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Report Name: Burmese Government Temporarily Waives Import and Export Licenses for Select Ag Products

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Report Highlights:

Following the February 1, 2021 coup by the Burmese military, agricultural trade has been crippled due to country-wide peaceful protests in opposition to the military's actions and the military's increasingly violent response. The Ministry of Commerce is waiving import and export license requirements for select agricultural commodities from March 8 - April 9, 2021. While a lack of drivers to move the more than 10,000 stuck containers at a major port remains the largest single barrier to trade, this may provide some relief for U.S. wheat and soybean (but not soybean meal) exports, which were valued at a combined \$39 million in 2020.

On February 1, 2021, Burmese State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi, leader of Burma's ruling party, and Burmese President Win Myint, the duly elected head of government, were deposed in a military coup d'état. Country-wide peaceful protests in opposition to the military's actions, and the military's increasingly violent response, have crippled the logistics sector and led to closures and delays in the trade and banking sectors. Collectively, this creates vast uncertainties for U.S. agricultural exports to Burma, which are further described in FAS Rangoon's recent report:

<https://www.fas.usda.gov/data/burma-impact-burma-military-coup-agriculture-sector-and-trade>.

In attempt to allow trade to resume, the Ministry of Commerce is waiving import and export license requirements for select agricultural commodities from March 8 - April 9, 2021. While a lack of drivers to move the more than 10,000 stuck containers at a major port remains the largest single barrier to trade, this action may provide some relief for U.S. wheat and soybean (but not soybean meal) exports, which were valued at a combined \$39 million in 2020. The below is an informal, courtesy translation of the Ministry of Commerce's announcement, which was dated March 3, 2021 but not posted on Facebook until March 9.

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

Announcement for Export/ Import
Letter no. 2/2021

Date: 3 March 2021

Subject: Temporary easing to license applications for some commodities among the current commodity list that needs licenses

1. The Ministry of Commerce is carrying out a licensing system for imports and exports according to the related laws, regulations and policies and already relaxed the list of goods that require licenses and announced the negative list of for 1224 items for export (by Notification 50/2020) and 3932 items for import (by Notification 68/2020 announcement) in accordance with the WTO Import Licensing Procedures Agreement.
2. However, under the current situation, in order to smooth out the process for exporters and importers and to relieve the export/ import license fees, the license application process will be exempted temporarily for the goods that are mainly imported for country development, the goods that assisted to healthcare sector, agricultural products that support the exporting sector.

Thus, the following commodities will be exempted from export/import license procedures temporarily.

a. For export (total 37 lines)

- I. Onion/garlic (HS Code 0703) 3lines
- II. Rice/ Broken rice (HS Code 1006) 11 lines
- III. Raw sugar, refined sugar (HS Code 1701) 6 lines
- IV. Natural rubber products (HS Code 4001) 16 lines
- V. Cottons (HS Code 5201) 1 line

a. For import (total 72 lines)

- I. Fish, Fillet (Salmon, Tuna) (HS Code 0302) 10 lines
- II. Wheat grains & Flours (HS Code 1001, 1101) 3 lines
- III. Soybean grain (HS Code 1201) 1 line
- IV. Edible Oil (HS Code 1511, 1516) 21 lines
- V. Foodstuff (HS Code 2102, 2106) 3 lines
- VI. Cement (HS Code 2523) 7 lines

- VII. Petrol, Diesel (HS Code 2710, 2710, 2713) 8 lines
- VIII. Pharmacy (HS Code 3006) 4 lines
- IX. Fertilizer (HS Code 3102, 3105) 3 lines
- X. Lubricant (HS Code 3403) 12 lines

(The goods are listed as HS code in the attachment)

This temporary exemption for license application of export/import will be allowed from 8 March 2021 to 9 April 2021.

Department of Trade

Commodity List Temporarily Exempted from Export Licensing System

Summary by chapter - H.S Code 2017 version

Sr.	Chapter No.	2017 Version HS Code Total Line Number	Number of Lines that haven't applied licenses according to 51/2021	Line Number that are exempted	Type of Commodity
1	7	172	36	3	Onion/garlic
2	10	46	19	11	Rice/ Broken rice
3	17	34	6	6	Raw sugar, refined sugar
4	40	206	16	16	Natural rubber products
5	52	145	1	1	Cotton
Total		603	78	37	

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Details by chapter - H.S Code 2017 version

WCO H.S Code	AHTN Code	Stat. Cod e	MAC CS Code	Description	Qt y	MCT Rate (%)
07.03				Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled.		
0703.1 0				- Onions and shallots:		
				-- Onions:		
	0703.10.1 9	00	4	- - - Other	kg	10
				- - Shallots:		
	0703.10.2 9		3	- - - Other	kg	10
0703.2 0				- Garlic:		
	0703.10.9 0		4	- - - Other	kg	10
10.06				Rice.		
1006.3 0				- Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed:		
	1006.30.3 0			- - Glutinous rice:	kg	5
		10	6	- - - - - Kauknyin, Myanmar 15%		

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07.03				Onions, shallots, garlic, leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled.		
0703.1 0				- Onions and shallots:		
				- - Onions:		
	0703.10.1 9	00	4	- - - Other	kg	10
				- - Shallots:		
	0703.10.2 9		3	- - - Other	kg	10
0703.2 0				- Garlic:		
	0703.10.9 0		4	- - - Other	kg	10
		90	2	- - - - - Other		
	1006.30.4 0	00	2	- - Hom Mali rice	kg	5
				- - Other:		
	1006.30.9 1	00	6	- - - Parboiled rice	kg	5
	1006.30.9 9	00	1	- - - Other	kg	5
1006.4 0				- Broken rice:		
	1006.40.1 0	00	3	- - Of a kind used for animal feed	kg	5
	1006.40.9 0			- - Other:	kg	5
		10	5	- - - - - B Extra		
		20	1	- - - - - B 1 & 2 Extra		
		30	4	- - - - - B 1 & 2 Mixed		
		40	0	- - - - - B 2, 3 & 4 Mixed		
		90	1	- - - - - Other		
17.01				Cane or beet sugar and chemically pure sucrose, in solid form.		
				- Raw sugar not containing added flavouring or colouring matter:		
1710.1 2	1710.12.0 0	00	6	- - Beet sugar	kg	3
1710.1 3	1710.13.0 0	00	3	- - Cane sugar specified in Subheading Note 2 to this Chapter	kg	3

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0703.1 0				- Onions and shallots:		
				- - Onions:		
	0703.10.1 9	00	4	- - - Other	kg	10
				- - Shallots:		
	0703.10.2 9		3	- - - Other	kg	10
0703.2 0				- Garlic:		
	0703.10.9 0		4	- - - Other	kg	10
1710.1 4	1710.14.0 0	00	0	- - Other cane sugar	kg	3
				- Other:		
1710.9 1	1710.91.0 0	00	0	- - Containing added flavouring or colouring matter	kg	3
1710.9 9				- - Other:		
	1710.99.0 0			- - - Refined sugar:	kg	3
		10	6	- - - - - Cane sugar, refined		
		20	2	- - - - - Beet sugar, refined		
40.01				Natural rubber, balata, gutta-percha, guayule, chicle and similar natural gums, in primary forms or in plates, sheets or strip.		
4001.1 0				- Natural rubber latex, whether or not pre- vulcanised:		
				- - Exceeding 0.5% by volume of ammonia content:		
	4001.10.1 1	00	3	- - - Centrifuged concentrate rubber latex	kg	3
	4001.10.1 9	00	5	- - - Other	kg	3
				- - Not exceeding 0.5% by volume of ammonia content:		
	4001.10.2 1	00	2	- - - Centrifuged concentrate rubber latex	kg	3
	4001.10.2	00	4	- - - Other	kg	3

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0703.1 0				- Onions and shallots:		
				- - Onions:		
	0703.10.1 9	00	4	- - - Other	kg	10
				- - Shallots:		
	0703.10.2 9		3	- - - Other	kg	10
0703.2 0				- Garlic:		
	0703.10.9 0		4	- - - Other	kg	10
	9					
				- Natural rubber in other forms:		
4001.2 9				- - Other:		
	4001.29.1 0	00	0	- - - Air-dried sheets	kg	3
	4001.29.2 0	00	6	- - - Latex crepes	kg	3
	4001.29.3 0	00	5	- - - Sole crepes	kg	3
	4001.29.4 0	00	4	- - - Remilled crepes, including flat bark crepes	kg	3
	4001.29.5 0	00	3	- - - Other crepes	kg	3
	4001.29.6 0	00	2	- - - Superior processing rubber	kg	3
	4001.29.7 0	00	1	- - Skim rubber	kg	3
	4001.29.8 0	00	0	- - - Scrap (tree, earth or smoked) and cup lump	kg	3
				- - - Other:		
	4001.29.9 1	00	1	- - - - In primary forms	kg	3
	4001.29.9 9	00	3	- - - Other:	kg	3
4001.3 0				- Balata, gutta-percha, guayule, chicle and similar natural gums:		
	4001.30.2	00	3	- - In primary forms	kg	3

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0703.1 0				- Onions and shallots:		
				- - Onions:		
	0703.10.1 9	00	4	- - - Other	kg	10
				- - Shallots:		
	0703.10.2 9		3	- - - Other	kg	10
0703.2 0				- Garlic:		
	0703.10.9 0		4	- - - Other	kg	10
	0					
	4001.30.9 0	00	3	- - Other	kg	3
52.01 5201.0 0	5201.00.0 0	00	0	Cotton, not carded or combed.	kg	5

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Sr.	Chapter No.	2017 Version HS Code Total Line Number	Number of Lines that haven't applied licenses according to 68/2021	Line Number that exempted	Type of Commodity
1	3	383	383	10	Fillet (Salmon, Tuna)
2	10	46	45	1	Wheat grains
3	11	43	43	2	Flours
4	12	84	83	1	Soybean grain
5	15	194	156	21	Edible Oil
6	21	63	18	3	Foodstuff
7	25	90	86	7	Cement
8	27	94	93	8	Petrol, Diesel
9	30	111	106	4	Pharmacy
10	31	31	31	3	Fertilizer
11	34	62	12	12	Lubricant
Total		1201	1056	72	

Commodity List Temporarily Exempted from Export Licensing System

Details by chapter - H.S Code 2017 version (agricultural lines)

WCO H.S Code	AHTN Code	Stat. Code	MACCS Code	Description	Qty	MCT Rate (%)	Auto	Non- Auto
03.02				Fish, fresh or chilled, excluding fish fillets and other fish meat of heading 03.04.				
				- Salmonidae, excluding edible fish offal of subheadings 0302.91 to 0302.99:				
0302.11	0302.11.00	00	3	- - Trout (Salmo trutta, Oncorhynchus mykiss, Oncorhynchus clarki, Oncorhynchus aguabonita, Oncorhynchus gilae, Oncorhynchus apache and Oncorhynchus chrysogaster)	kg	10		√
0302.13	0302.13.00	00	4	- - Pacific salmon (Oncorhynchus nerka, Oncorhynchus gorbuscha, Oncorhynchus keta, Oncorhynchus tschawytscha, Oncorhynchus kisutch, Oncorhynchus masou and Oncorhynchus rhodurus)	kg	10		√
0302.14	0302.14.00	00	1	- - Atlantic salmon (Salmo salar) and Danube salmon (Hucho Hucho)	kg	10		√
				- Tunas (of the genus Thunnus), skipjack or stripebellied bonito (Euthynnus (Katsuwonus) pelamis), excluding edible fish offal of subheadings 0302.91 to 0302.99:E11				

WCO H.S Code	AHTN Code	Stat. Code	MACCS Code	Description	Qty	MCT Rate (%)	Auto	Non- Auto
0302.31	0302.31.00	00	6	- - Albacore or longfinned tunas (Thunnus alalunga)	kg	10		√
0302.32	0302.32.00	00	3	- - Yellowfin tunas (Thunnus albacares)	kg	10		√
0302.33	0302.33.00	00	0	- - Skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito	kg	10		√
0302.34	0302.34.00	00	4	- - Bigeye tunas (Thunnus obesus)	kg	10		√
0302.35	0302.35.00	00	1	- - Atlantic and Pacific bluefin tunas (Thunnus thynnus, Thunnus orientalis)	kg	10		√
0302.36	0302.36.00	00	5	- - Southern bluefin tunas (Thunnus maccoyii)	kg	10		√
0302.39	0302.39.00	00	3	- - Other	kg	10		√
10.01				Wheat and meslin.				
				- Durum wheat:				
1001.19	1001.19.00	00	6	- - Other	kg	5		√
11.01				Wheat or meslin flour.				
1101.00				- Wheat flour:				
	1101.00.11	00	3	- - Fortified	kg	10		√
	1101.00.19	00	5	- - Other	kg	10		√
12.01				Soya beans, whether or not broken.				
1201.90	1201.90.00	00	0	- Other	kg	3		√
15.11				Palm oil and its fractions, whether or not refined, but not chemically modified.				
1511.90				- Other				
	1511.90.20	00	0	- - Refined oil	kg	3		√
				- - Fractions of refined oil:				
				- - - Solid fractions:				
	1511.90.31	00	1	- - - - With iodine value 30 or more, but less than 40	kg	3		√

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	1511.90.32	00	3	- - - - Other	kg	3		√
				- - - Liquid fractions:				
	1511.90.36	00	4	- - - - In packing of a net weight not exceeding 25 kg	kg	3		√
	1511.90.37	00	6	- - - - Other, with iodine value 55 or more but less than 60	kg	3		√
	1511.90.39	00	3	- - - - Other	kg	3		√
				- - Fractions of unrefined oil:				
	1511.90.41	00	0	- - - Solid fractions	kg	3		√
	1511.90.42	00	2	- - - Other, with packing of a net weight not exceeding 25 kg	kg	3		√
	1511.90.49	00	2	- - - Other	kg	3		√
15.16				Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their fractions, partly or wholly hydrogenated, inter-esterified, re-esterified or elaidinised, whether or not refined, but not further prepared.				
1516.20				-Vegetable fats and oils and their fractions				
				- - Re-esterified				
	1516.20.12	00	3	---Of fruit Of the oil palm, crude	kg	5		√
	1516.20.13	00	5	---Of fruit Of the oil palm, Other than crude	kg	5		√
	1516.20.15	00	2	---Of palm kernels, crude	kg	5		√
	1516.20.16	00	4	---Of palm kernels, refined, bleached and deodorized (RBO)	kg	5		√
				--Hydrogenated, in flakes:				
	1516.20.34	00	5	---Of fruit of the oil palm	kg	5		√
	1516.20.35	00	0	---Of palm kernels	kg	5		√

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				--Hydrogenated, in other forms:				
	1516.20.47	00	3	---Of palm kernels	kg	5		√
				---Other, palm stearin, with an iodine value not exceeding 48:				
	1516.20.61	00	3	---Crude	kg	5		√
	1516.20.62	00	5	---Refined bleached and deodorised (RBD)	kg	5		√
	1516.20.69	00	5	---Other	kg	5		√
				---Other				
	1516.20.91	00	0	---Palm stearin, with an iodine value exceeding 48	kg	5		√
	1516.20.96	00	3	---Refined bleached and deodorised (RBD) palm kernel stearin	kg	5		√
21.02				Yeasts (active or inactive): other singal-cell micro- organisms, dead (but not including vaccines of heading 30.02): prepared baking powders				
2102.10	2102.10.00	00	0	Active yeasts	kg	15	√	
21.06				Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included				
2106.90				-Other				
				--Autolysed yeast extracts				
	2106.90.41	00	0	---In powder form	kg	15	√	
	2106.90.49	00	2	---Other	kg	15	√	

Attachments:

No Attachments.