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The Government of Panama has submitted the following information concerning requirements for the import of certain industrial products into the Republic of Panama.

## REQUIREMENTS FOR THE IMPORT OF CERTAIN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS INTO THE REPUBLIC OF PANAMA

### Explanation of Letters in the Key

<u>Key</u>	<u>Explanation</u>
A	An application must be made through a lawyer, to the Minister for Government and Justice, for the import of weapons and ammunition.
B	A request in the form of an application to the Minister for Government and Justice through a lawyer, accompanied by the reasons for the import; request for the transfer and use of explosives; endorsement of the Harmonized Customs Assessment.
C	Military weapons may only be imported by the State or by individuals if they are for the State or to be re-exported.
D	Application to the Marine Resources Department of the Ministry of Trade and Industry through a lawyer, indicating the common and scientific names of the non-indigenous species for cultivation which it is desired to import, together with the country of origin.
E	Application to the Security Office of the Panama Fire Department for the import, storage and retail and wholesale sale of Christmas trees and application for the import of electrical fire detection systems.
F	Information given to the legal technical police (Policía Técnica Judicial) on imports, exports and local trade in <i>essential chemical precursors and substances</i> ; to prevent their diversion to illicit drug-processing laboratories.
G	Foodstuffs and beverages that have undergone any form of processing or conservation and are sold in containers, bottles or packaging of any form, must have a sanitary registration granted by the Ministry of Health's Division for the Control of Foodstuffs and Veterinary Supervision.

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Legal bases: Decree 256 of 13 June 1962, Decree 1195 of 3 December 1992.

H Medicines and similar products, for example, cosmetics, hygiene and cleaning products and disinfectants for domestic use, must have a sanitary registration granted through the Ministry of Health's Department of Pharmaceuticals and Drugs, for which the certificate authorizing sales in the country of origin must be submitted.  
Legal bases: Decree 93 of 16 February 1962, Decree 665 of 25 August 1993, Decree 248 of 25 June 1990.

I Materials deemed to be dangerous (inflammable, corrosive, explosive, irritant gases, oxidizing agents etc.) must receive the endorsement of the Security Office of the Panama Fire Department before leaving the customs area.  
Legal basis: Article 27 of Law 48 of 1963, Chapter VI of the Regulations of the Security Office.

J The import of crude petroleum and petroleum products into a petroleum-free zone is subject to a request, through a lawyer, to the Directorate-General of Hydrocarbons of the Ministry of Trade and Industry (MICI) for registration as an importer; the conclusion of a free zone agreement with the MICI or possession of an operating permit as a user in a free zone, issued by the Directorate-General of Hydrocarbons; a contract for the leasing of installations with the administration of the petroleum-free zone where it is proposed to operate.  
Legal bases: Decree No. 29 of 14 July 1992 and Decree No. 26 of 6 May 1993.

Import of crude petroleum and petroleum products into the domestic market requires the following: the importer must be registered as such with the Directorate-General of Hydrocarbons of MICI; possess a type-A commercial licence (for wholesale sale); own or rent installations for the storage and handling of the products, approved by the Security Office of the Panama Fire Department; imported petroleum products must meet the quality specifications laid down by the National Standards and Industrial Technology Commission; in addition to tariffs on each product, payment of a protection tariff on those products which local refineries also produce, currently (June 1996) fixed at 17 per cent and to be decreased annually by 1 per cent down to 5 per cent in the year 2008.

In the cases laid down in Article 6 of Decree No. 29 of 14 July 1992, petroleum products may be imported free of the protection tariff: stocks in local refineries fall below the established figure (10 days); local refineries are selling above the parity price fixed by the Directorate-General of Hydrocarbons; unforeseen events affecting production in local refineries. Aviation fuel is not subject to the protection tariff either; petroleum products sold to the Canal area; sales to used vessels for international transport and trade; imports for the Instituto de Recursos Hidraulicos y Electrificación (Water Resources and Electricity Institute) to be used to generate electricity.  
Legal bases: Decree No. 29 of 14 July 1992, amendments and regulations thereto; Decree No. 26 of 6 May 1993; and Legal Contract No. 35 of 31 December 1992 between the Panama Refinery and the State.

K Agricultural chemicals (fertilizers) must have a sanitary registration granted by the Ministry of Health's Department of Pharmaceuticals and Drugs.  
Legal basis: Decree 93 of 16 February 1962.

**GENERAL NOTE**

SINCE THE INFORMATION WAS RECEIVED BY PRODUCT, THE PRODUCTS HAVE BEEN REFLECTED IN TARIFF LINES. PRODUCTS WHICH IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO PLACE IN A TARIFF CLASSIFICATION ARE LISTED BELOW FOR EACH CATEGORY:

**D Marine Resources**

- Non-indigenous species for cultivation

**F Judicial Technical Police - Chemical Precursors and Substances**

- Lysergic acid
- Benzyl cyanide
- N-ethylephedrine
- N-ethylpseudoephedrine
- Phenylpropanolamine
- Red phosphorus
- 3.4 Methylenedioxyphenyl -2- Propanone
- N-methylpseudoephedrine
- Norpseudoephedrine
- Pseudoephedrine
- Trichloroethylene

**I Fire Department:**

- Raw material for manufacturing inks
- Spirits and concentrates
- Raw material for manufacturing paint
- Amines (ethylamine, triethylamine, etc.)
- Inflammable solids (naphthalene, camphor, etc.)
- Lighter fuel
- Liquid correctors for ink
- Aerosols
- Magnesium
- Red and yellow phosphorus
- Asphalt and products
- Adhesives (solvent-based)
- Nitrocellulose (resin)
- Acids and hydroxides
- Calcium carbide for manufacturing acetylene
- Toluene and polyol diisocyanate (for polyfoam)
- Materials and accessories for liquified petroleum

Source: Foreign Trade Council of the Republic of Panama, based on information provided by the institutions concerned.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO IMPORT PROCEDURES

Heading No.	Description	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
6049110	--- Christmas trees					E						
15151100	-- Crude oil										J	
15151900	-- Other										J	
15154010	-- Crude oil										J	
15154090	-- Other										J	
16041110	--- In airtight or vacuum-packed containers							G				
16041190	--- Other							G				
16041210	--- In airtight or vacuum-packed containers							G				
16041290	--- Other							G				
16041310	--- In airtight or vacuum-packed containers							G				
16041390	--- Other							G				
16041410	--- In airtight or vacuum-packed containers							G				
16041490	--- Other							G				
16041510	--- In airtight or vacuum-packed containers							G				
16041590	--- Other							G				
16041610	--- In airtight or vacuum-packed containers							G				
16041690	--- Other							G				
16041910	--- Cod in airtight or vacuum-packed containers							G				
16041920	--- Other fish in airtight or vacuum-packed containers							G				
16041990	--- Other							G				
16042010	-- Homogenized preparations for infant foods							G				
16042020	-- Other preparations in containers other than airtight or vacuum-packed containers							G				
16042091	--- Tuna							G				

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Heading No.	Description	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
27100074	-- Hydraulic brake and transmission fluids									J	K	
27100075	-- Lubricating grease									J	K	
27100079	-- Other									J	K	
27100090	-- Other									J	K	
27111100	-- Natural gas									J	K	
27111200	-- Propane									J	K	
27111300	-- Butane									J	K	
27111400	-- Ethylene, propylene, butylene and butadiene									J	K	
27111900	-- Other									J	K	
27112100	-- Natural gas									J	K	
27112900	-- Other									J	K	
27121000	-- Vaseline									J		
27122000	-- Paraffin wax containing by weight less than 0.75% of oil									J		
27129010	-- Paraffin wax containing by weight more than 0.75% of oil									J		
27129090	-- Other									J		
28011000	-- Chlorine									J		
28012000	-- Iodine						F					
28051100	-- Sodium									J		
28051910	-- Lithium									J		
28061000	-- Hydrogen chloride (hydrochloric acid)						F					
28062000	-- Chlorosulphuric acid						F					
28070000	SULPHURIC ACID, OLEUM						F					
28111930	--- Iodohydric acid						F					
28131000	-- Carbon disulphide						F					

Heading No.	Description	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
28142000	-- Ammonia, in aqueous solution									J		
28151200	-- In aqueous solution (soda lye or caustic soda, and									J		
28152000	-- Potassium hydroxide (caustic potash)						F					
28259010	-- Calcium hydroxide						F					
28271000	-- Ammonium chloride						F					
28281000	-- Commercial calcium hypochlorides and other calcium hypochlorides									J		
28289000	-- Other									J		
28291100	-- Of sodium									J		
28291900	-- Other									J		
28299000	-- Other									J		
28331100	-- Disodium sulphate						F					
28341010	-- Of sodium									J		
28341090	-- Other									J		
28342110	--- Containing more than 98% of potassium nitrate									J		
28342190	--- Other									J		
28342200	-- Of bismuth									J		
28342910	--- Calcium nitrate									J		
28342990	--- Other									J		
28362000	-- Disodium carbonate									J		
28363000	-- Sodium hydrogencarbonate (bicarbonate)						F					
28364000	-- Potassium carbonate						F					
28365000	-- Calcium carbonate						F					
28371910	--- Potassium cyanide						F					
28372010	-- Sodium cyanotrihydride borate						F					

Heading No.	Description	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
28416010	-- Potassium permanganate									J		
29011010	-- Hexane						F			J		
29011020	-- Isooctene									J		
29011090	-- Other									J		
29012100	-- Ethylene									J		
29012200	-- Propene (propylene)									J		
29012300	-- Butene (butylene) and isomers thereof									J		
29012400	-- Buta-1,3 diene and isoprene									J		
29012910	--- Acetylene									J		
29012990	--- Other									J		
29021100	-- Cyclohexane						F			J		
29021900	-- Other									J		
29022000	-- Benzene						F			J		
29023000	-- Toluene						F			J		
29024100	-- o-xylene						F			J		
29024200	-- m-xylene									J		
29024300	-- p-xylene									J		
29024400	-- Mixed xylene isomers									J		
29025000	-- Styrene									J		
29026000	-- Ethylbenzene									J		
29027000	-- Cumene									J		
29029000	-- Other									J		
29031200	-- Dichloromethane (methylene chloride)									J		
29031300	-- Chloroform (trichloromethane)						F					



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29092000	-- Cyclanic, cyclenic or cycloterpenic ethers and their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives									J		
29093000	-- Aromatic ethers and their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives									J		
29094100	-- 2, 2-Oxydiethanol (diethylene glycol)									J		
29094200	-- Monomethyl ethers of ethylene glycol or of diethylene glycol									J		
29094300	-- Monobutyl ethers of ethylene glycol or of diethylene glycol									J		
29094400	-- Other monoalkyl ethers of ethylene glycol or diethylene glycol									J		
29094900	-- Other									J		
29095000	-- Ether phenols, ether-alcohol-phenols and their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives									J		
29096000	-- Alcohol peroxides, ether peroxides, ketone peroxides and their halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives									J		
29121100	-- Methanal (formaldehyde)									J		
29121200	-- Ethanal (acetaldehyde)						F			J		
29121300	-- Butanal (butyraldehyde, normal isomer)									J		
29121900	-- Other									J		
29122100	-- Benzaldehyde (benzoic aldehyde)						F			J		
29122900	-- Other									J		
29123000	-- Aldehyde-alcohols									J		
29124100	-- Vanillin (methylprotocatechuic aldehyde)									J		
29124200	-- Ethylvanillin (ethylprotocatechuic aldehyde)									J		
29124900	-- Other									J		
29125000	-- Cyclic polymers of aldehydes									J		
29126000	-- Paraformaldehyde									J		
29141100	-- Acetone						F			J		
29141200	-- Butanone (methyl ethyl ketone)						F			J		

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29141300	-- 4-Methylpentan-2-one (methyl isobutyl ketone)						F			J		
29141900	-- Other						F			J		
29142100	-- Camphor									J		
29142210	--- Cyclohexanone									J		
29142220	--- Methylcyclohexanones									J		
29142300	-- Ionones and methylionones									J		
29142900	-- Other									J		
29143000	-- Aromatic ketones without other oxygen function									J		
29144100	-- 4-Hydroxy-4-methylpentan-2-one (diacetone alcohol)						F			J		
29144990	-- Other									J		
29145000	-- Ketone-phenols and ketones with other oxygen function									J		
29146100	-- Anthraquinone									J		
29146900	-- Other									J		
29147000	-- Halogenated, sulphonated, nitrated or nitrosated derivatives									J		
29151100	-- Formic acid						F					
29151210	--- Ammonium formate						F					
29152100	-- Acetic acid						F					
29152400	-- Acetic anhydride						F					
29153100	-- Ethyl acetate						F					
29153300	-- n-Butyl acetate						F					
29155000	-- Propionic acid, its salts and esters									J		
29159010	-- Acetol chloride						F					
29163200	-- Benzoyl peroxide and benzoyl chloride						F					
29163300	-- Phenylacetic acid, its salts and esters						F					

Heading No.	Description	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
29181200	-- Tartaric acid						F					
29211100	-- Mono-, di- or trimethylamine and their salts						F					
29211200	-- Diethylamine and its salts						F					
29224910	--- Anthralinic acid						F					
29224990	--- Other									J		
29241010	-- Formamide						F					
29329010	-- Safrrole						F					
29329020	-- Piperonal						F					
29329030	-- Isosafrole						F					
29394010	-- Ephedrine						F					
29394090	-- Other										J	
29396010	-- Ergonovine						F					
29396020	-- Ergotamine						F					
30011000	- Glands and other organs, dried, whether or not powdered								H			
30012010	-- Royal jelly								H			
30012090	-- Other								H			
30019010	-- Heparin and its salts								H			
30019090	-- Other								H			
30021010	-- Special sera of immunized persons or animals								H			
30021021	--- Gammaglobulin								H			
30021022	--- Normal human immunoglobulin								H			
30021023	--- Haemoglobin								H			
30021029	--- Other								H			
30022000	- Vaccines for human medicine								H			

Heading No.	Description	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
30023100	-- Vaccines against foot-and-mouth disease								H			
30023900	-- Other								H			
30029010	-- Toxins, microorganism cultures and similar products								H			
30029090	-- Other								H			
30031000	- Containing penicillin or derivatives thereof, with a penicillanic acid structure, or streptomycin or their derivatives								H			
30032000	- Containing other antibiotics								H			
30033100	-- Containing insulin								H			
30033900	-- Other								H			
30034000	- Containing alkaloids or derivatives thereof but not containing hormones or other products of heading 29.37 or antibiotics								H			
30039000	- Other								H			
30041010	-- For veterinary use (medicines)								H			
30041090	-- Other								H			
30042010	-- For veterinary use (other antibiotics)								H			
30042090	-- Other								H			
30043100	-- Containing insulin								H			
30043210	--- For veterinary use (containing hormones)								H			
30043290	--- Other								H			
30043910	--- For veterinary use (other)								H			
30043990	--- Other								H			
30044010	-- For veterinary use (containing alkaloids or derivatives thereof but not containing hormones)								H			
30044090	-- Other								H			
30045010	-- For veterinary use (other medicines containing vitamins or other products)								H			
30045090	-- Other								H			

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31054010	-- Containing by weight more than 9 mg of arsenic anhydride per kg.											
31054090	-- Other											
31055100	-- Containing nitrates and phosphates											
31055900	-- Other											
31056000	-- Mineral or chemical fertilizers containing the two fertilizing elements phosphorus and potassium											
31059000	-- Other											
33021000	-- Of a kind used in the food or beverage industries							G		J		
33029010	-- Of a kind used in the tobacco industry							G		J		
33029020	-- Of a kind used in the soap industry							G		J		
33029030	-- Of a kind used in the perfume industry							G		J		
33029090	-- Other							G		J		
33030011	-- Of a c.i.f. value not exceeding B/. 22.38 per litre									J		
33030019	-- Other (of a c.i.f. value of B/. 22.38 or more per litre)									J		
33030021	-- Of a c.i.f. value of less than B/. 4.43 per litre									J		
33030029	-- Other (of a c.i.f. value of B/. 4.43 or more per litre)									J		
33041000	-- Lip make-up preparations								H			
33042010	-- Eye shadow of a c.i.f. value of B/. 30.00 or more per gross kg.								H			
33042090	-- Other								H			
33043000	-- Manicure or pedicure preparations								H			
33049110	--- Face powders of a c.i.f. value of B/. 30.00 or more per gross kg.								H			
33049120	--- Powders for the body of a c.i.f. value of B/. 10.00 or more per gross kg.								H			
33049190	--- Other								H			
33049911	---- Face creams of a c.i.f. value of B/. 15.00 or more per gross kg.								H			



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33049912	---- Cosmetic creams (for the body and hands) of a c.i.f. value of B/. 10.00 or more per gross kg.								H			
33049919	---- Other								H			
33049920	--- Cosmetic vinegars								H			
33049930	--- Sunscreen or suntan preparations								H			
33049990	-- Other								H			
33051010	-- In cream form (paste, solid or semi-solid)								H			
33051020	-- Liquids, including medicines								H			
33052000	-- Preparations for permanent waving or straightening								H			
33053000	-- Hair lacquers								H			
33059011	--- Perfumed creams								H			
33059012	--- Non-perfumed creams								H			
33059019	---- Other (hair tonics)								H			
33059020	-- Hair dyes and bleaches								H			
33059090	-- Other								H			
33061010	-- Medicated								H			
33061090	-- Other								H			
33069010	-- Mouthwashes								H			
33069020	-- Other breath-freshening preparations								H			
33069090	-- Other								H			
33071010	-- Shaving creams and foams								H			
33071021	--- Denatured alcohol (Bay Rum, menthol and similar products)								H			
33071022	--- Other lotions and colognes of a c.i.f. value of B/. 4.43 or more per litre								H			
33071023	--- Other lotions and colognes of a c.i.f. value not exceeding B/. 4.43 per litre								H			

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33071090	-- Other								H			
33072010	-- Of a c.i.f. value of B/. 15.00 or more per gross kg.								H			
33072090	-- Other								H			
33073000	-- Perfumed bath salts and other bath preparations								H			
33074100	-- "Agarbatti" and other odoriferous preparations which operate by burning								H			
33074910	--- Deodorizing, fumigating and similar preparations for perfuming the environment, in aerosols								H			
33074990	-- Other								H			
33079010	-- Perfumed wadding, felt, and non-wovens								H			
33079020	-- Wadding, felt, non-wovens and paper impregnated, coated or covered, for make-up								H			
33079030	-- Depilatories								H			
33079040	-- Cosmetic preparations for animals, whether or not medicated								H			
33079090	-- Other								H			
34011110	--- Bath or toilet soap, whether or not with abrasives, deodorant soaps, glycerine bath soap, whether or not with bacteriostatic substances; organic surface active substances used as bath, toilet or deodorant soaps, whether or not with bacteriostatic substances								H			
34011120	--- For shaving								H			
34011130	--- Medicinal or disinfectant								H			
34011140	--- Paper, wadding, felt and non-wovens, impregnated, coated or covered with toilet soap or detergent								H			
34011190	--- Other								H			
34011910	--- Soap and products in the form of tablets, cakes or bars used as washing soaps								H			
34011920	--- Gelatinized for lubrication								H			
34011930	--- Paper, wadding, felt and non-wovens, impregnated, coated or covered with soap or detergents of a kind used for washing								H			
34011940	--- With abrasives								H			
34011990	--- Other								H			

Heading No.	Description	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K
34012010	-- In powder, flakes, chips or granules or in globules								H			
34012020	-- For bath or toilet use, whether or not with the addition of bacteriostatic substances								H			
34012030	-- Medicinal or disinfectant								H			
34012090	-- Other								H			
34021111	---- Liquids or pastes							G	H			
34021119	---- Other (in powder, flakes, chips or granules or in globules)							G	H			
34021120	---- For agricultural and veterinary use							G	H			
34021190	---- Other							G	H			
34021211	---- Liquids or pastes							G	H			
34021219	---- Other (in powder, flakes, chips or granules or in globules)							G	H			
34021220	---- For agricultural or veterinary use							G	H			
34021290	---- Other							G	H			
34021311	---- Liquids or pastes							G	H			
34021319	---- Other (in powder, flakes, chips or granules or in globules)							G	H			
34021320	---- For agricultural or veterinary use							G	H			
34021390	---- Other							G	H			
34021911	---- Liquids or pastes							G	H			
34021919	---- Other (in powder, flakes, chips or granules or in globules)							G	H			
34021920	---- For agricultural or veterinary use							G	H			
34021990	---- Other							G	H			
34022011	---- Liquids							G	H			
34022012	---- In powder, flakes, chips or granules or in globules							G	H			
34022019	---- Other							G	H			

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38089092	--- For use in stockbreeding (other than herbicides, disinfectants, etc.)									J		
38089099	--- Other									J		
85311000	-- Burglar or fire alarms and similar apparatus					E						
93010000	MILITARY WEAPONS, OTHER THAN REVOLVERS, PISTOLS AND OTHER ARMS											
93020000	REVOLVERS AND PISTOLS, OTHER THAN THOSE OF HEADING 93.03 OR 93.04	A										
93031000	-- Muzzle-loading firearms	A										
93032000	-- Other sporting, hunting or target-shooting shotguns or rifles, including combination shotgun-rifles	A										
93033000	-- Other sporting, hunting or target-shooting shotguns or rifles	A										
93039000	-- Other	A										
93040000	OTHER ARMS (FOR EXAMPLE, SPRING, AIR OR GAS GUNS AND PISTOLS, TRUNCHEONS) OTHER THAN THOSE OF HEADING 93.07	A										
93051000	-- Of revolvers or pistols	A										
93052100	-- Shotgun barrels	A										
93052900	-- Other	A										
93059010	-- Of military weapons			C								
93063010	-- For military weapons and parts thereof			C								
93069010	-- Other military munitions, projectiles and grenades and parts thereof			C								
93070010	-- Weapons of blades for military uses			C								