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CIRCULAR

PROMULGATING LISTS OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF THE PRINTING AND PUBLISHING INDUSTRIES

Pursuant to the Law on Publishing dated November 20, 2012;

Pursuant to the Law on Foreign Trade Management dated June 12, 2017;

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 17/2017/ND-CP dated February 17, 2017 defining functions, tasks, entitlements and organizational structure of the Ministry of Information and Communications;

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 195/2013/ND-CP dated November 21, 2013 on elaboration of the Law on Publishing;

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 69/2018/ND-CP dated May 15, 2018 on elaboration of the Law on Foreign Trade Management;

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 60/2014/ND-CP dated June 19, 2014 on printing;

Pursuant to the Government's Decree No. 25/2018/ND-CP dated February 28, 2018 on amendments to some Articles of the Government's Decree No. 60/2014/ND-CP dated June 19, 2014 on printing;

At the request of the Director of the Authority of Publication, Printing and Distribution,

The Minister of Information and Communications hereby promulgates a Circular on lists of imports and exports of the printing and publishing industries.

Article 1. Lists of imports and exports of the printing and publishing industries

Lists of imports and exports of the printing and publishing industries are promulgated together with this Circular, including:

1. Appendix 01: List of commodities classified by HS codes and methods for management of imports and exports of the printing industry.

2. Appendix 02: List of commodities classified by HS codes and methods for management of imports and exports of the publishing industry.

Article 2. Implementation clause

1. This Circular comes into force from February 12, 2019 and supersedes the following Circulars:

a) Circular No. 16/2015/TT-BTTTT dated June 17, 2015 of the Minister of Information and Communications;

b) Circular No. 41/2016/TT-BTTTT dated December 26, 2016 of the Minister of Information and Communications;

2. The Chief of Office, Director of Authority of Publication, Printing and Distribution, heads of affiliates of the Ministry of Information and Communications; authorities, organizations and individuals participating in or related to import and export of commodities of the printing and publishing industries are responsible for the implementation of this Circular.

3. Difficulties that arise during the implementation of this Circular should be promptly reported to the Authority of Publication, Printing and Distribution affiliated to the Ministry of Information and Communications for consideration./.

THE MINISTER

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APPENDIX 01

**LIST OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED BY HS CODES AND METHODS FOR
MANAGEMENT OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF THE PRINTING INDUSTRY**
*(Enclosed with the Circular No. 22/2018/TT-BTTTT dated December 28, 2018 of the Minister of
Information and Communications)*

I. Commodities classified by HS codes and methods for management of import thereof

1. Upon import of the commodities mentioned in the List below, the import license issued by the Ministry of Information and Communications is required (only applicable to commodities with their 08-digit HS codes)

Description		
Description of commodities classified by HS codes on the Vietnam's nomenclature of exports and imports specified in Circular No. 65/2017/TT-BTC dated June 27, 2017 of the Ministry of Finance	Description and classification of imports of the printing industry	
84.43	Printing machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinders and other printing components of heading 84.42; other printers, copying machines and facsimile machines, whether or not combined; parts and accessories thereof.	
	- Printing machinery used for printing by means of plates, cylinder and other printing components of heading 84.42 :	
8443.11.00	- - Offset printing machinery, reel-fed	Offset printing machinery (reel-fed)
8443.12.00	- - Offset printing machinery, sheet-fed, office type (using sheets with one side not exceeding 22 cm and the other side not exceeding 36 cm in the unfolded state)	Offset printing machinery, sheet-fed
8443.13.00	- - Other offset printing machinery	Other offset printing machinery
8443.14.00	- - Letterpress printing machinery, reel-fed, excluding flexographic printing	Letterpress printing machinery (reel-fed)
8443.15.00	- - Letterpress printing machinery, other than reel-fed, excluding flexographic printing	Letterpress printing machinery (sheet-fed)
8443.16.00	- - Flexographic printing machinery	Flexographic printing machinery
8443.17.00	- - Gravure printing machinery	Gravure printing machinery
	- Other printers, copying machines and facsimile machines, whether or not combined:	
8443.31	- - Machines which perform two or more of the functions of printing, copying or facsimile transmission, capable of connecting to an automatic data processing machine or to a network:	
	- - - Printer-copiers, printing by the ink-jet process:	
8443.31.11	- - - - Colour	Printers with color photocopying function (multi-color type)

	- - - Printer-copiers, printing by the laser process:	
8443.31.21	- - - - Colour	Printers with color photocopying function (multi-color type)
	- - - Combination printer-copier-facsimile machines:	
8443.31.31	- - - - Colour	Printers with color photocopying function (multi-color type)
	- - - Other:	
8443.31.91	- - - - Combination printer-copier-scanner-facsimile machines:	Only issue the import license to printers with color photocopying function (multi-color type)
8443.31.99	- - - - Other	Only issue the import license to printers with color photocopying function (multi-color type)
8443.32	- - Other, capable of connecting to an automatic data processing machine or to a network:	
	- - - Dot matrix printers:	
8443.32.21	- - - - Colour	Only issue the import license to digital dot matrix printers with a print speed of more than 60 pages (A4 size)/ minute or those used for printing pages that are more elongated than A3
	- - - Laser printers:	
8443.32.31	- - - - Colour	Only issue the import license to digital laser printers with a print speed of more than 60 pages (A4 size)/ minute or those used for printing pages that are more elongated than A3
8443.39	- - Other:	
8443.39.10	- - - Electrostatic photocopying apparatus operating by reproducing the original image directly onto the copy (direct process)	Only issue the import license to color photocopying apparatus (multi-color type), except single colour type (black and white)
8443.39.20	- - - Electrostatic photocopying apparatus, operating by reproducing the original image via an intermediate onto the copy (indirect process)	
8443.39.30	- - - Other photocopying apparatus incorporating an optical system	
8443.39.40	- - - Dot matrix printers	Only issue the import license to digital dot

		matrix printers (multi-color type) with a print speed of more than 60 pages (A4 size)/ minute or those used for printing pages that are more elongated than A3
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2. Procedures and applications for issuance of import license to the commodities on the List specified in Section I.1 shall comply with Articles 27 and 28 of the Government's Decree No. 60/2014/ND-CP dated June 19, 2014 (whose Articles are amended by the Government's Decree No. 25/2018/ND-CP dated February 28, 2018).

3. Upon import of the printing commodities of headings 84.40, 84.41 and 84.42 and commodities of heading 84.43 specified in the Circular No. 65/2017/TT-BTC dated June 27, 2017 of the Ministry of Finance that are not included in the List in Section I.1, the import license issued by the Ministry of Information and Communications is required.

II. EXPORTS

Upon export of the commodities on the List in Section I.1, the export license issued by the Ministry of Information and Communications is not required./.

APPENDIX 02

LIST OF COMMODITIES CLASSIFIED BY HS CODES AND METHODS FOR MANAGEMENT OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF THE PUBLISHING INDUSTRY
(Enclosed with the Circular No. 22/2018/TT-BTTTT dated December 28, 2018 of the Minister of Information and Communications)

I. Commodities classified by HS codes and methods for management of import thereof

1. List of commodities classified by HS codes and methods for management of import thereof:

Description		Management method	
Description of commodities classified by HS codes on the Vietnam's nomenclature of exports and imports specified in Circular No. 65/2017/TT-BTC dated June 27, 2017 of the Ministry of Finance	Description and classification of commodities of the publishing industry	Publications imported for business purpose	Publications imported for non-business purpose
49.01	Printed books, brochures, leaflets and similar printed matter, whether or not in single sheets.	Written confirmation of import registration	Import license
4901.10.00	- In single sheets,	In single sheets, whether	Written Import license

	whether or not folded	or not folded (excluding scientific and technical types, e.g. manuals)	confirmation of import registration	
	- Other:			
4901.91.00	- - Dictionaries and encyclopaedias, and serial instalments thereof			
4901.99	- - Other:			
4901.99.10	- - - Educational, technical, scientific, historical or cultural books	Political, law, economic, cultural, social, educational, scientific, technological, literary, artistic, geographic, military, religious, historical books (including children's books or electronic books in storage devices)	Written confirmation of import registration	Import license
4901.99.90	- - - Other	Sheaves with embossed words and other (excluding scientific and technical types, e.g. manuals)		
4903.00.00	Children's picture, drawing or colouring books.		Written confirmation of import registration	Import license
49.05	Maps and hydrographic or similar charts of all kinds, including atlases, wall maps, topographical plans and globes, printed.			
4905.10.00	- Globes	Globes (with maps printed or enclosed with books, or illustrated to books)	Written confirmation of import registration	Import license
	- Other:			
4905.91.00	- - In book form	In book form		
4905.99.00	- - Other	In single sheets, flyers		
4910.00.00	Calendars of any kind, printed, including calendar blocks.		Written confirmation of import	Import license

			registration	
49.11	Other printed matter, including printed pictures and photographs.		Written confirmation of import registration	Import license
4911.10	- Trade advertising material, commercial catalogues and the like:	Trade advertising materials, commercial catalogues and the like (excluding scientific and technical types, e.g. manuals)		
4911.10.90	- - Other			
	- Other:			
4911.91.29	- - - Other			
	- - - Other printed pictures and photographs:			
4911.91.39	- - - Other			
4911.91.90	- - - Other			
4911.99	- - Other:			
4911.99.90	- - - Other	Carved, printed, litho printed matter replacing books or used to illustrate to books (other than those of heading 9702.00.00) and other		
4911.10.10	- - Catalogues listing only educational, technical, scientific, historical or cultural books and publications	- - Catalogues listing only educational, technical, scientific, historical or cultural books and publications	Written confirmation of import registration is not required	Import license is not required

2. Procedures and applications for confirmation of registration of import of publications for business purpose regarding commodities on the List in Section I.1 shall comply with Article 39 of the Law on Publishing and Circular No. 23/2014/TT-BTTTT dated December 29, 2014 of the Minister of Information and Communications.

3. Procedures and applications for issuance of import license to publications imported for non-business purpose regarding commodities on the List in Section I.1 shall comply with Article 41 of the Law on Publishing and Circular No. 23/2014/TT-BTTTT dated December 29, 2014 of the Minister of Information and Communications.

4. Regarding the commodities on the List in Section I.1, which are not required to obtain the import license as prescribed in Clauses 1 and 2 Article 42 of the Law on Publishing, management methods specified in this Circular shall not be adopted.

5. The import of commodities on the List in Section I.1, which contain contents in breach of regulations laid down in Clause 1 Article 10 of the Law on Publishing shall be prohibited in any form.

II. Exports

1. The commodities on the List in Section I.1 which have been published and sold legally in Vietnam are allowed to be exported abroad as prescribed in Article 43 of the Law on Publishing and are not required to obtain the export license issued by the Ministry of Information and Communications.

2. The export of commodities on the List in Section I.1, which contain contents in breach of regulations laid down in Clause 1 Article 10 of the Law on Publishing shall be prohibited in any form./.

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