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User's Guide to the Bureau of Customs Regulated Imports List (2015 04 06 Version)

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A. Downloading the List

1. The Bureau of Customs has published a final, complete list of all regulated imports as of 6 April 2015. The list can be downloaded from:

<http://customs.gov.ph/regulated-imports-list-2015-04-06/>

2. The list contains links to other files with detailed information on the procedures for acquiring the permits from the regulating agencies. These other files, as well as the list itself, can be downloaded from:

<http://repository.gov.ph/customs/>

3. For the links to work, the following files must all be saved on a computer's desktop or within the same folder:
 - a. Any or all of the versions of the list (files whose names begin with "Regulated Imports 2015 04 06...")
 - b. The files downloadable by following these instructions:
 - i. Go to: <http://repository.gov.ph/customs/>
 - ii. Then click on Regulated Imports 2015 04 06 Supporting Documents - Complete.zip
4. In the event that the links do not work, the files with the information to which the links do not work can be located by searching for the file name shown in the columns with the headings "Link to Information on Permits from Regulating Agency 1", "Link to Information on Permits from Regulating Agency 2", and "Link to Information on Permits from Regulating Agency 3."

B. Using the Regulated Imports List

1. The Regulated Imports List comes in three versions, all of which have identical contents. The versions differ in the order of presentation of the columns and in how the rows are sorted:

File	Sort order
<u>Regulated Imports 2015 04 06 Version 1 Sorted By Product.xlsx</u>	By specific product, in alphabetical order

<u>Regulated Imports 2015 04 06 Version 2 Sorted by Category.xlsx</u>	By broad category of product, then within each broad category, by specific product, both in alphabetical order.
<u>Regulated Imports 2015 04 06 Version 3 Sorted by Regulating Agency.xlsx</u>	By the name of the agency regulating that product, in alphabetical order.

2. All versions of the Regulated Imports List are in excel format and can be searched, but cannot be modified, filtered, or manipulated in any way. The contents of the files can be copied into a separate excel file, which can then be filtered or modified.
3. Each row in the list corresponds to one regulated product. For Version 1:
 - a. Columns A and B (**Product** and **Category**) show the broad product category and the specific product.
 - b. Column C indicates if the rules are based on who is importing the product, rather than what the product is.
 - c. Column D indicates if the rules are based on what the product will be used for, rather than what the product is.
 - d. Column E shows the name of the regulating agency for that product.
 - e. Column F shows the name of the document(s) which must be shown by the importer to the Bureau of Customs as a prerequisite to Customs clearance of any imports of that product.
 - f. Column G contains links to more information about the procedures of the regulating agency in column E to obtain the document(s) shown in Column F.
 - g. For products which require more than one permit, Columns H to J, and Columns K to M, show the same information as columns E to G, for the other agencies from which permits must be obtained.
 - h. Column N contains details on rules specific to that product which does not fit into the other columns.
4. Some products are regulated by more than one agency. (In compiling the Regulated Imports List, products for which an Authority to Release Imported Goods (ATRIG) issued by the Bureau of Internal Revenue is required are considered regulated imports, and the Bureau of Internal Revenue is considered a regulating agency). If a particular import requires a permit or permits from more than one agency, that will be shown in the columns for **Regulating Agency 2** (column H) and **Regulating Agency 3** (column K).
5. In some cases, a product can be regulated by either of two agencies depending not on what the product is, but what it will be used for. An example of this is “Food Supplements- for Humans or Animals.” In cases such as this, an explanation of what is required to be presented for Customs clearance is shown in the column **Notes** (column N).
6. In general, whether a product is regulated depends on what it is. In some cases, however, the specific rules which determine whether a product can be imported or whether the

product is a regulated import depend on who is importing the product or for what purpose the product will be used.

- a. In cases where the rules depend on who is importing the product, this will be shown in the column **By Importer** (column C). Further explanations will be shown in the column **Notes** (column N)
- b. In cases where the rules depend on for what purpose the product will be used, this will be shown in the column **By Purpose** (column D). Further explanations, if any, will be shown in the column **Notes** (column N).

C. Notes on Imports of Food and Drink

1. All food and drinks, whether for human or animal consumption, are regulated imports, and must have a permit from one of the following agencies:
 - a. Bureau of Animal Industry
 - b. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
 - c. Bureau of Plant Industry
 - d. Food and Drug Administration

In addition, alcoholic drinks must have a permit from the Bureau of Internal Revenue.

The specific rules for each product are shown in the list.

2. All drugs and pharmaceutical products, whether for human or animal consumption, are regulated imports, and must have permit from one of the following agencies:
 - a. Bureau of Animal Industry
 - b. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
 - c. Bureau of Plant Industry
 - d. Food and Drug Administration

The specific rules for each product are shown in the list.

D. Notes on Imports of Chemicals

1. Many chemicals are regulated imports, in some cases by more than one agency. This list contains all known regulated chemicals. If a particular chemical is not on the Regulated Imports list, it does not automatically mean that it is not regulated. For chemicals which are not on the Regulated Imports list Customs staff, importers, and brokers should determine whether that chemical is found in the Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS):
 - a. If a particular chemical is not in the Regulated Imports list but is in the Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances, then that chemical is not a regulated import.

- b. If a particular chemical is not in the Regulated Imports list, and also not in the Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances, then that chemical is a regulated import and must secure a permit from the Environment Management Bureau.

The Philippine Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances (PICCS) is contained in the file PICCS 2012.pdf, which can be downloaded from:

<http://repository.gov.ph/customs/>

E. Changes to the List

1. New laws and regulations issued by regulating agencies may result in changes to the list of regulated imports from time to time. If there are any changes, the Bureau of Customs will make the necessary revisions to the list, such that the version posted on its website will be current at all times.
2. Regulating agencies should notify the Bureau of Customs of any changes or corrections, by e-mail to inquiry.trga@gmail.com, at least one month before changes should take effect.