



Rural Payments
Agency

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Notice to Traders 38/20

Information on General (Non Quota) Import/Export Licences

Introduction

The UK has left the EU and the transition period will end on 31 December 2020.

Following the issue of Notice to Traders 31/19, this notice gives you up to date information about the requirements for general (full duty) import/export licences from 1 January 2021.

To prepare your business for the end of the transition period please visit www.gov.uk/transition

Requirements for general import/export licences from 1 January 2021

After the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020, the products which require a general (non-quota) import or export licence will remain the same as those currently in Commission Regulations (EU) No 2016/1237 and (EU) No 2016/1239.

However, please note that where there is a requirement for an import or export licence, this will apply to imports from, and exports to, EU countries. The process for applying and issuing of general licences will remain the same.

If you are not already registered to apply for a licence, you must register with the RPA and obtain a Trader Registration Number (TRN) before you can submit a licence application. You can apply for a TRN by contacting our Customer Service Centre on 03000 200 301, or you can register online at the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rural-payments-service-registering-and-updating-your-details>

Licence validity

If you hold a general import licence from the RPA, this will be invalid for importing goods into the EU after 31 December 2020. However, if the licence is valid beyond that date, you will still be able to use this licence to import goods into the UK.

Licences issued under Commission Regulation (EC) No 972/2006 for imports of rice from India or Pakistan

If you hold a licence issued by the RPA under Commission Regulation (EC) No 972/2006, this will be invalid for importing into the EU after 31 December 2020. However, if the licence is valid beyond that date, you will still be able to use this licence to import goods into the UK.

Commission Regulation (EC) No 972/2006 will no longer apply in the UK from 1 January 2021. However, operators can continue to benefit from zero duty imports of husked basmati rice from India and Pakistan. You should apply to RPA for a general rice import licence and you will need to present a Certificate of Authenticity, issued by the exporting country, to Customs at the point of import to qualify for zero duty.

Licence security

Where a licence security is required, this will now be taken in Sterling instead of Euros.

Details of the products covered by this notice are included in the Annex attached. Please ensure you check the information on licence security and licence validity.

Enquiries

If you have any questions about this notice, please contact the Trader team on:

- 03300 416500

or you can e-mail RPA at trader@rpa.gov.uk

Annex

Licensing obligation – for imports

Rice

Maximum quantity for which no licence needs to be presented is 1000kg.

CN code	Description	Amount of the security	Period of validity
1006 20	Husked (brown) rice, including products imported under tariff rate quotas managed by FCFS	£26/t	until the end of the second month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
1006 30	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed, including products imported under tariff rate quotas managed by FCFS	£26/t	until the end of the second month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
1006 40 00	Broken rice, including products imported under tariff rate quotas managed by FCFS	£1/t	until the end of the second month following the month of the day of issue

Seeds

CN code	Description	Amount of the security	Period of validity
ex 1207 99 20	Seeds of varieties of hemp, for sowing	No security required	until the end of the sixth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
1207 99 91	Hemp seeds other than for sowing	No security required	until the end of the sixth month following the month of the day of issue

Flax and hemp

CN code	Description	Amount of the security	Period of validity
5302 10 00	True hemp, raw or retted	No security required	until the end of the sixth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence

Ethyl alcohol of agricultural origin

Maximum quantity for which no licence needs to be presented is 100hl.

CN code	Description	Amount of the security	Period of validity
ex 2207 10 00	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80 % vol. or higher obtained from agricultural products	£ 1 per hectolitre	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
ex 2207 20 00	Ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength obtained from agricultural products	£ 1 per hectolitre	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
ex 2208 90 91	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80 % vol obtained from agricultural products	£ 1 per hectolitre	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
ex 2208 90 99	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80 % vol. obtained from agricultural products	£ 1 per hectolitre	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence

Licensing obligation – for exports

Rice

Maximum quantities for which no licence needs to be presented is 500kg.

CN code	Description	Amount of the security	Period of validity
1006 20	Husked (brown) rice	£3 /t	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue of the licence
1006 30	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed	£3 /t	until the end of the fourth month following the month of the day of issue