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MYANMAR REGULATORY CHANGES

OVERVIEW

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What is the regulatory change?

Myanmar's Ministry of Finance and Revenue issued Notification No. 115/2026, which took effect on July 6, 2026. This directive replaces all previous series of import exemptions and relaxations granted since 2017, enforcing mandatory pre-arrival import licensing and stricter consequences.

Why is this regulatory change happening?

To prevent unauthorized, non-licensed or mis-declared goods from entering the country.



WHAT IS THE IMPACT FOR SHIPPERS

- Shippers sending goods to Myanmar need to ensure the receiver has the proper import licenses in place prior to shipping of the goods. If the shipments arrive before the receiver has the proper paperwork there will be fines and or confiscation. RTO (return to origin) is no longer permitted for unlicensed goods.

What can shippers do to avoid delays?

- **Verify Receiver Readiness:** Do not move the shipment until the Myanmar receiver confirms they have obtained the necessary Import License.
- **Ensure Accurate Documentation:** Ensure that the Commercial Invoice and Packing List accuracy with detail descriptions and matches details on the Import License.

WHAT IS THE IMPACT FOR RECEIVERS

- If goods arrive without a license it will result in Customs fines and outright confiscation with possible further legal action to the importer.

Mandatory Licensing:

- All shipments over USD 500 require an import license.
- For shipments under USD 500, exemptions only apply to personal items (C2C), small quantity of samples, and advertising materials.
- All other items (B2B, B2C), FDA-regulated goods, telecommunications equipment, electronic parts and machine parts *strictly* require a license regardless of value.



What can receivers do to avoid delays?

- **Obtain Import Licenses Pre-Arrival:** Obtain all required Import Licenses and necessary documentations *before* the shipment arrives at Myanmar airport.
- **Shipment Specifications:** Ensure that the imported goods match the Import License regarding brand, sub-brand, manufacturing year, and physical condition. Mis declaring used goods as "brand new" can result in immediate confiscation.

NOTE: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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