



IMPORTATION OF IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS: DAILY BRIEFING:



1. REGULATIONS ON IMPORTATION OF IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS



LATEST UPDATES: IMPLEMENTATION AFTER 12 OCT 2009



- ✂ Review of 627 tariff lines, to include only critical tariff lines for the first phase of implementation, beginning 13 Oct 2009
- ✂ Review was carried out after series of consultation with industries, MITI, SIRIM, CIDB and Customs
- ✂ New Implementation Covers only **187 tariff lines.**
- ✂ Superseeds earlier Orders
 - ✧ 57 Tariff lines made mandatory Nov 15 2008
 - ✧ 627 Tariff lines made mandatory August 1 2009



2. 187 TARIFF LINES



3. GUIDELINES & PROCEDURES FOR IMPORT OF IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS

1. Roles and Functions of SIRIM



- ❖ **To process applications for Certificate of Approval for imports of Iron and Steel by importers or their representatives**
- ❖ **To carry out sampling of iron and steel products on every import for the purpose of Full Type Test, Critical Test and Surveillance Test**
- ❖ **To carry out testing of Iron and Steel Products based on the requirements of various related Malaysia Standards and International Standards**
- ❖ **To carry out technical evaluation on test reports and inspection reports produced by overseas recognized testing labs and inspection bodies.**
- ❖ **To carry out factory Audit in fulfillment of SIRIM QAS International Product Certification requirements**
- ❖ **To carry out verification on imports for every consignment at Custom entry points, throughout Malaysia**
- ❖ **To issue a Temporary Certificate of Approval for imports that meets the criteria stipulated in the application form PP12 Appendix B**
- ❖ **To issue Certificate of Approval for Import that conforms to Malaysian Standards or other International Standards**
- ❖ **To notify Customs and MITI for any cases of Imports Not Complying with Mandatory Standards**



2. Terms and Definitions:



Products: Iron and Steel Products

Certificate of Approval: Certificate issued by SIRIM QAS International, certifying that imports conform to the requirements of Malaysia Standards or other International Standards where Malaysia not Available

Temporary Certificate of Approval: A temporary Certificate issued by SIRIM QAS International for imports that qualify certain criteria stipulated in the application form PP12 Appendix B

Consignment: One shipment of Iron and Steel products

Full Type Test: Test conducted to fulfill requirements of related Malaysia Standards or other International Standards

Critical Test: Selected tests based on certain requirements of related Malaysian Standards or International Standards

Surveillance Test: Selected tests based on the product's requirement, conducted as part of the quality control plan of the manufacturing system



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Product Certification: A third party attestation that products conform to a specified standard

Consignment Verification: Visual inspection and document verification on imports, carried out by SIRIM QAS International

Sampling: A defined procedure whereby a part of a substance, materials or product is taken to provide for testing of a representative sample of the whole.

Conformity Assessment: Any procedure used, directly or indirectly, to determine that relevant requirements in technical regulation or standards fulfilled

Conformity Assessment Procedures: Procedures which includes: Sampling, Testing and Inspection, Evaluation, Verification, Assurance of Conformity and accreditation

Standards: Documents approved by a recognized body, that provides for common and repeated use, rules, guidelines or characteristics for products or related processes and production methods

- ✂ **Accreditation: Procedures by which an authoritative body gives formal recognition that a body or person is competent to carry out specific tasks (e.g Testing, Inspection and Certification)**
- ✂ **Recognized Testing, Inspection and Certification bodies: Testing, Inspection and Certification Bodies that achieved accreditation to specific International Standards, e.g ISO/IEC 17025, ISO/IEC 17020 and ISO Guide 65 for specific scope of tasks**
- ✂ **Mutual Recognition Arrangement: Arrangement by which regulatory bodies recognize and accept the results of Testing, Inspection and Certification Bodies to facilitate the acceptance of Conformity Assessment Results.**
- ✂ **Supporting Documents: Bill of Lading, Airway Bill, Mill Certificate, Invoice, Packing list, Test Reports and Inspection Reports which are submitted together with application form PP12. Note: All the documents shall be in English.**



SIRIM QAS International generally recognizes 3 Methods of Imports, by which a Certificate of Approval can be issued. Refer flowcharts belows:

- ❖ **Consignment Testing (Method 1A, 1B and 1C)**
- ❖ **Consignment Testing with Full Type Test and Consignment Test Reports (Method 2A, 2B and Appendix 2A1 and 2A2)**
- ❖ **Product Certification (Method 3)**



4. FLOWCHARTS



5. MUTUAL RECOGNITION ARRANGEMENT(MRA)



- ✂ MRA forms a regional/International network of laboratories, Inspection Bodies and Certification Bodies accredited by accreditation bodies that have been peer-evaluated and recognized as being competent.
- ✂ This network facilitates the acceptance of TEST, INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATES in the region and international, thus contributing to the facilitation of trade and the free-trade goal of **tested/inspected once, accepted everywhere.**
- ✂ Each MRA partner demonstrated compliance with International Standards ISO/IEC 17011 and that its accredited facilities are in compliance with ISO/IEC 17025, ISO/IEC 17020, ISO/IEC G 65.



- ✂ Recognition, within its own scope of recognition the accreditation of a laboratory, inspection body and product certification body by other signatories as being equivalent to an accreditation by its own organization.
- ✂ Acceptance, for its purpose, endorsed test, inspection and certificate issued by laboratories, inspection bodies and product certification bodies by other signatories on the same basis as it accepts endorsed test, inspection report and certificates issued by its own accredited labs, inspection bodies and product certification bodies.
- ✂ Recommending and promoting the acceptance by users in its economy of endorsed test, inspection reports and product certificate license issued by organization accredited by other signatories.



Recognized Accreditation Symbols



- ✂ **NATA** Australia - testing, calibration, inspection, RMP
- ✂ **SCC** Canada - testing, calibration
- ✂ **CALA** Canada - testing (previously known as **CAEAL**)
- ✂ **CNAS** People's Republic of China - testing, calibration, inspection, ISO 15189, RMP
- ✂ **HKAS** Hong Kong China - testing, calibration, ISO 15189, inspection
- ✂ **NABL** India - testing, calibration
- ✂ **KAN** Indonesia - testing, calibration, inspection



- ✂ **JAB** Japan - testing, calibration, ISO 15189
- ✂ **IAJapan** Japan - testing, calibration, RMP
- ✂ **VLAC** Japan - testing
- ✂ **KOLAS** Republic of Korea - testing, calibration
- ✂ **Standards Malaysia** Malaysia - testing, calibration, ISO 15189
- ✂ **ema** Mexico - testing, calibration, ISO 15189, inspection



- ✂ **IANZ** New Zealand - testing, calibration, ISO 15189, inspection
- ✂ **PNAC** Pakistan - testing, calibration
- ✂ **PAO** Philippines - testing, calibration
- ✂ **AAC Analitica** Russian Federation - testing
- ✂ **SAC** Singapore - testing, calibration, ISO 15189, inspection
- ✂ **TAF** Chinese Taipei - testing, calibration, ISO 15189, inspection
- ✂ **DMSc** Thailand - testing, ISO 15189
- ✂ **DSS** Thailand - testing
- ✂ **NSC-ONAC** Thailand - testing, calibration (previously known as **TLAS**)



- ✂ **A2LA** USA - testing, calibration, inspection, RMP
- ✂ **ACCLASS** USA - testing, calibration
- ✂ **IAS** USA - testing, calibration, inspection
- ✂ **LAB** USA - testing, calibration
- ✂ **NVLAP** USA - testing, calibration
- ✂ **PJLA** USA - testing, calibration
- ✂ **BOA** Vietnam - testing, calibration, inspection
- ✂ **JAS-ANZ** Australasia – inspection



Exemption of COA



The following industries are entitled for exemption from the requirements of COA.

1. Companies which operate in LMW and FIZ
2. Imports less than 500kg for each type of material.
3. Imports are categorized as parts and components of automotives, machinery, industrial equipment and plants. However imports are subject to verification by SIRIM QAS International.
4. Temporary Imports

1.Notes: SIRIM QAS has issued a blanket exemption letter to DG Customs for LMW, FIZ and Imports less than 500kg



Exemption for LMW and FIZ and Imports less than 500kg



- ✂ The procedures/processes will be administered by Customs
- ✂ For LMW and FIZ, a blanket exemption will be given by Customs.
- ✂ However local sales from LMW and FIZ shall be subjected to COA
- ✂ For imports less than 500kg, case by case exemption will be given by Customs



Exemption for Imports of spare parts, components for automotives, machinery, industrial equipment and plants



✂ SIRIM QAS will issue a blanket letter of exemption from COA to importers for a period of one year.

✂ Conditions:

✧ Importers shall prove that imports are finished/semi-finished parts and components.

✂ Requirements:

✧ Importers shall submit photos/descriptions of parts and components and Schedule of Exemption



Exemptions for Temporary Imports



- ✂ Temporary imports refers to imports with a view of subsequent exports.
- ✂ Commonly arranged through ATA Carnet documents, which allows imports for a maximum period of 12 months.
- ✂ Imports normally consists of samples, materials for exhibition/show at trade fair and the like.
- ✂ Imports are not consumables and not subjected to processing or repair.



Exemption to selected sectors: Automotives, Oil and Gas, Maritime, Aerospace, Shipbuilding and Electric and Electronic



✂ GENERAL

- ✧ Exemption from COA are given to manufacturers on a case by case by SIRIM QAS.
- ✧ Manufacturers supplying imported raw material to buyers not in the selected sectors are not entitled for exemption.
- ✧ Traders are not entitled for exemption



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✂ CONDITIONS

- ✧ Importers shall be Manufacturer and obtain Import Duty exemption by MOF
- ✧ Raw materials shall be of grades and specifications complying with specific standards requirements
- ✧ Imported materials are to be supplied to local Principal Manufacturers

✂ REQUIREMENTS

- ✧ Manufacturing License and Import Duty Exemption letter from MOF
- ✧ Every material grades and specifications shall be subjected to initial test by SIRIM to determine compliance with standards specification. Subsequently every material grades and specifications are subjected to a minimum once a year test to check and monitor continuous compliance with standards specifications
- ✧ Every Imports shall be supported by an original letter of confirmation from local Principal manufacturers:
 - Type of materials, Material grades and Quantity

- ✂ Requires Certificate of Approval
- ✂ SIRIM shall establish facts the said materials are specially made/tailored and thus do not comply with MS, ISO and FNS
- ✂ Materials could be a result of certain enhancement/modification made to standards materials
- ✂ The process requires SIRIM QAS to undertake Full Type Test to confirm materials characteristics. Subsequent imports subjected to technical evaluation and confirmation on documents before issuance of COA



No	Process	Service Standard
1.	Issuance of Quotation	3 Working Days
2.	Issuance of TCOA	Immediately after successful consignment verification.
3.	Issuance of COA	3 working days after succesful verification (Method 1A,1B and 1C) Immediately after verification at port for consignment having full Type Test Report by 3 rd Party (method 2B) Immediately after verification at ports for consignment with samples submitted thru courier 7 days after TCOA.
4.	Issuance of Exemption Letter	2 days after submission of complete documents



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PROCEDURES AND FORMS UPDATES



4. Application Form & Detailed Procedures



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