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Republic of Tunisia
Ministry of Trade and Export Development
Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy
Ministry of Health

COMMON STATEMENT

The Ministry of Trade and Export Development, the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy and the Ministry of Health inform all importers that, in order to ensure the quality of imported products and the safety of the consumer, it has been decided to adopt a system of prior control of the import operations of the consumer products mentioned in the lists annexed to this statement, with imposition of the import of these products directly from the factory which produces them in the export country.

The opening of foreign trade bonds for the import of the products covered by this statement requires the importer to present an invoice bearing the visa of the competent services of the following public structures, each according to its field of competence:

- Ministry of Trade and Export Development,
- Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy,
- National Authority for the Sanitary Safety of Food Products.

To obtain the aforementioned visa, the importer must contact the competent structure, which is relevant to him with regard to the product to be imported, an import file containing the following documents:

1. Invoice issued by the exporting factory,
2. A certificate issued by an official body of the country of export linked to the legal entity of the factory and the authorization issued to it to carry out its activity,
3. Provide evidence that the manufacturer has adopted a quality control system,
4. A statement of the types of products to be imported,
5. The trademark of the product and the trademark produced under permit from its owner,
6. A form of the visa card of the products to be imported,
7. A certificate of free sale issued by an official government authority in the country of export.
8. Documents and reports confirming the quality of imports in accordance with applicable specifications.

The competent structures may request any additional document enabling the quality and safety of imported products to be verified.

The competent structures can also ask the importer to submit samples of the product to be imported for control.

Except as provided in this statement:

- Imports from the State, public institutions and establishments and local public authorities.
- Imports of raw materials and semi-manufactured products for the benefit of the industrial sector and related services and the traditional industries sector.
- The raw materials and semi-manufactured materials, equipment and spare parts imported by manufacturers and necessary for their activity.
- Imports of equipment and supplies intended for production's projects of renewable energies.
- Imports without payment or without currency conversion.
- Imports benefiting from tax exemptions such as imports from embassies and similar bodies, imports from companies operating under suspensive regimes, and imports made by Tunisians residing abroad as part of the implementation of projects or participation in these.
- Imports excepted from foreign trade procedures according to the Decree n°. 1743 of the year 1994 of August 29th, 1994.
- Parcel post.

The Minister of Trade and Export Development may modify the list of products subject to this procedure and the list of documents required in the import file by virtue of a correspondence addressed to the concerned structures.

This statement will enter into force on October 17th, 2022, with the exception of import operations for which foreign trade bonds were opened before the entry into force of the procedure.

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