

## **A. Guidelines for the submission of applications for import permit**

### **1. Application for an import permit**

The submission of an application and issue of an import permit is carried out electronically under the TradeNet Phase 5 System. Application for import permit is needed only for controlled goods.

### **2. How to apply for an import permit?**

Application for import permit is submitted electronically through the service of a TradeNet User. The three categories of TradeNet Users who submit applications electronically using their own computer system are –

- Clearing and Forwarding Agents
- Commission Agents; and
- Customs Brokers.

Any company or individual wishing to submit their own applications electronically have to register themselves with the Mauritius Network Services Ltd.(MNS).

### **3. What is TradeNet Phase 5 System?**

TradeNet Phase 5 System is an electronic system using EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) for the submission of application for import permit. EDI is the exchange of structured messages between various users of the network. The network is an electronic messaging service administered by the Mauritius Network Services Ltd.

Under the TradeNet Phase 5 System, the trading community is given the means of submitting import permit applications to the Import Division of the Ministry of Industry, Small & Medium Enterprises, Commerce & Cooperatives for processing. If the permit application is approved, a permit message is returned electronically to the sender.

### **4. What you require as a TradeNet user**

As a TradeNet user you will need the following –

- (i) Computer
- (ii) Printer
- (iii) Telephone line + modem
- (iv) TradeNet software from the Mauritius Network Services Ltd.

### **5. What are controlled goods?**

Controlled goods are goods that are listed as per the First Schedule to the Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 1999. A list of controlled goods together with supporting documents required is at Annex I\*.

### **6. Who can import a controlled good?**

Any individual or a registered company can apply for an import permit to import controlled goods. The following documents together with a copy of the VAT Registration Number should be submitted to the Import Division for the registration of the importer prior to the submission of the application for an import permit –

- a photocopy of the National Identity Card or the Certificate of Incorporation of the applicant as the case may be if application is made in respect of a second-hand motor vehicle;
- a photocopy of the appropriate Trading Licence of the applicant if controlled goods are imported for the first time for resale.

<b>Products to be imported</b>	<b>Type of appropriate trading licence issued by Local Authorities</b>
(a) Foodstuff	(i) Wholesale dealer (Foodstuff) (ii) General Retailer (Foodstuff) (iii) Dealer in General Merchandise
(b) Non-foodstuff	(i) Wholesale dealer (Non-Foodstuff) (ii) General Retailer (Non-Foodstuff) (iii) Dealer in General Merchandise
(c) Pharmaceutical products Food supplements	(i) Wholesale/Retail Pharmacy (ii) Dealer in General Merchandise
(d) Gold	Seller and Manufacturer of Gold and Goldware
(e) Second-hand motor vehicle spare parts	Dealer in second-hand motor vehicle spare parts

## **7. What are prohibited goods?**

“Prohibited goods” means the goods specified in the Second Schedule of the Regulations that are not allowed for importation. The list of prohibited goods is at the Second Schedule to the Regulations.

## **8. Payment of a fee.**

- (a) The Permanent Secretary may on good cause shown by the importer in respect of controlled goods already imported, grant an import permit subject to the payment by the importer to the Accountant-General of a fee of –
- 25,000 rupees in the case of a second-hand motor vehicle; and
  - 5,000 rupees in the case of any controlled goods.
- (b) Where an importer fails to furnish the Inspection Certificate as required under the Fifth Schedule, the Permanent Secretary shall grant an approval to the importer subject to –
- the payment of a fee of 15,000 rupees to the Accountant-General;

- submission of a certificate of inspection carried out by the local branch of Bureau Veritas or Société Générale de Surveillance or any local inspection body acceptable by the Permanent Secretary.

## 9. Who are the Exempted Importers?

Exempted importers are those who are exempted from the payment of the fee as stipulated at paragraph 10 above and are listed as at Parts I and II of the Eighth Schedule to the Regulations.

**Note:** *An import permit or an approval to remove any controlled goods from the customs will be issued within 3 working days, if all information, particulars and documents required in respect of an application for an import permit under regulation 5 or an approval to remove any controlled goods from the Customs under regulation 10 are submitted by the applicant.*

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**LIST OF CONTROLLED GOODS  
PART I**

**General Goods**

<b>H.S. Code</b>		<b>Description of Goods</b>	<b>Controlling Agencies/ Documents required</b>
03.02 03.03 03.04	-	Chilled or frozen fish	Approval from the Ministry of Agro-Industry & Fisheries
04.01	-	Milk (fresh/liquid)	Application stamped by the Agricultural Marketing Board – “No objection”
0402.10 0402.21 0402.29 1901.101	-	Infant Milk	
0402.10 0402.21 0402.29	-	Milk powder	
07.01	-	Potatoes (in all forms) including seed	Application stamped by the Agricultural Marketing Board – “No objection”
0703.10	-	Onions and Shallots	
0703.20	-	Garlic	
0805.30	-	Lemons and Limes	
0908.3010 0908.3090	-	Cardamons neither crushed nor ground - Cardamons crushed or ground	
0910.3010 0910.3090	-	Turmeric neither crushed nor ground - Turmeric crushed or ground	
10.06	-	Rice	
11.01	-	Wheat or meslin flour	
1513.1100 1513.1900	-	Coconut oil (copra) and its fractions, whether or not refined but not chemically modified	Certificate of analysis from supplier
15.16		Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, partly or wholly hydrogenated, inter-esterified, re-esterified or elaidonised, whether or not refined, but not further prepared	

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15.17	-	Margarine edible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils or of fractions of different fats or oils of chapter 15, other than edible fats or oils or their fractions of Heading No. 15.16	Certificate of analysis from supplier
15.18	-	Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their fractions boiled, oxidised, dehydrated, sulphurised, blown, polymerised by heat in vacuum or in inert gas or otherwise chemically modified	
1602.50	-	Canned corned beef	
1602.901	-	Canned corned mutton	
1604.15	-	Canned fish (Pilchards)	
21.06	-	Nutrient supplements	Pro-forma invoice stamped by the Ministry of Health "Import Authorised"
25.01	-	Salt	
2523.21 2523.29	-	Portland Cement	
27.09	-	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals crude	Imported solely by the State Trading Corporation
27.10	-	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals other than crude oil, white spirit, lubricating oil and greases.	
Chapter 30	-	Pharmaceutical products Ayurvedic and other traditional medicines	Pro-forma invoice stamped by the Ministry of Health "Import Authorised"
3006.20 3006.30 38.22	-	Diagnostic materials of biological origin	Pro-forma invoice stamped by the Ministry of Health "Import Authorised"
3604.10	-	Fireworks (including fireworks commonly known as "pétards")	Pro-forma invoice + Fiche Technique
3811.90	-	Potassium-Based Additive	To be imported solely by the State Trading Corporation.
3917.31 4009.11 4009.12		Tubes and Hoses (other than tubes and hoses consisting of a metal reinforcement) for connecting liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) cylinders to domestic gas appliances.	Valid Certificate of Conformity from the National Standard of the country of origin issued by a recognised body

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3923.211 3923.291	-	Plastic carry bags (Vest type)	Shall comply with the standards specified in the Schedule to the Environment Protection (Plastic Carry Bags) Regulations 2004.
3926.201 4015.901 6307.2000	-	Life Jackets	Valid Certificate from the supplier that the jackets comply with the specifications set out in the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention.
4012.20	-	Used pneumatic tyres of rubber	Shall be imported solely by EPZ firms for re-export after retreading.
6506.101	-	Motor-cyclists' helmets (crash helmets)	Certificate of Conformity to Standards from National Bureau of Standards from the country of origin + sample.
7102.10 7102.21 7102.31	-	Rough diamonds	
71.08	-	Gold (including gold plated with platinum) unwrought or in semi-manufactured forms, or in powder form	
7112.10	-	Waste and scrap of gold including metal clad with gold but excluding sweepings containing other precious metals	
84.23 90.16	- -	Weighing machinery Balances	Certificate of Suitability unless it is not for trade use
8516.10	-	Electric water heaters and immersion heaters and parts thereof	Certificate from independent recognised organisations to the effect that the appliance complies with:-
	(a)		International Electronically Commission (IEC) Standards 335-2-21 Pt2 Particular requirements for storage water heaters;
	(b)		IEC Standard 335-2-35 Pt2 Particular requirements for instantaneous water heaters
8536.20 8536.501 8536.901	- - -	Automatic circuit breakers with Residual Current Devices<1000 V Residual Current Switches<1000V ("interrupteur différentiel") Leakage modules<1000 V	(a) Shall comply with the International Standards BS En 61008 or BS En 61009 or IEC 61008 or IEC 61009 or any other equivalent standard.

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			(b)	A certificate from the Mauritius Standards Bureau attesting compliance with the standards referred to in paragraph (a) shall be obtained prior to the clearance of the goods from the Customs.	
85.44		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Electric Cable insulated with plastic materials</li> <li>- Armoured Electric Cables</li> </ul>			
87.02		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public transport type, passenger motor vehicles, bus</li> </ul>			
8706.001		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bus chassis fitted with engines</li> </ul>			
89.01		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cruise ships, excursion boats, ferry-boats, cargo ships, barges and similar vessels for the transport of persons or goods</li> </ul>		Approval from the Ministry of Tourism, Leisure & External Communications	
89.04		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Tugs and pusher craft</li> </ul>			
90.17		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Instruments for measuring length, for use in the hand (for example measuring rods and tapes)</li> </ul>			
9018.31		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Syringes with or without needles</li> </ul>	}	Pro-forma invoice approved by the Ministry of Health & Quality of Life	
9018.39		Sutures and ligatures			
9021.00		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sirolimus and other drug-eluting stents</li> </ul>			
9603.10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Brooms</li> </ul>		Exclude straw brooms and brooms wholly or partly made of vegetative materials like "fataque".	
9613.10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pocket lighters, gas fuelled, non-refillable</li> </ul>		A recent Certificate of Conformity with the International Standard ISO 9994:1995 or any other equivalent standard	
9613.20		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pocket lighters, gas fuelled, refillable</li> </ul>	(a)	Shall comply with the International Standard ISO 9994:2002 or any other equivalent standard; and	
			(b)	A recent certificate of conformity with the International Standard ISO 9994:2002 or any other equivalent standard should be submitted to the Ministry prior to the clearance of the goods from the Customs.	

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	-	Second-hand (used/reconditioned) motor vehicles	<p><b><u>Individual</u></b> Identity card + Pro-forma invoice</p> <p><b><u>Companies</u></b> Certificate of Incorporation + Pro-forma Invoice</p> <p><b><u>Taxi owner driver</u></b> Identity card + Valid PSV Licence + Pro-forma invoice</p> <p><b><u>Returning residents:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Photocopy of ID Card</li> <li>- Registration Certificate of vehicle</li> <li>- Bill of Lading</li> </ul> <p>Memo from Passport &amp; Immigration Office</p>
	-	Second-hand motor vehicle parts and accessories	Photocopy of Trade Licence where applicable
	-	Other used, scrapped and second-hand goods	

**(List of prohibited goods)**

1. Ball valve bottles.
2. Explosive caps for toy pistols and guns containing a mixture of potassium chlorate and red phosphorus.
3. Fire crackers of a type commonly known as "pétards rapés".
4. White phosphorous matches.
5. Motor vehicle rubber tyres which, have been remoulded, recapped or regrooved.
6. Kerosene stoves of a type commonly known as "lampes vertes" and parts thereof.
7. Ivory and Tortoise Shell.
8. Underwater fishing guns.
9. Sugar and chocolate confectionary and bubble/chewing gum in the form of cigarettes.
10. Second-hand motor vehicle spare parts and accessories as follows:-
  - (a) Tyres, tubes and wheels;
  - (b) Macpherson strut assembly;
  - (c) Injector nozzles;
  - (d) Chassis and parts thereof;
  - (e) Brake linings;
  - (f) Clutch nut and parts thereof;
  - (g) Filters;
  - (h) Hoses;
  - (i) Engine mountings;
  - (j) Belts;
  - (k) Oil seals;
  - (l) Ball joints;
  - (m) Bearings;
  - (n) Shock absorbers;
  - (o) Coil spring, leaf spring and torsion bar;
  - (p) Body shells of motor-cars or any parts of motor-cars originally welded by the manufacturer to their structured body shells or chassis;
  - (q) Jacks.
  - (r) Second-hand motor vehicles tyres other than second-hand motor vehicle tyres imported by any firm operating in the export processing zone for re-export as retreaded tyres.
11. Toy motor-cyclists' helmets.
12. "Roll your own cigarettes" papers imported under H.S. Code No. 48.13.

13. Electric Water Heater with bare element and parts and accessories thereof.
14. Portable electric lamps commonly known as laser penlights/torches of 1MW (milliwatt) or more.
15. Toy pistols and guns with projectiles.
16. Containers performing the function of "Aerosols" using C.F.C's (Chlorofluorocarbons) as propellant with contents other than pharmaceutical products.
17. The following items containing C.F.C's (Chlorofluorocarbons) as refrigerant or blowing agent- Refrigerators, freezers, refrigerating cabinets, showcases, counters and other refrigerating or freezing furnitures, chilling units, coolers, airconditioners (including motor vehicle airconditioners), automatic beverage-vending machines, incorporating refrigerating devices, cold-room equipment, refrigerated transport vehicles, refrigerator insulation, freezer insulation, foam packings, dehumidifiers, fishing boat refrigeration equipment, and styrofoam.
18. Crocidolite(Blue Asbestos) and its products.
19. Polybrominated Diphenyls(PBB) and its products.
20. Polychlorinated Diphenyls(PCB) and its products.
21. Polychlorinated Terphenyls(PCT) and its products.
22. Tris (2,3 – Dibromopropyl) Phosphate and its products.
23. PVC teethers and teething rings.
24. Rolling machines (other than rolling machines of industrial types) used to manufacture cigarettes.
25. All round logs and timber products from Liberia.
26. Bull Bar
27. Asbestos fibres as follows –
  - (a) Actinolite
  - (b) Anthophyllite
  - (c) Amosite
  - (d) Tremolite
28. Toy known as "Yoyo water ball"
29. Any jelly confectionery including jelly mini cups or mini capsules which are intended for human consumption and contain E425 (konjac), including konjac gum or konjac glucomannane.
30. Any jelly mini cup or any jelly mini capsule which is intended for human consumption and which contains food additives E400 (alginic acid), E401 (sodium alginate), E402 (potassium alginate), E403 (ammonium alginate), E404 (calcium alginate), E405 (propane – 1,2 – diol alginate), E406 (agar), E407 (carrageenan), E407a (processed eucheuma seaweed), E410 (locust bean gum), E412 (guar gum), E413 (tragacanth), E414 (acacia gum), E415 (xanthan gum), E417 (tara gum) and E418 (gellan gum).
31. Batteries containing mercury
32. Aerosol spray containing benzene
33. Cosmetic products containing Vitamin K1 (Phytonadione)

