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## Trading with Regulated or Prohibited Cargo

## Trading with Regulated or Prohibited Goods:

Every country would make up its own list for Regulated, Restricted or Prohibited goods for export and import trade. One product might be prohibited for export but only restricted for import.

With customs, prohibited, means that the product is not allowed to cross the border, out or into the country. You may do a Customs Declaration and get away with it for a while, but if they catch you, you are deemed to know that it was not right to do that.

When cargo is regulated, this means that it is controlled by an export or import permit, which regulates the quality or quantity. Quality permits restrictions are controlled by government departments such as the Department of Health, Department of Agriculture, Department of Environment or various other departments. Volume permits may be controlled by the DTI or ITAC.

In imports, some products would have to be tested as sample only before the Import permit is issued. One such example is when the SABS, (South African Burro of Standards) need to first test if something is safe. Only when the product is accepted may the permit be issued.

On the next page is an example from the Customs list of regulated goods.

**Exert from Customs Regulated Cargo List:**

|       |  |   |                                 |  |  |                |   |
|-------|--|---|---------------------------------|--|--|----------------|---|
| 21.05 | Ice cream and other edible ice, whether or not containing cocoa: | Importation into the RSA is subject to a permit from the Director: Veterinary Services, Pretoria, or a person designated by him (only if it contains dairy products)<br><br>See Notes 21.2 to 21.4<br><br>Endorse License | Animal Diseases Act No. 35/1984 | PHO - Port Health Section of the Dept. Of Health<br><br>STATE VETERINARY SERVICES (National Department of Agriculture) | State Veterinarian Services<br><br>PHO | Endorse Permit | Permit from Director: Veterinary Services, Pretoria, or a person designated by him (only if it contains dairy products) |
| 1     | 2  | 3   | 4                               | 5  | 6                                      | 7              | 8   |



- 1) Heading: this is the 4 digit number or the first 4 numbers of the [HS code or tariff code](#).
- 2) Designation of goods: the description of the goods as to the place it belongs.
- 3) Prohibition or Restriction: What is the control this goods.
- 4) Authority: The part of the Act that gives them the control.
- 5) Action Required/ Detained for: The authority to be notified when stopped.
- 6) Competent Authority: The authority to give out the permit.
- 7) Customs Mandate Requirement: What Customs must check out for.
- 8) Document requirement: what Customs must see on the permit.

If the importer/exporter is not in possession of the applicable permit then the goods will not be allowed into or out of the country. Should goods need to be stored by customs for the time it takes for a permit to be obtained, storage costs will be accrued. Delays in customs clearance due to incorrect documentation may also result in business losses due to lack of availability of the goods. It is therefore important that the restrictions are known and a permit obtained before customs clearance.

Prohibited or regulated items can be looked up in the calculator section of our [member's area](#). For assistance with permits call 0861 0 TRADE (87233) or [click here](#).



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