

Ministry of Agriculture,  
Food Security  
&  
Enterprise

***Supplies Control Unit***

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# SUPPLIES CONTROL UNIT

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- The Supplies Control Unit in the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and Enterprise was formed on **October 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**
- Comprised of a small staff, complement of five (5) personnel.
- The mandate of the Unit is to administer the provisions of the Supplies Control Act Chapter 293 of the Laws of Belize and its regulations. The primary areas of focus are:
  - I. Administration of the Import/Export Licensing Regime
  - II. Price control matters

# IMPORT/ EXPORT LICENSES

## ➤ Transition of Importers/Exporters from SCOULS to BELAPS

- Registered users on the new system.
- Assist users in posting applications based on HS classification as opposed to verbal description of products.

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Common Name	HS Code	Product State	CITES	Forest	Fisheries	SCU	BAHA	
Apple Juice	2009.71.10.00	Concentrated, not in packages for retail sale				✓	✓	<input type="button" value="Apply"/>
Other, apple juice of a Brix not exceeding 20:	2009.71.30.00	in packages put up for retail sale				✓	✓	<input type="button" value="Apply"/>
Other, Apple juice: Of a Brix value not exceeding 20:	2009.71.80.00	Not in package for retail sale				✓	✓	<input type="button" value="Apply"/>
Applejuice	2009.79.20.00	in packages put up for retail sale, brix exceeding 20				✓	✓	<input type="button" value="Apply"/>
Not in package for retail sale	2009.79.80.00	in packages not put up for retail sale, brix exceeding 20				✓	✓	<input type="button" value="Apply"/>

# IMPORT/ EXPORT LICENSES

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- Transition of Importers/Exporters from SCOULS to BELAPS
  - To date a total of 222 users have been registered and are active on the system applying for Import Licenses.
  - During the first six months the unit has registered 20 users applying for Export Licenses.
  - Over the first six (6) months of operation the Unit has processed 2823 Import Licenses and 439 Export Licenses.

# PRICE CONTROL ENFORCEMENT

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- Price control inspections began in March 2022, with primary emphasis in the Stann Creek and Toledo Districts.
- In April 2022, inspections were expanded to include rural areas of the Cayo district.
- Locations inspected date are as follows:
  - Bella Vista (Toledo)
  - San Juan (Stann creek)
  - Independence (Stann Creek)
  - Silk Grass (Stann Creek)
  - Dangriga Town ( Stann Creek)
  - St. Margret (Cayo)
  - Armenia (Cayo)
  - Cotton Tree (Cayo)

# PRICE CONTROL ENFORCEMENT

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- First set of summons (3) are being served this week for court action before the end of April.
- Additional 4 summons will be served next week for court action in early May.

# COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS

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- Inspections to access compliance with terms of approved licenses commenced in November 2021.
- The SCU has inspected goods at the Port of Belize Limited and the retail market with the following results:
  - Detained Fived (5) consignments containing Cheese; belonging to four (4) different Importers ( Belize City Port)



# COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS

- Detained 1 consignment of Ice Cream (Belize City Port)



- 197 Cases of Milk (Retail Market)



- Approximately 40 pounds of imported Beef

- Miscellaneous Products including Orange Juice





# COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS

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- Products were detained at port of entry or removed from the market for the following reasons:
  - i. Product was imported without an Import License
  - ii. Quantity imported exceeded quantity approved on license



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