

Law No. 43/1964

We, Abdullah Al- Salem Al- Sabah, Amir of the state of Kuwait.
On sight at the constitution, the National Assembly has agreed
upon the following act, and, therefore, testify its issuance.

1st Article

Importing commodities, goods and materials right from abroad is limited to:

- 1- Kuwaiti nationals
- 2- Kuwaiti companies of which all partners are Kuwaitis
- 3- Share holding companies and the companies of limited liability of which the ratio of Kuwaitis capital is not less than 51% of the total capital.

But companies of partner ship and limited partner ship with there two types, corporate by Kuwaiti and, non- Kuwaiti partners, those one allowed to practice importing activity from abroad for a two year term cornicing as this law becomes valid and in force, unless the company obtains an other license according to any other act.

2nd Article

The minister of commerce grant the above national importers in the previous article and those registered in the commercial registry and Kuwait chamber of commerce and industry grew of importing license for a one year period starting from the date of its granting.

3rd Article

The following cases are deemed exceptional from the rules of the first article where importing is allowed provided obtaining, in advance an importing license from the minister of commerce, these according to the followings statues:-

- 1-importing Personal effects, furniture and baggage's it's not allowed to issue other license concerning to importing the same only after elapsing two years from the date of issuing the first license.
- 2- importing the post of packages which their value doesn't exceed K.D one hundred for the purpose of personal use or as a commercial samples not particular for sale, provided that this doesn't violate an other act.
- 3- Oil companies that have obtained the franchise of importing the goods, materials and commodities that one necessary for them within the permitted limits stipulated in their franchise contracts.
- 4- For non- profitable and cooperative so cities those one licensed and corporated according to the relevant rules to importing goods, commodities and necessary materials law for the purpose of achieving their objectives .

4th Article

The following cases are not subject to the rules of the law:

- 1- Importing fresh fruit, vegetables, livestock and any other alive animals their meat is used for human consumption, unless their importing is not permitted by any other act.
- 2- Those materials imported by. The foreign diplomatic committees or any other political or international delegations work in Kuwait provided the Kuwaiti exports treated as the same.
- 3- What is all imported by the state and its official bodies for their own favor?

5th Article

The minister of commerce has the right, by a resolution issued by him, for the purpose of keeping the national economic interest either reject, specify or limit granting importing license for any item of the goods, materials or commodities or imports of one country or certain countries, as well as he also can except them from license.

6th Article

Customs authorities have no the right to hand over or clear the goods that is imported where they are not in conformity with the Rules of this law. The importer of these materials and goods has to re-export them again by the first available transport mean leaves the country, which should be within one month from the date of their entering the country, obliging the importer to pay the applicable fees.

7th Article

Should the period indicated above elapsed, with no re-exporting these good, in this case, the minister of commerce is permitted to entrust to the Customs authorities to sell them by auction way, and depositing the encase had amounts due to that sale in the customs treasure in favor of the broker, that is after deducting the due fees and expenses.

should the owner of these materials and goods doesn't apply for the deposited amount for its account within a six month period from the date of completing and finalizing the sale by auction, the amount will be added for the public treasure account.

8th Article

Goods for their importing an irrevocable credit was opened at one of the local banks is excepted from the rules of the two previous articles, plus the goods, had been contracted upon by virtue of either contracts or securities, if date of opening the credit or concluding the contract is before this law becomes valid.

9th Article

Customs authorities have to provide the ministry of commerce with a clear copy of the customs statement regarding to the clearance of any commodities, goods or materials within a one month period from the date of issue this statement, as well as the mentioned authorities have also to provide the said ministry with a report including condition to rules of this law, during two days from their arrival date and not to process any custom procedures on them.

10th Article

Recess any procedures should be followed for the purpose of applying the importing licenses and the data that should be mentioned in the application and the supporting documents are all renewed by a resolution from the minister of commerce.

11th Article

The minister of commerce issues the necessary by laws and decision for the purpose of executing rules of this law.

12th Article

All minister, each with in his /her power, have to work to execute it/ and it becomes valid as it is publish in the official newspaper.

Amir of state of Kuwait

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