

importer has acquired an import permit from the Ministry before opening the letter of credit.

- (3) Importing through "Franco-Valuta" shall be permitted, but an import permit shall be required.

III-Declared Articles

5. Declared Articles

- (1) The commodities enumerated herein below have been designated "declared articles" pursuant to Proclamation NO. 125/2002:

No.	Commodity Group	Remarks
	A. Food	
1	Cereals	imported wheat, sorghum or maize
2	Flour	
3	Pasta	
4	Rice	
5	Leguminous vegetables	imported beans, peas, chick peas or lentils
6	Edible Oil	
7	Milk (powder)	
8	Sugar	
9	Coffee	Imported and roasted or unroasted coffee
10	Tea	
11.	B. Textile	Abujedid, kaki or blanket
	C. Building Materials	
12	Cement	
13	Metals used for construction	
14	Metal sheets used for construction	
15	wood used for construction	
16	paints used for construction	

- (2) The Ministry shall impose price control on the above-mentioned declared articles and such price control shall be exercised:
- (a) by determining the maximum selling price, or
 - (b) by fixing the sales price.

The Ministry shall issue orders and directives regarding the market situation and distribution of every declared article.

IV-Miscellaneous Provisions

6. Inspection

The Minister or inspectors appointed by the Minister may enter into premises where goods are sold or stored to ascertain that the provisions of Proclamation NO. 125/2002 are complied with.

7. Entry in to force

These Regulations shall enter into force as of the date of their publication in the Gazette of Eritrean Laws.

Done at Asmara this 8th day of July, 2003.

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Minister of Trade and Industry.