COUNCIL OF MINISTERS REGULATION NO 88/2003
THE REVISED REGULATIONS ON THE IMPORTATION OF GOODS ON FRANCO-VALUTA BASIS COUNCIL OF MINISTER REGULATION

This Regulation is issued by the Council of Ministers pursuant to articles 5 of the Definition of powers and duties of the Executive Organs of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Proclamation No. 4/1995.

1. Short title
This Regulation may be cited as “The revised Regulation on the importation of goods on franco-Valuta basis Council of Ministers Regulation No 88/2003”.

2. Goods that may be imported on Franco-Valuta basis
Without Prejudice to article 3(2) of this Regulation it is only the following goods may be imported on franco-valuta basis.
(1) All goods imported for official use of diplomatic and consular missions, international organizations and donor agencies.
(2) Goods imported for personal and house hold uses of officers and employees of diplomatic and consular missions, international organizations and donor agencies.
(3) Any goods imported by budgeted Ethiopian Government institutions and civic associations related to and supporting their function that are received from abroad as gift, aid and donation;

(4) Goods imported from abroad as gift or donation that are intended solely and exclusively for religious, education, medical or Professional organizations and institutions not to be offered for sale;

(5) Personal and house hold goods excluding motor vehicles imported from abroad as gift and donation for family relatives and friend;

(6) Goods imported as gift or donation to a researcher in any field related to his research activity and who can provide evidence from the appropriate organ;

(7) Personal and house hold effects, excluding motor vehicles, imported by persons upon first arrival to take up residence in Ethiopia.

(8) Personal and house hold effects as well as goods and equipment necessary for their livelihood that are imported by Ethiopians and foreign nationals of Ethiopia origin who have stayed abroad for various reasons.

(9) Goods imported for investment activities including capital goods and raw materials adequate up to commissioning stage and for their personal use by Ethiopian and foreign nationals of Ethiopian origin investors who are permanently residing abroad and having license from the appropriate government office:

(10) Awards obtained by and sent to individuals and organizations for outstanding achievement and cups, medal and other trophies imported for presentation only and not to be offered for sale;

(11) Imported goods used for inputs such as labes, seeds, packages and the like for goods to be exported.

(12) Gifts, trade samples and advertising materials not imported as merchandise;

(13) Repeatedly used containers, boxes, tins, bottles, jars and other packages imported full of any articles liable to a specific rate of duty and being ordinary packages for the goods contained therein;

(14) Goods imported by or sent to individual specialized for use by disabled and handicapped not to offered for sale;

(15) Goods imported for the replacement of short landing or defects accorded by the supplier to the importer under the terms of warranty;

(16) Goods that are extremely vital and urgently needed for the normal operation of an institution or health of a person with out which its function would be obstructed and his survival may be imperilled;

(17) Personal effects imported by travelers;

(18) Goods introduced into the country temporarily and subject to reexport.
3. **Power of the Ministry of Revenue**

1. The Minister may issue directive for the implementation of this Regulation.
2. The Minister may upon sufficient cause in exceptional situations allow goods to be imported on franco-Valuta basis.

4. **Repeal**

The importation of goods on franco-Valuta basis council of Ministers Regulation No.8/1996 is hereby repealed.

5. **Penalty**

Any person who violate the provisions of this Regulation shall upon conviction be punished in accordance with the Penal code of Ethiopia.

6. **Effective Date**

This Regulation shall enter in to force as of the 18th day of July, 2003.

Done at Addis Ababa this day of 18th July, 2003.

Meles Zenawi
Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia
Prime Minister