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1. Introduction

Import guidelines include the country's International Trade Laws, import steps with its three phases (planning, preparation and import) with a list of all necessary procedures and relevant documents and official bodies. In addition to the technical import requirements of a number of countries and international groups and those relating to the food sector, textile sector and communication and information technologies.

International Trade Laws in Lebanon:

International trade companies shall be subject to:

Amending the Land Trade Law issued by Legislative Decree No. 304 dated 4 December 1942, and its amendments, adding new provisions and amending Article No.844 of the Obligations and Contracts Law.

The law can be found at the following link:

<http://77.42.251.205/Law.aspx?lawId=280636>

➤ Decision No. 422 of June 30, 1954 (Customs Law).

The law can be found at the following link:

<http://77.42.251.205/LawView.aspx?opt=view&LawID=244232>

➤ Maritime Trade Law issued on February 18th, 1947.

The law can be found at the following link:

Maritime Trade Law

1. Import Steps :

1.2 Planning

1.1.2 Product identification and communication with customer

2.2 Preparation

For import and export, the company shall follow the key steps:

- Import and export shall be part of the company's activity.
- The types of goods that will be exported or imported shall be determined.
- The company shall be registered in the Beirut Chamber of Industry and Commerce.

1.2.2 Approval of Customs Invoice

The commercial invoice provides details of the sold products including:

- The Seller and buyer name and address
- Place and date of invoice preparation
- Shipping Method
- Quantity, description and price of goods
- Conditions of delivery and payment
- The commercial invoice shall include the information on the bill of lading and other documents.
- The description of goods in the invoice shall be the same as the description in the letter of credit.
- To avoid inconsistencies, it is useful to keep the description in the letter of credit as brief as possible and to provide the same number of copies to the bank as required in the letter of credit.
- The invoice shall include the buyer name or the person mentioned in the letter of credit.
- The description, details, number of packages and weight of the invoice shall correspond to the loading bill.

- The pricing basis, for example CIF - FOB, shall be specified in the letter of credit. The amount shown in the invoice shall not differ from what is stated in the letter of credit.

For more detailed information, see the following link: <https://bit.ly/35CUUoZ> .

2.2.2 Preparation of bill of lading and insurance

Prior to shipment, Importers required to inspect and control the quality of goods.

3.2.2 Certificates and documents required for import in Lebanon shall be attached to the inspection certificate.

4.2.2 Technical or health control

5.2.2. Issuance of an Import License

In order to issue an import license, the following documents are required :

- Health certificates.
- Component Certificates.
- Customs inspection statement.
- Pre-shipment inspection certificates.
- Packing certificates
- Quarantine certificate.
- Pour plus de facilitation dans les procédures de licence d'importation et d'exportation, le Ministre libanais du Commerce peut accorder une exemption spéciale aux Libanais qui n'ont pas obtenu une licence ordinaire d'importation et d'exportation. Dans ce cas, la personne souhaitant obtenir la licence doit préciser la qualité et la quantité des marchandises, l'origine des marchandises ainsi que la date d'importation des marchandises.

For more detailed information, see the following link: <https://bit.ly/3s6vVSI>

3.2 Import

3.2.1 Customs clearance

These documents shall be submitted to Lebanese customs officials when conducting customs clearance for import

- Customs entry document.
- Customs bond.
- Legal undertaking to obtain import and export advantages from the Government of Lebanon or import required products.

3.2.2 Customs declarations

- Lebanese customs clearance declarations in accordance with the specific form of the Republic of Lebanon.
- Import license from the Government of Lebanon.
- Insurance certificate issued by the insurance service provider approved by the Government of Lebanon.
- Inspection certificate
- Temporary shipping certificates.
- Purchase order or letter of approval between the Lebanese importer and the supplier of goods outside Lebanon.
- Goods packing list
- Commercial invoice issued by the producer and exporter of goods.
- Certificate of origin issued by the country of origin of the goods sent and imported.
- Certificate of analysis of the goods sent.
- Commercial sales certificate of the goods sent.

- If the goods are not commercially concerned, a sale certificate shall be attached by the exporter with the goods sent.
- Certificate on the weight of the goods.
- The original invoice shall be certified by the Lebanese Consulate.

More information can be found at the following link:

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