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Green Line Trade *-Provisions And Experiences-*

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Introduction

Green Line Regulation:

Regulation EC 866/2004 of 29 April 2004 providing for goods arriving from the areas not under the effective control of the Republic of Cyprus to the areas that are under its effective control, concerns exclusively goods crossing the Green Line from the TCc to the GCc.



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Introduction

- Goods crossing from the GCc to the TCc are subject to a similar regulation of the TCc, however a permit is required.
- The GCc does not impose any restrictions except for arms and ammunition, drugs and other prohibited substances





Basic Provisions

- According to the GLR goods allowed to cross are those wholly produced/obtained in Cyprus or have undergone their last substantial economically justified processing or working in Cyprus
- Crossing takes place through approved crossing points





Basic Provisions

- Imported goods are not allowed to cross
- Also, live animals and animal products except sea water fish
- VAT is charged on the products crossing from the GCc to the TCc
- A proper invoice must accompany the goods as well as the accompanying document issued by the relevant chamber (CCCI or TCCC)





Basic Provisions

- Temporary crossings (up to 6 months) from the TCc into the GCc for repair, professional and exhibition purposes are allowed. The goods however must return to the other side within this period





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ Obtaining an accompanying document from the KTTO (TCCC) on presentation of a relevant invoice
 - ✓ Securing a permit from the TCc by the TC seller
 - ✓ Goods together with accompanying document and invoice reach the GC crossing point where they are checked by the RoC customs





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ There may be additional checks by the GCs and if there is a problem the goods are returned or destroyed
 - ✓ Until any additional checks are completed the goods are not allowed to be placed in the market
 - ✓ All the TC products have to comply with EU regulations and requirements, standards and specifications, etc where these exist





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ Independent phytosanitary experts appointed by the commission, deployed under the technical assistance and information exchange instrument (TAIEX), and operating in coordination with the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce, shall inspect all **fruits and vegetables** at the stages of production, of harvest and of marketing, to ascertain that they:



Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ Are free from the union quarantine pests
 - ✓ Comply with the thresholds for the presence of union regulated non-quarantine pests
 - ✓ Comply with the requirements for introduction into the union
 - ✓ Comply with the measures to prevent the presence of regulated non-quarantine pests on specific plants for planting





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ In the case of **potatoes**, the above experts shall verify that the potatoes in the consignment were grown directly from seed potatoes certified in one of the member states or from seed potatoes certified in any other country for which the entry into the union of potatoes intended for planting is not prohibited





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ If the experts, to the best of their knowledge and as far as can be determined, establish that the relevant plants, plant products or other objects in the consignment comply with the relevant requirements and checks they shall:
 - ✓ Establish a report of their findings, filled in completely and duly signed by at least one of the experts, and
 - ✓ Add that report, as a supplement, to the accompanying document





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ The experts shall not issue “reports of phytosanitary inspection” in respect of plants intended for planting, including tubers of solanum tuberosum I intended for planting





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ The experts shall consequently seal the lorries or other means of transport in such a way as to prevent any opening of the consignment until it crosses the Line
 - ✓ Upon arrival in the areas in which the government of the Republic of Cyprus exercises effective control, the competent authorities shall examine the consignment. Where applicable, the “report of phytosanitary inspection” shall be replaced by a plant passport





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ In the case of **construction products**, the goods are detained at the GC buyer's premises if conformity certificates are absent. Goods are only released if conformity is ascertained
 - ✓ Crossing of construction products can take place between 08:00 – 14:30hrs, Monday to Friday
 - ✓ **Fresh fish** must be directly landed from fishing vessels on which catches are kept for less than 24 hours





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ Independent experts appointed by the commission must inspect the vessels and forward the list of compliant vessels to the commission. The commission will communicate that list to the competent veterinary authority of the republic of Cyprus and make it available on its website





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ Each consignment of fresh fish must be accompanied by a document issued by the Turkish Cypriot Chamber of Commerce, duly authorised for that purpose by the .Commission that document must state that the fish are directly landed from fishing vessels which are on the list of compliant vessels





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ Fresh fish must be intended for retail shops, restaurants or sale direct to consumers
 - ✓ Correct packing and transportation is essential
 - ✓ The movement to the GCc is allowed after the inspection and approval by the officials of the veterinary services. The movement of fresh fish is permitted only from the crossing point of Agios Dhometios.





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ In the case of processed foodstuffs (at present carob syrup, Table olives, olive oil, tahini, halwa, juices, marmalades) checks are carried out by the health services of the RoC
 - ✓ they can be sold for consumption in the GCc if they bear the required markings in Greek language
 - ✓ Or move without further checks to other member states or exported to third countries
 - ✓ the European Commission TAIEX experts are carrying out inspections of the production facilities and only compliant companies can obtain accompanying documents from KTTO, only for trade of products currently admitted/allowed (the 6+2 plus packaging materials)





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ The checks involve:
 - ✓ Taking of samples every time a new supplier is involved and/or a new food item is involved. The samples are sent to the state general laboratory for examination
 - ✓ Taking of samples if deemed necessary
 - ✓ random sampling
 - ✓ References to place names should be made in accordance with the reserved place names of the RoC
 - ✓ Crossings should be notified by the GC buyer at least 24 hours in advance
 - ✓ Crossings can take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday during working hours





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ It is allowed to transport **materials and articles intended to come into contact with food**, such as plastics, ceramics, transparent film of regenerated cellulose used to cover food, etc.
 - ✓ It is prohibited to transport plastic materials and single-use items intended to come into direct contact with food as they fall under the prohibitions of the waste (amendment) law of 2022.





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc:
 - ✓ The prohibition includes cutlery (forks, knives, spoons, chopsticks), plates, straws, drink stirrers, food containers made of expanded polystyrene, drink containers made of expanded polystyrene and their lids and covers, expanded polystyrene cups and their lids and covers
 - ✓ The prohibition does not apply to plastic bags used e.g. In supermarkets, markets, kiosks, shops and do not come into direct contact with food





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the TCc
 - ✓ Goods crossing to the GCc for export from GCc ports are allowed (VAT needs to be paid though)
 - ✓ In case of use of commercial vehicles that weigh more than 7.5 tonnes, fully acquis compliant documents issued by the Republic of Cyprus are required (road worthiness, transportation license, professional driving license for the driver) while a special certificate from the TCc is required as to whether the goods are transported by their manufacturer or not





Basic Provisions

- **Persons** crossing to the GCc are allowed to bring with them goods amounting to a maximum value of €260 provided they are not destined for commercial use.
- Also, up to 40 cigarettes and 1 litre of alcohol for personal consumption. Counterfeit products are prohibited.





Basic Provisions

- Trade from the GCc:
 - ✓ Obtaining an accompanying document from the CCCI on presentation of a relevant invoice
 - ✓ Copy of proforma invoice to the TCc buyer for securing a permit
 - ✓ Goods together with accompanying document and invoice reach the TC crossing point where they are matched with the permit
 - ✓ TCs may carry out additional checks and if there is a problem the goods are returned or confiscated





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No.		ORIGINAL
ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT		
Consignor (Name, or name of firm, and full address):		
Producer (Name, or name of firm, and full address):		
Consignee (Name, or name of firm, and full address):		
Description of goods, item number, marks, numbers, number and kind of packages (for goods not packed indicate number or 'in bulk'):	Volume/Quantity	Transaction Value
	Net weight (kgs)/other units of measure	
Declaration by the Consignor The goods mentioned in this document are of Cyprus origin.		
Date: _____ Signature : _____		
Certification of the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry It is hereby certified that the above-mentioned goods originate, within the meaning of articles 23 and 24 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/93 in Cyprus and that the specifications given by the manufacturer/ producer are accurate.		
Date _____	Authorised signature and stamp	

SAMPLE




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No. 01/2005		ORIGINAL	
ACCOMPANYING DOCUMENT			
Consignor (Name, or name of firm, and full address):	XYZ LTD P.O.BOX. 00001 0001 NICOSIA-CYPRUS		
Producer (Name, or name of firm, and full address):	XYZ LTD P.O.BOX. 00001 0001 NICOSIA-CYPRUS		
Consignee (Name, or name of firm, and full address):	ABC LTD 1, ABCDEFG STR. LEFKOSIA		
Description of goods, item number, marks, numbers, number and kind of packages (for goods not packed indicate number or 'in bulk'):	Volume/Quantity	Transaction Value	
	Net weight (kgs)/other units of measure		
	- ITEM 1	100 KGS	CYP 1000.00
	- ITEM 2	200 KGS	CYP 5000.00
	- ITEM 3	150 KGS	CYP 4000.00
	V.A.T.	CYP10000.00	
	TOTAL	CYP 1500.00	
Declaration by the Consignor			
The goods mentioned in this document are of Cyprus origin.			
Date: 4/10/2005	Signature : 		
Certification of the Cyprus Chamber of Commerce and Industry			
It is hereby certified that the above-mentioned goods originate, within the meaning of articles 23 and 24 of Council Regulation (EEC) No 2913/93 in Cyprus and that the specifications given by the manufacturer/ producer are accurate.			
			
Date: 4 October 2005	Authorised signature and stamp		

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Tips

- Find the right partner
- Deal with payment issues
- Be fully aware of the regulations
- Arrange transportation
- Obtain the necessary documents and licenses where needed
- Give and take the necessary information
- Contact the chambers for any clarifications





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Statistical Data

	<u>TC SALES</u>	<u>GC SALES</u>
	€	€
2004 (TC FROM AUG.):	470821	-----
2005:(GC FROM MAY)	1673460	249550
2006:	3228343	1020054
2007:	4125548	709198
2008:	7172117	1404333
2009:	6006348	811635
2010:	<u>5923967</u>	<u>1090086</u>
TOTAL:	28600604	5284856



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	<u>TC SALES</u>	<u>GC SALES</u>	
	€	€	
2011:	5304725 (29396435)*	2272494	
2012:	4195321 (8944203)*	1014671	
2013:	3836846	799912	
2014:	3648207	1246930	
2015:	3728282	1314271	
2016:	4434097	1354947	
2017:	4792381	1343525	
TOTAL:	58540463	14631606	*: incl. electricity





Statistical Data

	<u>TC SALES</u>	<u>GC SALES</u>
	€	€
2018:	4582402	1151723
2019:	5364156	748237
2020:	4603640	694281
2021:	6123707 (ROC: 6151022)	420253
2022:	14691091 (ROC: 14647241)	711133
2023:		
2024:		
TOTAL:	93905459	18357233





Statistical Data

	2019 €mln	2020 €mln	2021 €mln	2022 €mln
Total imports of Cyprus:	8200	7504	8652	11290
Total purchases from the TCc:	5.4	4.6 (-15%)	6.1 (33%)	14.7 (140.1%)
Percentage of purchases From TCc to total imports:	0.07%	0.06%	0.07%	0.13%
Total GCc sales to TCc:	0.75	0.69 (-7%)	0.42 (-39%)	0.71 (69%)
Percentage of GCc sales to TCc sales:	14%	15%	7%	5%
Total TCc sales from start: 93.9 mln Total GCc sales from start: 18.4 mln Percentage of GCc sales to TCc sales: 20%				



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Main Categories of TC Products Crossing the Green Line

- Plastics
- Fresh Fish
- Mosaics, Marbles, Granites
- Construction Materials
- Prefabricated Containers
- Wood Products/Furniture
- Mattresses





Main Categories of TC Products Crossing the Green Line

- Aluminium Products
- Waste / Scrap Products (Vegetable Oils, Paper & Paperboard, Metals)
- Vegetables & Fruit
- Chemical Products (Thinner, Tile Adhesive, Plaster, Paint)
- Curtains, Blinds





Main Categories of GC Products Crossing the Green Line

- Paints
- Tiles
- Machinery And Equipment
- Pipes And Parts
- Agricultural Products
- Steel And Iron Products
- Chemicals





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Main Categories of GC Products Crossing the Green Line

- Gases
- Plastic products
- Insulation materials
- Paper and paperboard
- Aluminium products
- Freshwater fish



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