

List of Import Prohibitions - Sixth Schedule of Customs Tariff

List valid as of 1st July 2015

Please note import prohibitions may be subject to change

Tariff No.	Commodity Description	Remarks
Part A. Absolute Prohibitions		
6A.1	Animals and carcasses infected with disease: Animals or carcasses infected with disease within the meaning of the Disease of Animals Act, 1961 (Act 83) or any part of such animals or carcasses.	
6A.2	Beads of inflammable celluloid: Beads composed of inflammable celluloid or other similar substances.	
6A.3	Coffee, raw, imported overland: Raw coffee imported overland or by inland waterways.	
6A.4	Coin not up to standard: Coin current in any foreign country or any money purported to be such, not being of the established standard in weight and	Currency Act 1964 (Act 242)
6A.5	Food, contaminated: Meat, vegetables, and other provisions.	Declared by a Health Officer as unfit for human consumption. PNDCL 305B / FDBL 1996 (Act 523)
6A.6	Knuckle dusters, and life preservers: Knuckle dusters and life preservers.	
6A.7	Literature, scandalous: Books, newspapers and printed matter which in the opinion of the Commissioner (subject to any directions of the President of Ghana) are defamatory, scandalous, or demoralising.	
6A.8	Money, base or counterfeit: Base or counterfeit coin or counterfeit notes of any country.	
6A.9	Obscene articles: Indecent or obscene prints, paintings, photographs, books, cards, lithographic or other engravings or any other indecent or	
6A.10	Weapons, dangerous: Knives such as flick knives and paper knives which in the opinion of the Inspector-General of Police are considered to be dangerous weapons.	
6A.11	Goods prohibited by any law: All goods the importation of which is prohibited by any law in Ghana	
Part B. Conditional Prohibitions		
6B.1	Currency: (a) Bank notes (b) Bank coins (c) Travellers' cheques (d) Electronic units of payment (e) Securities In the denominations of local currency or the currency of another country	Foreign Exchange Act 2006 (Act 723) A licence is required from the Bank of Ghana
6B.2	Diamonds: Rough or uncut diamonds.	A Kimberley Process Certificate is required from the Ministry of Mines under the Kimberley Process Certificate Act 2003 (Act 652)
6B.3	Films, cinematograph: Cinematograph films, except at the port of Tema, Takoradi or Accra Airport. Provided that this prohibition shall not apply in the case of films which the Commissioner is satisfied are intended solely for exhibition in private premises to which the public are not admitted on payment or otherwise.	Cinematograph Act 1961 (Act 76)
6B.4	Goods bearing designs and imitation of money: All goods which bear a design in imitation of any currency or bank note or coin in current use in Ghana or elsewhere.	A licence is required from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning. Currency Act 1964 (Act 242)
6B.5	Goods imported contrary to customs laws: All goods not imported in an aircraft or in a steamship except such as may be imported in accordance with any regulations relating to the control of boats or to the importation of goods overland or by inland waters.	
6B.6	Goods regulated by law: (i) Gambling machines	A permit is required from the Gaming Commission. Gaming Act 2006 (Act 721)
	(ii) Plant, plant product, plant disease or pest, soil, manure, grass, and other packing material liable to harbour dangerous diseases or pests of plants	Prevention and Control of Pests and Diseases of Plants Act 1965 (Act 307) A Permit is required from the Ministry of Food and Agriculture

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	(iii) Arms and ammunition	Arms and Ammunition Act 1972 (NRCD 9) A permit is required from the Ministry of Interior
	(iv) Explosives, including nitroglycerine, dynamite, detonators, gun cotton blasting powder, other substances used to produce explosives but excluding ordinary gun powder, percussion caps, rockets or fuses.	Explosives Ordinance (Cap 254) Explosives Regulations L.I. 666 1970 A license is required from the Ministry of Interior
	(v) All goods, the importation of which is regulated by any law in Ghana except in accordance with such law	
6B.7	Handcuffs	A license is required from the Ministry of Interior
6B.8	Machines for duplicating keys	Locksmiths (Licensing) Act 1994, (Act 488). A licence is required from the Ministry of Interior.
6B.9	Milk deficient in milk fat: Milk, condensed or evaporated, containing less than eight per centum by weight of milk fat, and dried milk or milk powder containing less than twenty-six per centum by weight of milk fat: Provided that this prohibition shall not apply to skimmed milk imported in containers clearly marked in such a manner as to be easily distinguished from containers of full cream milk, and admitted as such by the Commissioner: Provided further that the Commissioner may admit any particular consignment of condensed or evaporated milk having a lower fat content than eight per centum by weight of milk fat which he is satisfied is a consignment of full cream condensed or evaporated milk.	
6B.11	Paper, airmail printing: Airmail photographic printing paper.	A license is required from the Commissioner of Customs (L.I. 504)
6B.12	Reel-fed rotary ticket printing presses.	A license is required from the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning
6B.13	Spirits of certain kinds and strengths : Spirits of the following descriptions: (a) Spirits containing essential oils or chemical products such as thujone, star anise, benzoic aldehyde, salicylic esters, hyssop, absinthe or other substances in such proportions as the Commissioner in his absolute discretion deem to be injurious to health. (b) Brandy, rum or whisky unless proved to the satisfaction of the Commissioner to have been stored in the wood for a period of not less than three years prior to importation. (c) Spirits containing more than 65 per centum of absolute alcohol as ascertained by Tralles' alcoholometer other than medicated, perfumed or methylated spirits, accepted as such by the Commissioner, except under licence from the Commissioner and except in accordance with the condition of such licence.	
6B.14	Weapons for discharge of noxious liquids: Weapons of any description which in the opinion of the Commissioner are designed for the discharge of any noxious liquids, gas or other similar substances and any ammunition containing or in the opinion of the Commissioner designed or adapted to contain any noxious liquid, gas or other similar substance.	A licence is required from the Ministry of Interior
6B.15	Mercury	A licence is required from the Ministry of Mines. Mercury Act 1989 (PNDC 217)