



MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE

PRESS STATEMENT BY THE HON. M.C BIMHA (M.P) MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ON THE RECENTLY GAZETTED STATUTORY INSTRUMENT 64 OF 2016 IN TERMS OF CONTROL OF GOODS ACT [CHAPTER 14:05]

1. In terms of the Control of Goods Act [Chapter 14:05] the Minister of Industry and Commerce is empowered to regulate the importation and exportation of goods in the country.
2. On the 17th of June 2016, the Minister gazetted Statutory Instrument (S.I) 64 of 2016 in terms of the Control of Goods (Open General Import Licence) (No. 2) (Amendment) Notice (No. 8).
3. The amendment is an Interim Measure that removes listed goods from the Open General Import Licence (OGIL) to a Licencing System.
4. The intended purpose is not to **BAN** the importation of those listed products, but to **REGULATE** them. The importation of the listed products will be authorized upon production of a valid Import Licence issued by the Minister of Industry and Commerce.
5. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce will allow importation of goods which can be produced locally, when local production cannot meet the national demand; in an endeavour to avoid shortages on the local market.
6. The main purpose of the S.I is to promote the revival of our local industries in line with ZIMASSET. Be advised that this support is not open ended but time bound and sector specific. During this period, the industries are expected to re-tool and bring in new technology and address production inefficiencies.
7. The Minister has established a Committee comprising of both, the public and private sector which oversees the management of imports and will take the necessary measures and recommendations to establish the need to import whenever such a situation arises. The Committee will also monitor and evaluate the implementation of the said measures to determine whether the set objectives are met.
8. The Ministry of Industry and Commerce will also be working closely with key Stakeholders and other relevant departments for the effective implementation of these measures.
9. S.I number 64 of 2016 can be downloaded or obtained from the following:-
 - 1) Ministry of Industry and Commerce website: www.mic.gov.zw;
 - 2) ZIMRA website: www.zimra.co.zw and
 - 3) Government Printers (Printflow) for hard copies.
10. For any queries or comments, do not hesitate to visit the Ministry of Industry and Commerce located at: 13th Floor, Mukwati Building, Cnr 5th Street / Livingstone Avenue, Private Bag CY 7708, Causeway, Harare, Zimbabwe [+263 4 707 540/6 ; +263 4 795 685]

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