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## NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 1135

#### **Ms T L Marawu (ATM) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether there are any goods that are prohibited from being imported into the Republic; if not, what is the position in this regard; if so, what are the relevant details of such goods, provided in the form of a list? NW1279E

#### **REPLY**

Importation of goods into South Africa can be controlled for a variety of reasons, e.g. plant and animal health, technical specification, international commitments or industrial purposes. In most cases, importation of restricted goods will be allowed once the necessary inspections are conducted and the prescribed permits/ certificates have been issued by the applicable competent authority. Prohibited products are not allowed to be imported under any circumstances.

The South African Revenue Services (SARS) administers the Consolidated List of Prohibited and Restricted Imports and Exports, under the legislation administered by various Government departments. This list contains the prohibitions and restrictions on goods being imported, listed with the various competent government departments, institutions or bodies. The list is categorised according to the tariff structure of the Harmonised Commodity Coding and Description System – commonly known as the HS Tariff whereby goods are classified upon importation or exportation. A comprehensive list of prohibited and restricted exports and imports is available on the SARS website.



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The latest Consolidated List of Prohibited and Restricted Imports and Exports, with the requirement which a given product needs to meet to be imported, and the relevant competent authorities, is enclosed as **Annex A** -

LINK:<https://dtishare.thedti.gov.za/filr/public-link/file-download/8a8b4b7e9d19f421019d28fe70f10bf5/33410/653671598023516512/ZIP.%20PQ%201135%20-%20ANNEX%20A.zip>.

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