

Free Import Order, 2014

By virtue of my authority under section 2 of The Import and Export Ordinance [New Version], 1979¹, I hereby order:

- Definitions
1. In this Order -
 - “Area” – Judea and Samaria and the geographical area that The Disengagement Plan Implementation Law² applies to, as defined in Section 3 in the said law;
 - “Supply” - A transaction which includes a consideration, whether for the domestic market or for foreign markets, including the distribution of goods, whether for profits or non-profits;
 - “EFTA Countries” – each of these countries: Iceland, Lichtenstein, Norway and Switzerland;
 - “The European Community” – each of these countries: Austria, Italy, Ireland, Bulgaria, Belgium, Germany, Denmark, The Netherlands, The United Kingdom, The Republic of Croatia, Greece, Luxemburg, Finland, Spain, Portugal, Sweden, France, Cyprus, The Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia, Romania;
 - “The Minister” – The Minister of Economy and Industry;
 - “Production” – including change of the goods in terms of shape, nature or quality or any other aspect, excluding the aspect of their poring or packaging, as well as including its manufacturing or increasing the agricultural produce;
 - “Director” - Director of the Israel Tax Authority or his deputy;
 - “Mobile Crane” – a lifting machine with an arm mounted on an integral chassis whose lifting capacity exceeds 150 metric tons;
 - “Dealer” - As defined in the Value Added Tax Law, 1975;
 - “Trade Levies Order” – Trade Levies Order (Import Duty Resulting from a Preference Agreement) (Temporary Order), 2014³;
 - “Customs Order” - Customs Order (Import Prohibition), 2005;
 - “Transport Products Order” - Control of Goods and Services (Production of Transport Products and Trade in Them) Order, 1983;
 - “Import License” - a license to import goods issued by a competent authority;
 - “Competent Authority” – an officer authorized by the Minister within whose jurisdiction the goods requiring an import license are held;
 - “Service” - any service to others including public pleasure as defined in The Licensing of Businesses Law, 1968⁴, and any activity in goods for the benefit of others, including construction for the needs of others;
 - “Customs Tariff” - Customs Tariff and Exemptions and Purchase Tax

¹ Laws of the State of Israel, New Version 32, page 625.

² The Book of Laws 2005, page 142, 2006, page 262.

³ Regulations File 2014, page 12.

⁴ The Book of Laws, 1968, page 204.

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on Goods Ordinance, 2017.

2. (A) Notwithstanding the provisions of Grant of Import Licensing Order, 1939, import is allowed of all the goods classified in chapters 1 through 97 and items 12, 201, 207, 210, 212, 414, 501, 611, 614, 616, 628, 801, 807, 816, 820, 825, 826 and 831 in the first addendum to the customs tariff, excluding those whose import is prohibited under the Customs Ordinance, and those detailed in the first addendum, regarding which a duty of furnishing the import license applies.
- (B) The goods detailed in the second addendum are allowed for import provided that an approval is presented, or the terms provided in column C in the table in the second addendum (hereinafter: furnishing of certificate or compliance with the conditions), and the importer attached the approval to the import entry.
- (C) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections (a) and (b) -
 - (1) An individual is allowed to import the goods specified in the first schedule without furnishing an import license, or to import the goods specified in the second addendum without furnishing a certificate or compliance with the conditions, if it is proven, to the satisfaction of the Director, that the goods are not imported through a dealer, that they are not intended for supply, manufacturing or service providing purposes, and that they are imported in a reasonable quantity for the personal or family use of that individual (hereinafter: personal import), except for goods whose import is prohibited under the Customs Order and goods for which the first or second schedule states that the import license requirement, or the requirement of furnishing the certificate or compliance with the conditions, as applicable, applies to personal imports as well, excluding transport products to vehicles defined in the Transport Products Order;
 - (2) The Minister or an authorized officer acting on behalf of him may permit the importation of goods specified in the first addendum without the furnishing of an import license or importation of goods specified in the second schedule without the furnishing of a certificate or compliance with the conditions or importation of goods specified in this Order without compliance with the conditions of marking as stated in section 7 (d), excluding goods the import of which is prohibited under the Customs Order;
 - (3) The goods specified in the fifth schedule are permitted to be imported without presenting an import license and without the furnishing of a certificate or compliance with the conditions, except those whose import is prohibited pursuant to the Customs Order and those specified in the first and second addendum, and in respect of which the import license or certificate or compliance requirements, as applicable, applies also on personal import, and excluding transport products for vehicles as defined in the Traffic Products Order;

(4) Goods classified in item 410, group 3, under the title “various goods”, appearing after the first schedule to the Customs Tariff (Israeli annex) are exempt from furnishing of an official standard certificate, as defined in the second addendum.

(D) Without derogating from the provisions of sub-sections (a) and (b), goods specified in the third schedule to the Customs Tariff and on and goods specified in the third schedule to the Trade Levies Order and which are imported within the frameworks of reduced or exempt from customs or levy quotas – require an import license.

(E) Without derogating from the provisions of this section, import by a buyer as defined in the Mandatory Tenders Regulations (Preference of Israeli Products), 1995, requires the approval of The Industrial Cooperation Authority at the Ministry of Economy and Industry, as defined in those regulations, if the value of the imported goods is US \$ 50,000 or more.

The dates for granting an import license, approval or permit

3. (A) An import license, certificate or permit under this Order or a decision to refuse to grant them shall be given to the applicant within 14 working days of receiving the request; a decision of refusal shall be reasoned.

(B) The number of days specified in subsection (a) shall commence on the day of receipt of all the documents necessary for obtaining the import license, the certificate or the permit, as the case may be.

(C) Notwithstanding the provisions of sub-section (a) -

1. The number of days stated therein shall not apply to an import license, a certificate or a permit given once a year;
2. The Food Service or the Pharmaceutical Department of the Ministry of Health or the Licensing Unit for Importing Weapons (Hereinafter: Weaponry) at the Ministry of Transportation or the competent authority in the Ministry of Transportation and Road Safety (hereinafter: the Ministry of Transportation) shall submit their decision to the applicant for an import license, certificate or permit, within 21 working days.

(D) Anyone who is competent to grant an import license, certificate or permit pursuant to this order shall publish all requirements, full terms and required documents for the purpose of their grant via the website of the Ministry, as applicable.

Imports of vehicles

4. A person shall not import a vehicle unless one of the following conditions is met:

1. Pursuant to the provisions of The Order for Supervision of Goods and Services (Importation of Vehicles and Provision of Car Services), 1978, and the provisions of this Order;
2. In personal import, as defined in section 2(c)(1), excluding an M3 type vehicle;
3. In the import of any of the following:
 - (A) A rescue organ, including an organization or institution established by virtue of a law, which provides a service to the

public or an auxiliary organization as defined in the Civil Defense Law, 1951, provided that the vehicle will be used by the importing organ for rescue purposes and that the Minister of Transportation and Road Safety authorized the import;

- (B) A body that provides lifting services, which imports a portable crane intended for emergency purposes;
- (C) A holder of a valid guide license granted thereto pursuant to Regulations for Tourism Services (Guide), 1967, who imports a touring car as defined in The Transportation Regulations, 1961 (Herein: Transportation Regulations), provided that the vehicle is used by the importer for the provision of a tour service, as defined in Control of Goods and Services Order (Transportation, Special Transportation and Car Rental), 1985;
- (D) A holder of a valid license for providing car rental services, which was given to him pursuant to the Supervision of Commodities and Services Order (Sightseeing, Special Transportation and Car Rental) 1985, who imports motor vehicles intended for residential use (caravan), and provided that the vehicle is used by the importer for providing rental services;
- (E) The Government Vehicle Administration provided that the vehicle is intended for use in a government ministry or its auxiliary unit and is intended to respond a certain need, and the vehicle model is not imported in regular commercial import by an importer as defined in the Supervision of Commodities and Services Order (Import of Vehicles and Provision of Car Services) 1978;
- (F) A plant with a defense export license pursuant to the Defense Export Control Law, 2007, issued by the Export Supervision Department at the Ministry of Defense, provided that the vehicle is used by the importing plant for production and is intended for export within a period of two years, extendable by the competent authority for another year;
- (G) A vehicle manufacturer as defined in section 1 of the Control of Commodities and Services Order (Importing Vehicles and Providing Car Services) 1978, who is registered as a corporation in Israel and who conducts research and development in vehicles in Israel, provided that the vehicle is required for import for research or development purposes, subject to a license or import certificate issued by the competent authority;
- (H) Support units of the Prime Minister's Office, whose principal activities are in the field of state security, provided that the head of the support unit or a person authorized by him in writing, has confirmed to the competent authority that the vehicle is intended for operational use.

- Applicability of the Import Permit Order 5. Goods which may not be imported under the provisions of this Order, or which the provisions of this Order do not apply to their import, as specified in section 6, shall be subject to the provisions of the Import Permit Order, 1939.
- Non-applicability 6. The provisions of this Order shall not apply to the import of goods -
- (1) Which are dangerous drugs, as defined in the Dangerous Drugs Ordinance [New Version] 1973, and which are detailed in the fourth schedule to this Order;
 - (2) Destination of which is the Area, if there is no permit in the Area for their transfer from Israel, or if there is no transfer permit to the Palestinian Authority, under the Defense Export Control Law, 2007;
 - (3) From countries that do not have any of the following engagement with Israel -
 - A. Diplomatic relations and such that prohibit the import of goods from Israel;
 - B. An agreement that includes a clause of "Most Favored Nation" or which, in the opinion of the Minister or the person who he expressly or implicitly authorized for this purpose, limits the import of goods from Israel, generally or of a certain kind; the Minister or the person authorized by him for this purpose publishes in the notice in records the countries as specified in this paragraph or the goods produced in such countries, and the Minister is authorized to prescribe in a notice that the Order shall apply to all or some of these countries; for this purpose, "Manufactured" - including packaged or merged goods.
- Applicability of the duty to present an import license or to provide a certificate 7. (A) Where the number of an item, sub-item and a section of the customs tariff (hereinafter - Customs Item) are specified in the schedule to this Order, the duty to present an import license, or the furnishing of a certificate or compliance with the conditions will apply on all the goods classified in the same Customs Item.
- (B) Where a description of the goods included in column B appears adjacent to a customs item listed in a schedule to this Order – duty of presenting the import license or the furnishing of a certificate or compliance with conditions shall apply only to those goods.
- (C) With respect to goods listed in the second schedule, next to which column C states more than one certificate or condition, it is mandatory to furnish all the certificates listed next to them as well an approval of compliance with all the conditions listed next to them; however, with respect to a customs item marked with an asterisk in column A - the approvals and conditions specified in Column C alongside it, are alternative.
- (D) Where it is mandatory by law to mark goods before their import, this obligation shall also be a condition under this

Order.

(E) Goods bearing the name Jerusalem, or such bearing a trade mark that includes the name Jerusalem, require the approval of the Committee for the approval of the use of the name Jerusalem under section 6C of the Commodity Marks Ordinance.

(F) Where a person is required to furnish a certificate under this Order, the importer shall enclose to the import record a certificate such as the form in the third addendum.

Compliance with laws	9.	This Order is intended to add to and not derogate from any other law.
Import of explosive material	10.	An import license granted under this Order constitutes a permit pursuant to section 9 to Explosives Law, 1954.
Annulment	11.	Free Import Order, 2012 – annulled.
Implementation	12.	<p>A. The provisions hereunder shall come into force 30 days after publication date of this Order (hereinafter - publication date).</p> <p>1. The provisions in the first schedule concerning the customs items 84.27.1011, 84.27.1019, 84.27.1090, 84.27.2011, 84.27.2019, 84.27.2090, 84.27.9000, 84.30, 84.79.1090, 85.13, 85.26, 85.43, 90.15, 96.08;</p> <p>2. The provisions in the second schedule concerning the customs items 22.08 – the section beginning with the words “excluding homeopathic products”, 22.08.9090, 34.04.1090, 84, 85, 85.17, 85.17.600, 85.41.4000, 40.10, 40.13.1000, 68.07, 73.23.9000 – the section beginning with the words “table tools or kitchen tool” through the words “polymer or elastomer”, 84.09, 84.14.8011, 84.14.8019, 84.18.6960, 90.13.2000, 90.18.9090, 84.21.</p> <p>B. The provisions of the second schedule concerning customs item 85.41.4000 shall enter into force 60 days from the publication date.</p> <p>C. The provisions of the second schedule concerning customs item 70.13, 90.19.2000 shall enter into force 90 days from the publication date.</p>