

# **Regulation of Imports and Exports (Chewing Gum) Regulations**

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

## **REGULATION OF IMPORTS AND EXPORTS (CHEWING GUM) REGULATIONS**

## 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;

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“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.

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[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.

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### **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