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Report Name: Burma Reduces List of Products that Require Import Licenses

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Report Highlights:

In October 2020, the Ministry of Commerce published notification 68/2020, which reduced the number of tariff lines that require an import license. As of December 1, 2020, 689 tariff lines no longer require an import license. However, 3,931 tariff lines, including the majority of U.S. agricultural exports to Burma, still require an import license.

Myanmar Ministry of Commerce Notification 68/2020

Background:

Each year, the Burmese Ministry of commerce (MOC) reviews the list of tariff lines that require importers to apply for an import license. Burma currently uses the 2017 version of its Harmonized Tariff schedule, which is available [here](#). With a goal of continued trade facilitation and liberalization, MOC identified 689 tariff lines that no longer require import licenses during its 2020 review, and published this via notification 68/20 on October 22, 2020. These changes went into effect on December 1, 2020.

The following agricultural products no longer require an import license:

- 0403: Buttermilk, curdled milk and cream, yogurt, kephir and other fermented or acidified milk and cream, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored or containing added fruit, nuts or cocoa.
- 0404: Whey, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter; products consisting of natural milk constituents, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, not elsewhere specified or included.
- 0405: Butter and other fats and oils derived from milk; dairy spreads.
- 0406: Cheese and curd.
- 1517: Margarine; edible mixtures or preparations of animal or vegetable fats or oils or of fractions of different fats or oils of this Chapter, other than edible fats or oils or their fractions of heading 15.16.
- 1601: Sausages and similar products, of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparations based on these products.
- 1602: Other prepared or preserved meat, meat offal or blood.
- 1603: Extracts and juices of meat, fish or crustaceans, molluscs or other aquatic invertebrates.
- 16.04: Prepared or preserved fish; caviar and caviar substitutes prepared from fish eggs
- 1605: Crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates, prepared or preserved
- 2201: Waters, including natural or artificial mineral waters and aerated waters, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter nor flavored; ice and snow.
- 2202.10: Waters, including mineral waters and aerated waters, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or flavored
- 2202.10: Sparkling mineral waters or aerated waters, flavor
- 2202.99: Other
- 2202.99: Flavored UHT milk based drinks
- 2202.99: Soya milk drinks
- 2202.99: Coffee based drinks or coffee flavored drinks

- 2202.99: Other non-aerated beverages ready for immediate consumption without dilution

However, 3,931 tariff lines, including the majority of U.S. agricultural exports to Burma, still require an import license. The updated list of products is available [here](#). The translation of the title of the table is, “List of goods required to apply import license, according to a chapter by HS Code 2017 Version.”

The previous pages, which are in Burmese, are provided in English below.

Impact to U.S. Exports

Although the majority of U.S. agricultural exports to Burma still require an import license, this notification does streamline import procedures for the small number of products listed above.

Ministry of Commerce
Notification No. 68/2020
The 6th Waxing Day of Thadingyut, 1382 M.E.
(22nd October, 2020)

In accordance with Article 13 (b) of the Export Import Law, The Ministry of Commerce has issued this Notification.

Issuance of the list of goods required to apply import license

1. The tariff lines required to apply import license are being reviewed for trade facilitation annually, some tariff lines are released the list of non-licensing requirements and 3931 tariff lines are issued a list of goods required to apply import license, according to HS code 2017 version, including the group of goods such as live animal, meat, fish, various edible oil, vegetable and cereal crops, forest products, beverages, mineral fuels, mining products, chemical products, medicines, vehicle and machineries, wastes, etc., with the objectives of State security, food security and protection of environmental problems.
2. The prohibited goods for import permits according to the related law, regulations and rules; and specific issued goods to allow importation according to specific directives and procedures, will be complied in accordance with the related law, regulations, rules, directives and procedures.
3. This Notification will come into effect on 1st December, 2020 and if tariff lines without including the list of licensing requirements issued by the Notification No. 22/2019 are comprised within 3931 tariff lines provided by 10 digits of this notification, such tariff lines are required to apply import license after 90 days of the announcement of this Notification.
4. This Notification prevails over the Notification No. 22/2019 dated 21.5.2019 issued by the Ministry of Commerce.

(Sd.)
Dr. Than Myint
Minister

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By order

Myint Lwin
Director General

**Condition of the specification of the tariff lines required to apply import license,
according to a chapter by HS Code 2017 Version**

Sr.	Chapter No.	2017 Version HS Code Total Tariff Lines	No. of lines required to apply License by 22/2019	No. of Estimated Tariff Lines to release	No. of Lines required to apply License	Classes of goods
1.	01	52	52		52	Live animals
2.	02	80	80		80	Meat and edible meat offal
3.	03	383	383		383	Fish, crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates
4.	04	64	64	22	42	Milk and dairy produce, edible products of animal origin, natural honey
5.	05	27	27		27	Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included
6.	06	27	27		27	Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage
7.	07	172	172		172	Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers
8.	08	106	101		101	Edible fruit and vegetables, fruits of citrus and lime family (or) melons
9.	09	62	43		43	Coffee, tea, maté and spices
10	10	46	45		45	Cereals (wheat, barley, rice)
11.	11	43	43		43	Wheat flour, maize (corn) flour, cereal and barley flour, potato flour, etc.
12.	12	84	83		83	Groundnut, sunflower seed, mustard seed and grains of oilseed crops
13.	13	22	22		22	Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts
14.	14	17	17		17	Plaiting raw materials (plant products)
15	15	194	188	32	156	Various oils (Soya-bean oil, olive oil, palm oil, sunflower oil, coconut (copra) oil, mustard oil and vegetable fats, forest product, wax
16	16	80	80	80	-	Prepared meat, fish, shrimp and molluscs
17	17	34	29		29	Unrefined sugar/ raw sugar
18	18	15	01	01	-	Cocoa and food preparations containing cocoa
19	19	63	36	36	-	Gum, malt, wheat, flours including starch, prepared foods mixed with milk, prepared foods with pastry
20	20	97	97	97	-	Food preparations of vegetables, nuts and other edible parts of plants
21	21	63	34	16	18	Miscellaneous edible preparations

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22	22	71	71	11	60	Beverage, liqueur and vinegars
23	23	42	42	09	33	Residues and waste from the food industries
24	24	43	43		43	Tobacco, cigar, cigarette, cheroot (or) cigarette substitutes
25	25	90	88	02	86	Salt, sulphur, earth and stones, plastering materials, lime and cement
26	26	42	42		42	Metal ore, slag, waste and ash
27	27	94	93		93	Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; petroleum, bituminous substances
28	28	227	227		227	Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of radioactive elements or of isotopes
29	29	465	465		465	Organic chemicals
30	30	111	106		106	Human blood, related medicine and vaccine, waste pharmaceuticals
31	31	31	31		31	Fertilizers
32	32	85	-		-	Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; natural or synthetic colouring matters; paints and varnishes; putty and inks
33	33	47	-		-	Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetic or toilet preparations
34	34	62	12		12	Soap, washing materials, lubricant, artificial wax, prepared waxes, polishing or scouring materials, candles and similar articles, modeling paste, dental wax and dentistry preparations with a basis of plaster
35	35	21	-		-	Substances including starch, modified glues, enzyme substances
36	36	19	12		12	Explosives, matches, other prepared explosives and combustible materials
37	37	54	-		-	Photographic or cinematographic goods
38	38	161	102	02	100	Chemical products
39	39	359	07		07	Plastic (Primary form)
40	40	206	56		56	Natural rubbers (Waste & Scrap, Natural)
41	41	39	26		26	Raw hides and raw materials of skin (Raw)
42	42	36	-		-	Articles of leather, saddlery and

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						harness, travel goods, handbags and similar containers, articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)
43	43	16	09		09	Fur skin, raw articles of artificial fur (Raw)
44	44	227	-		-	Wooden statuettes, wooden articles, wood-based articles
45	45	07	-		-	Cork and articles of cork
46	46	28	-		-	Manufactures of straw or manufactures of esparto or other plaiting materials, basket ware and wickerwork materials
47	47	22	01		05	Wood pulps (Waste and Scrap)
48	48	248	-		-	Newsprint, paper and paperboard, paper pulp, articles of paper or paperboard
49	49	35	-		-	Printed papers, book
50	50	15	01		01	Fabric (Waste and Scrap)
51	51	39	03		04	Animal hair or woven fabric
52	52	145	03		03	Cotton wool
53	53	31	-		-	Jutes, textile bast fibres, paper yarns and woven fabric of paper yarn
54	54	90	-		-	Man-made filament, man-made yarns and similar yarns
55	55	116	02		02	Man-made filament tows
56	56	43	-		-	Material like cork, special twine yarns and articles thereof
57	57	63	-		-	Carpets and other textile floor coverings
58	58	84	-		-	Special woven fabrics, tufted textile fabrics, lace, tapestries, trimmings and embroidery
59	59	44	-		-	Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics and textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use
60	60	64	-		-	Knitted or crocheted fabrics
61	61	131	-		-	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted
62	62	220	-		-	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, not knitted or crocheted
63	63	91	05		05	The other made up textiles, worn clothing and articles, rags
64	64	52	-		-	Footwear, gaiters and the like, parts of such articles

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65	65	15	-		-	Headgear and parts thereof
66	66	07	-		-	Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops, and parts thereof
67	67	12	-		-	Feather, human hairs
68	68	82	-		-	Natural stone, marble
69	69	61	-		-	Fossil, ceramic goods like metal, roofing tile
70	70	107	01		01	Other waste and scrap of glass, glass in the mass
71	71	89	89		89	Pearl, jade and precious jewelleryes
72	72	368	07		07	Iron ore blocks (Waste & Scrap)
73	73	271	-		-	Radiation and parts thereof (Radiator)
74	74	70	03		03	Copper (Waste & Scrap)
75	75	20	01		01	Nickel (Waste & Scrap)
76	76	73	01		01	Aluminium (Waste & Scrap)
77	77	-	-		-	Reserved Chapter
78	78	12	01		01	Lead (Waste & Scrap)
79	79	15	03		03	Zinc (Waste & Scrap)
80	80	12	01		01	Tin (Waste & Scrap)
81	81	52	52		52	Other base metals (Waste & Scrap)
82	82	75	08	06	02	Various knives (razor, razor blade, etc.)
83	83	74	-		-	Miscellaneous articles of base metal
84	84	1315	243	211	32	Nuclear reactor, cartridge for nuclear reactor, steam (or) boiler and parts thereof, natural gas generator and parts thereof, aircraft engine and parts thereof, liquefied petroleum gas, drying machines, fire-extinguisher and parts thereof, accessories related with computer (Keyboard, Sound Card, Storage, Disk, Bar-Code Reader, etc.)
85	85	824	156	137	20	Electric motors and generators, laboratory used ovens and equipment, brazing or soldering machines
86	86	25	-		-	Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof, railway or tramway track fixtures and fittings and parts thereof, mechanical (including electro-mechanical) traffic signalling equipment of all kinds
87	87	987	816	07	809	Motor vehicles (other than railway or tramway rolling-stocks), and parts and

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						accessories thereof
88	88	21	10		10	Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof
89	89	55	55		55	Vessels and parts of assembled materials
90	90	256	30	20	10	Photographic laboratory (including cinematographic), accessories related with cinematographic (including projectors), apparatus for X-ray, instruments, appliances, radar, cathode-ray television picture tubes, electric wastes, copper wastes
91	91	55	-		-	Clocks and watches and parts thereof
92	92	25	-		-	Musical instruments, parts and accessories of such articles
93	93	30	30		30	Military arms and ammunitions, pistol
94	94	99	-		-	Furniture; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; lamps and lighting fittings, not elsewhere specified or included; illuminated signs, illuminated name-plates and the like; prefabricated buildings
95	95	87	22		23	Gambled equipments and games like gamble, machines used in gambling like billiard tables, etc.
96	96	118	09		09	Ivory, bone, tortoise-shell, horn, antler, coral and other animal carving materials
97	97	08	04		04	Painting-related articles
	Total	11167	4613	689	3,931	

Attachments:

No Attachments.