

IMPORT CONTROL GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO THE IMPORTATION OF PETROLEUM PRODUCTS

The purpose of applying import control

Import control measures on petroleum products are exercised for strategic reasons. According to the Department of Energy, it is imperative to ensure that sufficient stock levels of petroleum products are available at all times.

An effective import control instrument is very important in ensuring the efficient functioning of this sector of the economy.

In terms of the Import Control Regulations with regard to the importation of petroleum products, an import permit must be applied for and obtained prior to the shipment of the petroleum products listed in the regulations.

The following petroleum products are listed in schedule 1 of the Import Control Regulations and are subject to ITAC import control measures:

Oils and other products of the distillation of high temperature coal tar; similar products in which the mass of the aromatic constituents exceeds that of the non-aromatic constituents. 27.07

Pitch and pitch coke obtained from coal tar or from other mineral tars 27.08

Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals 27.09

Petroleum oils and other oils obtained from bituminous minerals, (excluding crude); preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing by mass 70 percent or more of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations; waste oils. 27.10

Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons but excluding butanes of subheadings No. 2711.13.10 and No. 2711.29.10 27.11

Petroleum jelly; paraffin wax; microcrystalline petroleum wax, slack wax, ozokerite, lignite wax, peat wax, other mineral waxes, and similar products obtained by synthesis or by other processes, whether or not coloured but excluding petroleum jelly of subheading No. 2712.10 27.12

Petroleum coke, petroleum bitumen and other residues of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals but excluding petroleum coke of subheadings No. 2713.11 and No. 2713.12 27.13

Bitumen and asphalt, natural; bituminous or oil shale and tar sands;
asphaltites and asphaltic rocks

Bituminous mixtures based on natural asphalt, on natural bitumen, on petroleum bitumen, on mineral tar or on mineral tar pitch (for example, 27.15 bituminous mastics, cut-backs)

The applicant (importer) is required to complete form IE230 (application to register as an importer or change of current information) as well as form IE461, which is the actual application for the issuing of an import permit. Application forms may be downloaded from the ITAC website under the link > knowledge management center > documents > application forms > import > IE230 and IE461.

The applicant must ensure that all requested information is provided and copies of supporting documents such as the SARS tax clearance certificate or ID document are attached. The application must be forwarded to the Department of Energy (corner of Visagie and Paul Kruger Street, Pretoria) for the attention of Mr Mike Mahlangu or Mr Landeni Kabin at Hydrocarbon Projects in order to obtain a recommendation prior to submitting it to ITAC.

ITAC delivery address: (hand deliver only) - 77 Meintjies str, Sunnyside, Pretoria DTI Campus, Kgwebong building, 2nd floor.

Important note

Petroleum products as classified under tariff subheadings: 2710.11.47, 2710.11.49, 2710.11.52, 2710.11.55, 2710.11.57, 2710.11.60, 2710.11.70, 2710.11.80, 2710.11.90, 2710.19 and 2708.10 do not require a recommendation from the Department of Energy and may therefore, be submitted directly to ITAC via fax 012 394 0517, e-mailed to atsoku@itac.org.za or hand delivered to 77 Meintjies str, Sunnyside, Pretoria (DTI Campus, Kgwebong building, 2nd floor).

The turnaround time for processing an import permit once a complete application has been received by ITAC is 3-5 working days.

Contact details

If there is any uncertainty regarding this process or to follow-up on the progress of your application for the import permit, kindly contact Ms Anastasia Tsoku at 012 394-3725 or e-mail atsoku@itac.org.za.

If there is any uncertainty on how to obtain a recommendation from the Department of Energy, kindly contact Landeni.Kabini@energy.gov.za at 012-406-7397 alternatively Mike Mahlangu at 012 406-7376 or e-mail Michael.Mahlangu@energy.gov.za