

*Government Notice No. 140 of 2019***THE CONSUMER PROTECTION
(PRICE AND SUPPLIES CONTROL) ACT****Regulations made by the Minister, under section 35 of the
Consumer Protection (Price and Supplies Control) Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) (Amendment No. 4) Regulations 2019.
2. In these regulations –
“principal regulations” means the Consumer Protection (Control of Imports) Regulations 2017.
3. Regulation 2 of the principal regulations is amended –
 - (a) in the definition of “TradeNet”, by deleting the words “Customs (Use of Computer) Regulations 1997” and replacing them by the words “Customs Act”;
 - (b) by inserting, in the appropriate alphabetic order, the following new definitions –
“effective date”, in relation to an application, means the date by which all required documents, information or samples are submitted;
“guidelines” means such guidelines as the Ministry may issue;
4. Regulation 5 of the principal regulations is amended –
 - (a) by revoking paragraph (2) and replacing it by the following paragraph –
 - (2) The application under paragraph (1) shall –

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- (a) be made in the form set out in the Fifth Schedule through the TradeNet or in such other manner as the Permanent Secretary may determine;
 - (b) be accompanied by such other document as may be required in the guidelines; and
 - (c) be subject to such conditions as may be specified in the guidelines.
 - (b) by revoking paragraph (4) and replacing it by the following paragraph –
 - (4) On receipt of an application under paragraph (1), the authorised officer shall –
 - (a) process the application and, subject to paragraphs (5) and (6), may issue the import permit not later than 2 working days after the effective date of receipt of the application;
 - (b) refuse to issue an import permit where an applicant fails to comply with the requirements of these regulations.
 - (c) by adding the following new paragraphs –
 - (7) (a) Notwithstanding paragraph (4), where verification of the goods is required, the authorised officer shall issue the import permit not later than 2 working days after receipt of confirmation that the goods comply with the requirements of these regulations following verification of the goods.

(b) The import permit shall be issued on payment of any fee specified in the guidelines for the purpose of verification.

(c) For the purpose of paragraph (a), in case the goods are under Customs control, the authorised officer shall take the goods or a sample of the goods, as the case may be, in accordance with section 25B(3) of the Customs Act.

(8) For the purpose of paragraphs (4) and (7), the authorised officer shall notify his decision to issue or refuse to issue the import permit to the Director-General and the importer through the TradeNet or in such other manner as the Permanent Secretary may determine.

5. Regulation 9 of the principal regulations is amended –

- (a) by inserting, after the words “Permanent Secretary” wherever they appear, the words “or the authorised officer”;
- (b) by adding the following new paragraph –

(6) The procedure specified in regulation 5 shall apply to a clearance under paragraph (3) with such modifications, adaptations and exceptions as may be necessary.

6. Regulation 10 of the principal regulations is amended by inserting, after the words “Permanent Secretary” wherever they appear, the words “or the authorised officer”.

7. The principal regulations are amended by inserting, after regulation 10, the following new regulation –

- 10A.** Subject to regulations 8(2) and 10, the Director-General shall clear or release the goods imported under these regulations in accordance with section 25B of the Customs Act.
- 8.** These regulations shall come into operation on 31 August 2019.

Made by the Minister on 23 August 2019.
