

Malaysia Updates: Amendments to Customs (Prohibition of Imports) Order 2017

Effective 1 August 2017, the Customs (Prohibition of Imports) (Amendment) Order 2017 took effect, specifically for items classified under Chapter 72 (Iron and steel) and Chapter 73 (Articles of iron and steel)

Some of the key changes are listed below:

1. No need for an import license from the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) for imports of the following items:
 - a. All types of products classified under HS headings 7227, 7303, 7304, and 7305; and
 - b. Iron and steel products classified under tariff classification codes 7228.30.10 00, 7228.50.10 00, and 7228.60.10 00.
2. New additional breakdowns for certain products which require an import license from MITI. These include items classified under HS headings 7208, 7209, 7210, 7211, 7212, and 7306. HS heading 7208, for example, is further broken down into three tariff codes, i.e. 7208.90.10 00, 7208.90.20 00, and 7208.90.90 00
3. Tariff codes of the following products are amended.

No.	Description of goods	Before amendment	After amendment
1	Bars and rods of iron or non-alloy steel, cold-formed or cold-finished, other than irregularly wound coils, of a circular cross-sections	7215.50.91 11	7215.50.91 00
2	Guardrails	7328.90.92 00	7308.90.92 00
3	Structures (excluding prefabricated buildings of heading 94.06) and parts of structures or prepared for use in structures, other than in (a) to (f)	7328.90.99 00	7308.90.99 00

Note that the above is not an exhaustive list of the changes brought about by the amendments. Importers should take steps to assess all the potential impact of the amendments, such as licensing requirements, eligibility for FTA benefits and changes to duty rates. They should review their compliance procedures and supply chain strategy accordingly.

The Order can be found at this link:

[http://www.federalgazette.agc.gov.my/output/pua_20170728_P.U.\(A\)225.pdf](http://www.federalgazette.agc.gov.my/output/pua_20170728_P.U.(A)225.pdf)

Let's talk

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