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**REMOVAL OF EXPORT CONTROLS ON SCHEDULE 7 ITEMS OF THE CUSTOMS (PROHIBITED EXPORTS) REGULATIONS**

Regulation 9 of the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations controls the exportation of those commodities listed in Schedule 7 of the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations. Schedule 7 goods cover: alumina, bauxite, coal, mineral sands (ilmenite, upgraded ilmenite or synthetic rutile, leucoxene, monazite, rutile, xenotime and zircon) and liquefied natural gas (LNG).

The exportation of Schedule 7 commodities is prohibited unless a permission in writing to export has been granted by the Minister for Primary Industries and Energy or an authorised person.

Statutory Rules Nos 30-33 notified in Special Gazette of 6 March 1997, amended the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations to remove the export controls on the above commodities. Export controls will however remain on monazite and xenotime under Regulation 11, Schedule 9 of the Customs (Prohibited Exports) Regulations, as these materials have low level radioactive content.

Exporters of alumina, bauxite, coal, mineral sands and LNG should note that for the purposes of ACS export documentation, they are no longer required to quote a permit number on export entries.

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