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[steffen.hadi@zicolaw.com](mailto:steffen.hadi@zicolaw.com)**Relaxation of Import Restrictions at Bitung Seaport**

On 27 October 2017, the Indonesian Ministry of Trade (“MOT”) issued Regulation No. 81 of 2017 (“[Regulation 81/2017](#)”) which amends MOT Regulation No. 87/M-DAG/PER/10/2015 on the Import Provisions for Specific Products (“[Regulation 87/2015](#)”).

**General overview on import provisions of specific products**

The following products are categorised as specific products (“[Specific Products](#)”) under Regulation 87/2015:

- foods and beverages;
- traditional drugs and health supplements;
- cosmetics and household first-aid kits;
- apparel and other ready-made textiles;
- foot wears;
- electronic devices; and
- children’s toys.

Importation of Specific Products are subject to the following requirements:

- the importer must hold a General Importer Identification Number (*Angka Pengenal Impor Umum*, (“[API-U](#)”));
- importation may only be done through specific ports (“[Specific Ports](#)”);
- verification or examination of the technical imports at the unloading port must be conducted by the Surveyors admitted by the MOT (However, this requirement does not apply to the import of the cosmetics); and
- the API-U holders importing the Specific Products must report the realisation of the imports electronically through <http://inatrade.kemendag.go.id>.

### Specific ports under Regulation 87/2015

The following are specific ports that allow importation of Specific Products under Regulation 87/2015:

Ports	Name of the ports	Specific products
Seaports	Belawan (Medan), Tanjung Priok (Jakarta), Tanjung Emas (Semarang), Tanjung Perak (Surabaya), and Soekarno Hatta (Makassar).	All of the specific Products.
	Dumai (Dumai), Jayapura (Jayapura), and Tarakan (Tarakan).	Only foods and beverages
	Krueng Geukuk (North Aceh).	Only foods and beverages, apparel and other ready-made textiles, electronic devices, and foot-wears.
	Bitung (Bitung).	Only foods and beverages, apparel and other ready-made textiles, and electronic devices.
Dry ports	Cikarang Dry Port (Bekasi)	All of the Specific Products.
Airports	Kualanamu (Deli Serdang), Soekarno Hatta (Tangerang), Ahmad Yani (Semarang), Juanda (Surabaya), and Hasanuddin (Makassar)	All of the Specific Products.

### Changes brought about by Regulation 81/2017

Regulation 81/2017 revises the Specific Products that can be imported through Bitung seaport. All Specific Products may now be imported through Bitung seaport. Regulation 81/2017 however, does not relax the limitation at other Specific Ports.

### Limited applicability period

As the principal Regulation 87/2015 is set to expire on 31 December 2018, API-U holders should bear in mind that the changes introduced by Regulation 81/2017 may cease in early 2019.

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