



# Rural Payments Agency

**RURAL PAYMENTS AGENCY**

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**NOTICE TO TRADERS 38/16**

## **CHANGES TO LICENSING RULES**

### **Introduction**

This notice is to tell you about changes to some of the requirements and rules concerning the application of import and export licences for agricultural products.

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 376/2008 has been repealed and replaced by Regulations (EU) No. 2016/1237 and 2016/1239. These should be read in conjunction with the Notice on Import and Export Licences for Agricultural Products as published in Official Journal C278 on 30 July 2016.

The regulations come into force from 6 August 2016 and the changes take effect from 6 November 2016.

### **Products requiring a licence**

Several products no longer require a licence and details of the products which still require an import or export licence can be found in the attached Annex. There is no change to the minimum threshold quantities.

### **Security**

In cases where a security is required to support an import or export licence application the amount will be rounded down when converted into national currency. For example, £236.78 will be £236.00.

### **EORI number**

You must include your Economic Operators Registration and Identification (EORI) number in box 4 and, where applicable, box 6 of your licence application. The EORI will also be included on the licence.

In cases where the import or export declaration is made by a customs representative, the EORI number of the titular holder or transferee must be included in the electronic customs declaration.

## **Changes to information on licences**

There have been some changes to certain information stated on import and export licences.

For export licences, the 'advance fixing' and 'tendering' boxes have been removed.

Import quota licences will state an 'issued on' date as well as a 'valid from' date.

## **Quantity on applications and customs declarations**

The quantity on your import or export application must only be stated in kilograms. The licence attribution on the customs declaration must also only be stated in kilograms.

## **Release of security on export licences**

The security will only be released when you prove the products covered by your export licence have left the customs territory of the Union within 150 calendar days from the day of acceptance of the customs declaration.

The proof must consist of:

- the return of the original licence, duly endorsed by Customs, or confirmation that the electronic licence has been used; and
- the electronic exit certification by the customs office of export to the exporter, or declarant. This must include the Master Reference Number (MRN) if more than one Member State is involved in the export procedure, or if the customs office of export is in another Member State than that of the licence issuing authority.

The proof referred to above must be received at RPA within 180 calendar days after the expiry of the licence.

## **Import licences for Hemp**

Regulation (EC) No. 507/2008 has been repealed and the rules concerning import licences for hemp are now covered in the new regulations (EU) No. 2016/1237 and 2016/1239. You can no longer transfer the rights on hemp licences.

## **Transitional arrangements**

You can ask for your licence security to be released for import or export licences if the licence is still valid on 6 November 2016, including if only partially used if licences are no longer required for the products concerned from that date.

## **Authority**

You can find details of these changes in Commission Regulation (EC) No 2016/1237 and 2016/1239 published in Official Journal L206. You can get copies from Stationery

Office bookshops and accredited agents, or ordered from the Stationery Office website at [www.tso.co.uk](http://www.tso.co.uk).

You can also access the Official Journals electronically by visiting the Commission's website at <http://www.eur-lex.europa.eu/en/index.htm>. We are not responsible for the accuracy or completeness of the Europa website. Whilst every care has been taken in producing this guidance, the regulations as published are definitive.

### **Enquiries**

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

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**ALL OF THE PRODUCTS LISTED BELOW STILL REQUIRE A LICENCE****IMPORT LICENCES**

**THE INFORMATION BELOW ONLY RELATES TO FULL DUTY IMPORTS. FOR PRODUCTS IMPORTED UNDER PREFERENTIAL CONDITIONS OR IMPORT TARIFF QUOTAS PLEASE REFER TO THE RELEVANT REGULATIONS**

**IMPORTS OF RICE**

CN code	Description
1006 20	Husked rice
1006 30	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed
1006 40 00	Broken rice

**IMPORTS OF FLAX AND HEMP**

CN code	Description
5302 10 00	True hemp, raw or retted
ex 1207 99 15	Seeds of varieties of hemp for sowing
1207 99 91	Hempseeds other than for sowing

**IMPORTS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES**

CN code	Description
0703 20 00	Garlic, fresh or chilled
ex 0703 90 00	Other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled

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**IMPORTS OF PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE PRODUCTS**

CN code	Description
ex 0710 80 95	Garlic <sup>(1)</sup> and Allium ampeloprasum (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), frozen
ex 0710 90 00	Mixtures of vegetables containing garlic <sup>(1)</sup> and/or Allium ampeloprasum (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), frozen

CN code		Description
ex	0710 80 95	Garlic <sup>(1)</sup> and Allium ampeloprasum (uncooked or cooked by steaming or boiling in water), frozen
ex	0711 90 80	Garlic <sup>(1)</sup> and Allium ampeloprasum provisionally preserved (for example, by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in this state for immediate consumption
ex	0711 90 90	Mixtures of vegetables containing garlic <sup>(1)</sup> and/or Allium ampeloprasum, provisionally preserved (for example, by sulphur dioxide gas, in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions), but unsuitable in this state for immediate consumption
ex	0712 90 90	Dried garlic <sup>(2)</sup> and Allium ampeloprasum and mixtures of dried vegetables containing garlic <sup>(1)</sup> and/or Allium ampeloprasum, whole, cut, sliced, broken or in powder, but not further prepared

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### **IMPORTS OF ETHYL ALCOHOL OF AGRICULTURAL ORIGIN**

CN code		Description
ex	2207 10 00	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of 80% vol. or higher, obtained from the agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Treaty
ex	2207 20 00	Ethyl alcohol and other spirits, denatured, of any strength, obtained from the agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Treaty
ex	2208 90 91	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80% vol., obtained from the agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Treaty
ex	2208 90 99	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80% vol., obtained from the agricultural products listed in Annex I to the Treaty

### **EXPORT LICENCES**

### **EXPORTS OF RICE**

CN code		Description
	1006 20	Husked rice
	1006 30	Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed

### **EXPORTS OF SUGAR**

CN code		Description
	1701	Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form
	1702 6095 1702 9095	Other sugars in solid form and sugar syrups, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter, but not including lactose, glucose, maltodextrine and isoglucose
	2106 9059	Flavoured or coloured sugar syrups, other than isoglucose, lactose, glucose and maltodextrine syrups

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