**Chapter 14:05  
Control of Goods  
Open General Import Licence Notice, 1996**

[*Statutory Instrument 8 of 1996*](dps://1996_8s)

*Amended by SI’s 22C/2000; 150/2011; 6/14, 126/14; 18/16, 19/16, 20/16 and \*64/2016*

**Editor’s note:** \***SI 64 of 2016** requiring Import Permits for 22 goods has not been officially repealed, yet the Minister responsible is currently defending the inclusion of his above amendment which caused riots resulting in the ZIMRA building in **Beit Bridge** to be burnt down within days of its promulgation .  
Section 141 of the Constitution requires Parliament to be consulted first.

THE Minister of Industry and Commerce, in terms of section 4(1)(a) of the Control of Goods (Import and Export) (Commerce) Regulations, 1974, published in [Rhodesia Government Notice 766 of 1974](dps://1974_766r), hereby makes the following notice:-

ARRANGEMENT OF NOTICE

[1](NULL#1)    [Title](NULL#1)

[2](NULL#2)    [Interpretation](NULL#2)

[3](NULL#3)    [Open general import licence](NULL#3)

[4](NULL#4)    [Repeal](NULL#4)

[SCHEDULE: Goods whose import is not permitted by this licence](NULL#Sch1)

*Title*

**1**.  This notice may be cited as the Control of Goods (Open General Import Licence) (**No. 2**), Notice, 1996.

*Interpretation*

**2**.  In this notice—

“**customs tariff**” has the meaning assigned to it in [section 2 of the Customs and Excise Act [*Chapter 23:02*]](dps://ZS@2302#2).

*Open general import licence*

**3**.  Subject to any other law, the import into Zimbabwe is hereby authorised of all goods **except** those listed or referred to in the *Schedule*:

Provided that any payment for the goods shall comply with the [Exchange Control Act [*Chapter 22:05*]](dps://ZS@2205).

*Repeal*

**4**.  The Control of Goods (Open General Import Licence) Notice, 1995, published in Statutory Instrument 118 of 1995, as amended by Statutory Instrument 120A of 1995, is repealed.

**SCHEDULE** *(*[*Section 3*](NULL#3)*)*

**GOODS WHOSE IMPORT IS NOT PERMITTED BY THIS LICENCE**

**1.**Radioactive and associated materials classified under headings 28.44 and 28.45 of the customs tariff.

**2.**Nuclear reactors and parts thereof, including fuel elements (cartridges) non-radiated for nuclear reactors.

**3.**   Goods referred to in—

(a)  the proviso to [subsection (1) of section 4](NULL#4.1); or

(b)  section 7;

of the Control of Goods (Import and Export) (Commerce) Regulations, 1976 [RGN 766/1974](dps://1974_766r).

**4.**The following articles of clothing imported under quota in terms of the Customs Agreement between Zimbabwe and **Botswana**—

(a)  articles of apparel and clothing accessories classified under subheading 3926.2000 of the customs tariff; and

(b)  goods classified under any of the following headings and sub-headings of the customs tariff—

    61.01; 61.02; 61.03; 61.04; 61.05; 61.06; 61.07; 61.08; 61.09; 61.10; 61.11; 61.12; 61.13; 61.14; 6115.1100, 6115.1200, 6115.1900, 6115.2000, 62.01, 62.02; 62.03; 62.04; 62.05; 62.06; 62.07; 62.08; 62.09; 62.10; 62.11, 62.12.

**5.**Diesel fuel, petrol, jet A1 fuel, paraffin and aviation gasoline, when imported in a container, other than the fuel tank of a vehicle, by anyone other than the \*National Oil Infrastructure Company (Pvt) Ltd [**NOIC**].

was the \*National Oil Company of Zimbabwe (Pvt) Ltd.- Editor

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the notice, but merely explains its contents)*

The effect of this notice is to prohibit anyone other than NOIC from importing certain petroleum products in containers.

Item **5** inserted by **SI 22C of 2000** with effect from 9th February, 2000.

**6.**Articles of **second-hand undergarments** of any type, form or description, whether purchased, donated or procured in any other manner.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note does not form part of the notice, but merely explains its contents)*

The effect of this notice is to prohibit anyone from importing any item of second-hand underclothing.

Item **6** inserted by SI 22C of 2000, and substituted by **SI 150 of 2011** with effect from 30th December, 2011.

**7. Sugar** classified under headings **17:01, 17:02, 17:03** and **17:04** of the customs tariff.

**8. Poultry** classified under headings **01:05,** and **02:07** of the customs tariff.

**9. Meat of swine** classified under heading **02:03** of the customs tariff.

Items 7,8 and 9 inserted by SI 6 of 2014 with effect from 17th January, 2014.

**10. Milk** (liquid and powder packed for retail) under **headings 04.01** and **04.02** of the customs tariff.

Items 10-16 inserted by SI 126 of 2014 with effect from 15th August, 2014.

**11. Potatoes, Tomatoes and Onions** under headings **0710, 0702** and **0703.**

**12. Biscuits and Yeast** under headings **1905:1000, 1905:3100, 1905:9090, 2102:1000, 2102:2000** of the customs tariff.

**13. Portland Cement** classified under headings **2523:2100** and **2523:2900** of the customs tariff.

**14. Soap and soap preparations (soap preparations put for retail shops)** under headings **3401:2000** and **3402:2000.**

**15. Plastic bags of polymers** classified under headings **3920, 3921** an**d 3923** of the customs tariff.

**16. Tubes, pipes, conveyor belts and rubber hoses** classified under headings **4009, 4010:1100, 4010:1200, 4010:1900** of the customs tariff.

**17. *Schedule* List of 23 pharmaceutical medicines** (*Annexure “A” below )* —

inserted by SI 18/2016 with effect from the 12th February, 2016

**ANNEXURE** *“A”*

SCHEDULE LIST OF 23 PHARMACEUTICAL MEDICINES

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| ***Ser. No.*** | ***PRODUCT DESCRIPTION*** | ***Tariff***  ***code*** |
| 1 | Antacids Preparations containing Magnesium/Aluminium salts excluding formulations containing alginic acid or sustained release. | 30044090 |
| 2 | Aspirin and Caffeine Tablets or Capsules:  All preparations of a combination of Aspirin and Caffeine of any pharmaceutical designation. | 30042000 |
| 3 | Aspirin Tablets or capsules excluding 100 mg tablet formulation or sustained release: Tablets or capsules containing Aspirin as the ONLY ingredient excluding 100mg tablet formulation or sustained release. | 30042000 |
| 4 | Cotrimoxazole Suspension, syrup or dry granules or Sulphamethoxazole-Trimethoprim Suspension, syrup or dry granules: All preparation containing Sulphamethoxazole and Trimethoprim in any proportions. | 30042000 |

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| 5 | Cotrimoxazole Tablets or Sulphamethoxazole- Trimethoprim Tablets:All preparation containing Sulptiamethoxazole and Trimethoprim in any proportions. | 30042000 |
| 6 | Erythromycin Capsules or Tablets:  All preparations in tablet or capsule form containing Erythromycin active ingredient. | 30041000 |
| 7 | Erythromycin Suspension:  All preparations containing Erythromycin as single active ingredient in suspension, syrup, dry granules or dry syrup. | 30041000 |
| 8 | Furosemide/Frusemide 40mg Tablets:  All preparations containing Furosemide/Frusemide single active ingredient in tablet or capsule form. | 30042000 |
| 9 | Ibuprofen Tablets or Capsules:  All preparations containing Ibuprofen as a single, active ingredient in tablet or capsule form. | 30042000 |
| 10 | Metformin 500mg Tablets excluding sustained release formulations: All preparations containing Metformin 500mg Immediate Release (IR) as a single active ingredient in tablet or capsule form. | 30044090 |
| 11 | Metronidazole Tablets:  All preparations containing Metronidazole as a single active ingredient in tablet or capsule form. | 30042000 |
| 12 | Paracetamol and Codeine Tablets:  All preparations containing Paracetamol and Codeine as the only active ingredients in tablet and capsule form. | 30042000 |
| 13 | Paracetamol Syrup:  All preparations containing Paracetamol as the only active ingredient in syrup, suspension, dry granules or dry syrup. | 30042000 |
| 14 | Paracetamol Tablets or capsules:  All preparations containing Paracetamol as the only active ingredient in tablet and capsule form. | 30042000 |
| 15 | Povidone Iodine Antiseptic Preparations: | 30042000 |
|  | **PRIORITY LIST 2** |  |
|  | **Medicines Manufactured in Specialised Plants - Penicillin** |  |
| 1 | Amoxicillin Capsules or Tabs:  All preparations containing Amoxicillin as the only active ingredient in tablet and capsule form. | 30041000 |
| 2 | Amoxicillin Granules for Paediatric Suspension:  All preparations containing Amoxicillin as the only active ingredient in syrup, suspension, dry granules or dry syrup. | 30041000 |
| 3 | Cloxacillin Capsules or Tabs: All preparations containing Cloxacillin as the only active ingredient in tablet and capsule form. | 30041000 |
| 4 | Cloxacillin Granules for Paediatric suspension:  All preparations containing Cloxacillin or Flucloxacillin as the only active ingredient in syrup, suspension, dry granules or dry syrup. | 30041000 |
|  | **PRIORITY LIST 3** |  |
|  | **Medicines Produced in Specialised Plants - LVP’s** |  |
| 1 | Dextrose (Glucose) 5% Intravenous (IV) Infusion Fluid  Or all Intravenous (IV) Infusion preparations containing 5% Dextrose (50g/l) on its own | 30042000 |
| 2 | Half Strength Darrow’s with Glucose Intravenous (IV) Infusion Fluid.  Or all Intravenous (IV) infusion preparations containing Half Strength Darrow’s Solution and 5% (50g/l) Dextrose in combination. | 30042000 |
| 3 | Maintelyte with Dextrose (Glucose) Intravenous (IV) Infusion Fluid  Or all Intravenous (IV) Infusion preparations containing the following ions in the following composition (strength): Sodium (Na) 35mmol/l; Potassium (K) 25mmol/l; Magnesium 2.5mmol/l; Chloride (Cl) 65mmol/l and Dextrose 100g/l | 30042000 |
| 4 | Ringer’s Lactate Intravenous Infusion (IV) Fluid. Or all Intravenous Infusion preparations containing the following ions in the following compositions: Sodium (Na) 131mmol/l; Potassium(K) 5mmol/l; Calcium (Ca) 2mmol/l; Chloride (Cl) lllmmol/1; Bicarbonate (HC03) 29mmol/l | 30042000 |
| 5 | Sodium Chloride (Normal Saline) Intravenous Infusion (IV) Fluid.  Or All Intravenous Infusion preparations containing 0.9% Sodium Chloride (9g/l) or Sodium (Na) 154mmol/land Chloride (Cl) 154mmol/l”. | 30042000 |

Items 18 and 19 inserted by SI 19/2016 with effect from the 12th February, 2016

**18. Second hand clothing and shoes** classified under headings **6309:0000** of the customs tariff.

**19. Blankets and other related products** classified under headings **6001:1000, 6001:2100, 6001:2200, 6001,2900, 6301:2000, 6301:3000, 6301:4000 and 6301:9000** of the customs tariff.

Items 20 to 23 inserted by SI 20/2016 with effect from the 12th February, 2016]

**20. Batteries** classified under headings **8507:1000 (Automotive Batteries)** and **8507:2000 (Deep Cycle Batteries)** of the customs tariff.

**21. Candles** classified under headings **3406:0000** of the customs tariff.

**22. Floor polish** classified under headings **3405:2000** of the customs tariff.

**23. Tobacco twine** classified under headings **5607:4900** of the customs tariff.

Items 24 to 36 below were inserted by SI 64/2016 with effect from the 17th June, 2016: which were then suspended on the 19th June, 2016 by the Minister after riots at Beit Bridge by importers of the above goods for which adequate notice had not been given. No notice of such Suspension has been since gazetted- Editor]

**24. Coffee creamers (Cremora)** classified under headings **2106:9090** of the customs tariff.

**25. Camphor creams, White petroleum jellies and Body creams** classified under headings **3304:9990** of the customs tariff.

**26. Plastic pipes and fittings** classified under headings **3917:2110, 3917:2190, 3917:2310, 3917:2320, 3917:2390** and **8424:8100** of the customs tariff.

**27. Buildersware products—**

(i)    **wheelbarrows** (flat pan and concrete pan wheelbarrows) classified under headings **8716:8010** of the customs tariff;

(ii)    **structures** (**excluding** prefabricated buildings of heading **94.06**) and parts of structures of iron or steel (bridges and bridges section, lockgates, towers, lattice masts, roofs, roofing frameworks, doors, windows and their frames and thresholds for doors, shutters, balustrade, pillars and columns) and plates, rods, angles, shapes, sections and tubes prepared for use in structures of iron and steel classified under headings **7308:3090** of the customs tariff;

(iii)    **flat-rolled products** of iron or non-alloy steel, of a width of 600 mm or more, clad plated or coated and corrugated steel roofing sheets classified under headings **7210:4100** of the customs tariff; and

(iv)    Other **furniture** and parts thereof and other metal furniture of steel kitchen units classified under headings **9403:2090** of the customs tariff.

**28. Metal clad insulated panels** classified under headings **8418:9910, 8418:9990** and **9406:0091** of the customs tariff.

**29. Baked beans and potato crisps** classified under headings **2005:5900** and **2005:2000** of the customs tariff**.**

**30. Cereals** classified under headings **1904:1010** of the customs tariff.

**31. Bottled water, Mayonnaise, Salad cream, Peanut butter, Jams, Maheu, Canned fruits and Vegetables, Pizza base, Yoghurts, Flavoured Milks, Dairy juice blends, Ice creams, Cultured milk, Cheese.**

**32. Second hand tyres (all re-treaded or used pneumatic tyres of rubber)** classified under headings **4012** of the customs tariff**.**

**33. Baler and binder twine** classified under headings **5607:2100** and **5607:4100** of the customs tariff.

**34. Fertilizers (Urea and Ammonium nitrate), Compounds and blends, Tile adhesive and tylon, Shoe polish, Synthetic hair products.**

**35. Flash doors, Beds, Wardrobes, Bedroom and Dining room suites, Office furniture and Tissue wading.**

**36. Woven fabrics of cotton (containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, weighing not more than 200g/m2** classified under headings **5208** and **5209** of the customs tariff), **Woven fabrics of cotton (containing less than 85% by weight of cotton, mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, weighing not more than 200g/m2** classified under headings **5210** of the customs tariff), **Woven fabrics of cotton (containing less than 85% by weight of cotton, mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, weighing more than 200g/m2** classified under headings **5211** of the customs tariff **and other woven fabrics of cotton).**