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Report Highlights:

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Report High light:

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Background

Burma's Ministry of Commerce usually amends the import negative lists frequently based on the requirements and the country's economic situation. Recently, to support the country's economic recovery in the aftermath of COVID-19, to ensure the country's systematic import and export procedures, and to control the use of foreign currency for the import of goods, Burma published new negative lists by notification 18/2021 on November 9, 2021. This notification is only the first and more lists will be published step by step for the importers to prepare for the conversion of these product lines into the import licensing system. According the 2017 Custom Tariff of Myanmar, 1,428 tariff lines with 6-digit HS code or 3,070 tariff lines with HS code 10-digits that were previously outside the list are now included in the import negative list by this notification. The new list includes electronic devices, some foods, cosmetics and consumer products, paper and paperboard, and goods related to construction. The lists of additional commodities by chapter can be seen in Table 1 of the Annex where the unofficial translated announcement and food items are highlighted.

This notification will go into effect on January 1, 2022 for both maritime trade and land trade including border trade. Together with the previous notification 68/2021, a total of 7,001 tariff lines are required to apply import licenses, which is about 62 percent of total tariff lines according to the HS code in the 2017 Custom Tariff of Myanmar. For food items, 93 percent of total food tariff lines are required to apply an import license.

What Does This Mean for U.S. Products?

U.S. exports, such as consumer-oriented products, meat and meat products, wine, juice and beverages, soymeal, and DDGS, are required to have an import license already. However, four new fruits were added to the list that previously did not need an import license: apples, oranges, grapes, and pears.

Some milk and milk products, such as buttermilk, curdled milk and cream, yogurt, butter and other fats and oils derived from milk, dairy spreads, cheese, and curd, as well as sausages and similar products of meat, meat offal, and blood are now required to apply an import license.

Wheat grains are still exempted from the import license but it could be included in future notifications as the Ministry of Commerce confirmed in this announcement that it will publish additional lists in tranches. The new notification does not impact the United States' largest export, soymeal, which already

needs to apply an import license, but negatively effects on importation of four major fruits, apples, oranges, pears and grapes. Burma is currently importing those fruits from Thailand due to difficulties booking direct vessels from the United States to Burma.

Post conclusion

The import procedures could be delayed due to several applications by importers at the same time and the shortage of government staff at departments involved with imports during the country's current situation. This will likely increase expenses for importers. Post will track the additional announcements and update accordingly.

Annex 1: Unofficial translation of original notification 18/2021

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Commerce
Department of Trade

Announcement for Export/ Import
Letter no. 18/2021

Date: 9 November 2021

Subject: Announcement of Negative list for import subject to apply import license

1. In order to remedy negative economic impacts aftermath of Covid -19, to ensure the systematic importation, and to adjust the utilization of foreign currency for the import of goods, some goods will be importing with the license system.
2. In the conversion of such products lines into license system, the list required import license will be classified and published step by step for the importers to ensure the preparation in advanced.
3. As for phase 1, electronic goods, some food stuffs, cosmetics, consumer goods, paper products, and construction materials by the 2017 Custom Tariff of Myanmar, (1, 1,428 tariff lines with 6-digit HS code or 3,070 tariff lines with HS code 10-digits that are previously outside the list are required import license starting from 1 January 2022.
4. Not only the new list prescribed in the above paragraph (3) but also (3, 931) tariff lines (HS 10-digit level) which are provided in the list published through the Notification No.68/2020 (<https://myanmartradeportal.gov.mm/en/legal/317>) shall be subject to import license starting from 1 January, 2022. All products listed in the annex of this Notification will be allowed into Myanmar by maritime trade, air freight and border trade, after obtaining the import license from the Department of Trade in line with prescribed laws, rules, and regulations.
5. Goods listed in paragraph (3) above required an import license, will be published according to export and import law.

Department of Trade

Table1: Number of Additional commodities required to apply import license

<i>Chapter</i>	<i>Total commodity Lines by 2017 Version HS Code</i>	<i>Commodity Lines need to apply import licenses by previous notification 68/2020</i>	<i>Additional Commodity Lines need to apply import licenses by notification 18/2021</i>	<i>Type of Commodity</i>
01	52	52		Live animals.
02	80	80		Meat and edible meat offal
03	383	383		Fish and crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic invertebrates
04	64	42	17	Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or 28 included
05	27	27		Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included.
06	27	27		Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage.
07	172	172		Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers
08	106	101	05	Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruit or melons.
09	62	43	01	Coffee, tea, maté and spices.
10	46	45		Cereals.
11	43	43		Products of the milling industry; malt; starches; inulin; wheat gluten.
12	84	83	01	Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial or medicinal plants; straw and fodder.
13	22	22		Lac; gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts
14	17	17		Vegetable plaiting materials; vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included.
15	194	156		Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal or vegetable 70 waxes.
16	80	-	80	Preparations of meat, of fish or of crustaceans, mollusks or other aquatic invertebrates.
17	34	29	05	Sugars and sugar confectionery.
18	15	-	15	Cocoa and cocoa preparations
19	63	-	63	Preparations of cereals, flour, starch or milk;

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				pastrycooks' products.
20	97	-	97	Preparations of vegetables, fruit, nuts, or other parts of plants.
21	63	18	18	Miscellaneous edible preparations
22	71	60	07	Beverages, spirits, and vinegar
23	42	33		Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder
24	43	43		Tobacco and manufactured tobacco substitutes.
25	90	86		Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement.
26	42	42		Ores, slag, and ash.
27	94	93		Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes.
28	227	227		Inorganic chemicals; organic or inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare-earth metals, of 129 radioactive elements or of isotopes. 29. 143 30 169 31 176 32. 33 34 35 198 37. 200 38
29	465	465		Organic chemicals
30	111	106		Pharmaceutical products
31	31	31		Fertilizers.
32	85	-		Tanning or dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, pigments and other coloring 180 matter; paints and varnishes; putty and other mastics; inks
33	47	-	47	Essential oils and resinous; perfumery, cosmetics or toilet preparations
34	62	12	14	Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations; artificial 190 waxes, prepared waxes, polishing or scouring preparations, candles and similar articles, modelling pastes, "dental waxes" and dental

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				preparations with a basis of plaster.
35	21	-		Albuminoidal substances; modified starches; glues; enzymes.
36	19	12	07	Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations.
37	54	-		Photographic or cinematographic goods
38	161	100	19	Miscellaneous chemical products
39	359	07	153	Plastics and articles thereof
40	206	56	102	Rubber and articles thereof
41	39	26		Raw hides and skins (other than fur skins) and leather
42	36	-	36	Articles of leather; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles 249 of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut)
43	16	9		Fur skins and artificial fur; manufacturers thereof.
44	227	-		Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal
45	07	-		Cork and articles of cork.
46	28	-		Manufactures of straw, of esparto or of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork.
47	22	05		Pulp of wood or of other fibrous cellulosic material; recovered (waste and scrap) paper or paperboard.
48	248	-	248	Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp, of paper or of paperboard
49	35	-	35	Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, 290 typescripts and plans.
50	15	01		Silk
51	39	04		Wool, fine or coarse animal hair; horsehair yarn and woven fabric
52	145	03	52	Cotton.
53	31	-		Other vegetable textile fibers; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn.

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54	90	-	90	Man-made filaments; strips and the like of man-made textile materials.
55	116	02		Man-made staple fibers
56	43	-		Wadding, felt and nonwovens; special yarns; twine, cordage, ropes and cables and articles thereof.
57	63	-		Carpets and other textile floor coverings
58	84	-		Special woven fabrics; tufted textile fabrics; lace; tapestries; trimmings; embroidery.
59	44	-		Impregnated, coated, covered or laminated textile fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable for 337 industrial use
60	64			Knitted or crocheted fabrics
61	131	-	131	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, knitted or crocheted
62	220	-	220	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories not knitted or crocheted.
63	91	5	86	Other made up textile articles; sets; worn clothing and worn textile articles; rags.
64	52	-	52	Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles.
65	15	-	08	Headgear and parts thereof.
66	07	-		Umbrellas, sun umbrellas, walking-sticks, seat-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof.
67	12	-		Prepared feathers and down and articles made of feathers or of down; artificial flowers; articles 378 of human hair.
68	82	-	82	Articles of stone, plaster, cement, asbestos, mica or similar materials
69	61	-	61	Ceramic products.
70	107	01	06	Glass and glassware
71	89	89		Natural or cultural pearls, precious or semi-precious stones, precious metals, metals clad with 400 precious metal and articles thereof; imitation jewelry; coin.

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72	368	07	361	Iron and steel.
73	271	-	271	Articles of iron or steel.
74	70	03		Copper and articles thereof
75	20	01		Nickel and articles thereof.
76	73	01	72	Aluminum and articles thereof.
77				(Reserved for possible future use in the Harmonized System
78	12	01		Lead and articles thereof.
79	15	03	12	Zinc and articles thereof
80	12	01	11	Zinc and articles thereof
81	52	52		Other base metals; cermets; articles thereof
82	75	02		Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof of base metal.
83	74	-		Miscellaneous articles of base metal.
84	1315	32	131	Nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof.
85	824	20	413	Electrical machinery and equipment and parts thereof; sound recorders and reproducers, television 553 image and sound recorders and reproducers, and parts and accessories of such articles.
86	25	-		Railway or tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway or tramway track fixtures and 595 fittings and parts thereof; mechanical (including electro-mechanical) traffic signaling equipment of all kinds
87	987	809		Vehicles other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts and accessories thereof
88	21	10		Aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof.
89	55	55		Ships, boats and floating structures.
90	256	10	03	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical or surgical 644 instruments and apparatus; parts and accessories thereof.
91	55	-	13	Clocks and watches and parts thereof.
92	25	-		Musical instruments; parts and accessories of such articles.

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93	30	30		Arms and ammunition; parts and accessories thereof.
94	99	-	65	Furniture; bedding, mattresses, mattress supports, cushions and similar stuffed furnishings; 671 lamps and lighting fittings, not elsewhere specified or included; illuminated signs, illuminated name-plates and the like; prefabricated buildings.
95	87	23		Toys, games and sports requisites; parts and accessories thereof.
96	118	09	12	Miscellaneous manufactured articles.
97	08	04		Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques.
Total	11167	3931	3070	

More information for detail HS lines for additional list, please visit to the link:

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