

REGULATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS ACT  
(CHAPTER 272A, SECTION 3)

REGULATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (CHEWING GUM)  
REGULATIONS

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**Citation**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) Regulations.

**Definitions**

2. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires —

“chewing gum” means the substance usually known as chewing gum, bubble gum or dental chewing gum, or any like substance prepared from a gum base of vegetable or synthetic origin and intended for chewing;

*[Deleted by S 525/2016 wef 01/11/2016]*

“health product” and “Register of Health Products” have the same meanings as in the Health Products Act (Cap. 122D);

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“oral dental gum” means a health product categorised as an oral dental gum in the First Schedule to the Health Products Act;

*[S 525/2016 wef 01/11/2016]*

“therapeutic product” means a health product categorised as a therapeutic product in the First Schedule to the Health Products Act.

*[S 525/2016 wef 01/11/2016]*

### **Prohibition**

3. Except as provided in regulation 3A, the importation into Singapore of any chewing gum is prohibited.

*[S 632/2003 wef 01/01/2004]*

### **Import of chewing gum for health-related purposes**

**3A.** Regulation 3 does not apply to any of the following:

- (a) any chewing gum that is registered or deemed to be registered as a therapeutic product under the Health Products Act (Cap. 122D) other than under the classification of a general sale list medicine in the Register of Health Products;
- (b) any chewing gum that is registered or deemed to be registered as an oral dental gum under the Health Products Act and —
  - (i) contains calcium lactate at a concentration of between 2% and 5% weight in weight and xylitol at a concentration of between 12% and 36% weight in weight; or
  - (ii) is sugarless and contains sodium hexametaphosphate at a concentration of between 1% and 2% weight in weight;
- (c) any other chewing gum that is registered as an oral dental gum under the Health Products Act and classified as a

prescription-only oral dental gum in the Register of Health Products.

*[S 525/2016 wef 01/11/2016]*

### **Importation of chewing gum permitted in certain cases**

4.—(1) Notwithstanding regulation 3, the Director-General may permit a person to import chewing gum into Singapore —

- (a) in transit to or from West Malaysia; or
- (b) on transshipment to any country.

*[S 172/2003 wef 01/04/2003]*

*[S 407/2006 wef 07/07/2006]*

(2) Notwithstanding regulation 3, the Director-General may permit a person to import chewing gum into Singapore for research and development purposes if the person is registered under the Control of Manufacture Act (Cap. 57) in respect of the manufacture of chewing gum.

*[S 407/2006 wef 07/07/2006]*

### **Obligation on person who imports chewing gum in transit to or from West Malaysia**

5. A person who imports chewing gum into Singapore in transit to or from West Malaysia shall —

- (a) ensure that chewing gum in transit by road is conveyed in a container or in completely covered vehicles or wagons which are capable of being locked, sealed or otherwise secured;
- (b) upon importation, lock, seal or otherwise secure the consignment of chewing gum in the manner required by a proper officer of customs or such other person as the Director-General may direct;
- (c) arrange, at his own expense, for the consignment of chewing gum to be escorted to the Woodlands Customs checkpoint or the Tuas Customs checkpoint from the free trade zone or from the Woodlands Customs checkpoint or the Tuas Customs checkpoint to the free trade zone;

- (d) submit to the Director-General the export permit for the re-export of the chewing gum within 7 days of the re-export; and
- (e) comply with such other conditions as the Director-General may impose.

*[S 172/2003 wef 01/04/2003]*

### **Obligation on person who imports chewing gum for re-export**

6. A person who imports chewing gum (other than chewing gum that is mentioned in regulation 3A(a), (b) or (c)) into Singapore on transshipment or for re-export to any country shall —

- (a) register with the Director-General as an importer and re-exporter of chewing gum;
- (b) store the chewing gum in a warehouse situated within a free trade zone and confine its movement within the free trade zone except that movement between free trade zones is allowed if the chewing gum is —
  - (i) conveyed in a container or in completely covered vehicles or wagons which are capable of being locked, sealed or otherwise secured; and
  - (ii) locked, sealed or otherwise secured in the manner required by a proper officer of customs or such other person as the Director-General may direct before leaving one free trade zone for another;
- (c) furnish the Director-General with a letter of undertaking, and a banker's guarantee or such other security as the Director-General may allow for an amount equivalent to \$10,000;

*[S 632/2003 wef 01/01/2004]*

- (d) furnish the Director-General with a quarterly stock movement statement for chewing gum which shall, if the Director-General so requires, be audited by a firm of public accountants; and

- (e) comply with such other conditions as the Director-General may impose.

*[S 592/99 wef 01/01/2000]*

*[S 172/2003 wef 01/04/2003]*

*[S 632/2003 wef 01/01/2004]*

*[S 525/2016 wef 01/11/2016]*

**Obligation on person permitted to import chewing gum for research and development purposes**

**6A.** A person who is permitted to import chewing gum into Singapore for research and development purposes under regulation 4(2) shall —

- (a) use the chewing gum in accordance with the conditions of his registration under the Control of Manufacture Act (Cap. 57); and
- (b) comply with such other conditions as the Director-General may impose.

*[S 407/2006 wef 07/07/2006]*

**Penalty**

**7.** Any person who contravenes any of the provisions of these Regulations shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable —

- (a) on the first conviction to a fine not exceeding \$100,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 2 years or to both; and
- (b) on the second or subsequent conviction, to a fine not exceeding \$200,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

*[G.N. Nos. S 533/95; S 9/98]*

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY  
REGULATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (CHEWING GUM)  
REGULATIONS  
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This Legislative History is provided for the convenience of users of the Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) Regulations. It is not part of these Regulations.

**1. G. N. No. S 533/1995 — Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) Regulations 1995**

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**2. 1996 Revised Edition — Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) Regulations 1996**

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**3. G. N. No. S 9/1998 — Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) (Amendment) Regulations 1998**

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**4. 1999 Revised Edition — Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) Regulations**

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**5. G. N. No. S 592/1999 — Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) (Amendment) Regulations 1999**

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**6. G. N. No. S 172/2003 — Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) (Amendment) Regulations 2003**

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**7. G. N. No. S 632/2003 — Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) (Amendment No. 2) Regulations 2003**

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**8. G. N. No. S 407/2006 — Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) (Amendment) Regulations 2006**

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**9. G.N. No. S 525/2016 — Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) (Amendment) Regulations 2016**

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