

## AMENDMENTS TO INDONESIAN IMPORT POLICIES

June 2026

The Minister of Trade (“**MOT**”) has issued Regulation No. 18 of 2026 (“**MOT Reg 18/2026**”), introducing the second amendment to MOT Regulation No 16 of 2025 regarding Import Policies and Regulations. This update aims to accelerate the flow of goods while tightening enforcement on reporting compliance. Key highlights that importers should be aware are to include:

1. To reduce logistics bottlenecks, a Surveyor Report can now be issued even after an import license has expired provided that the technical verification was completed abroad and arrived at the destination port before the import license expired, as indicated by the date on the manifest document.<sup>1</sup>
2. Enforcement is getting stricter. Importers who fail to submit realization or distribution reports within 30 days of receiving an electronic warning will have their import license or certificate frozen — including if they have already renewed it for the same commodity.<sup>2</sup> The freeze is lifted through electronic system once the reports are submitted.<sup>3</sup> If the electronic system is down, MOT will handle it manually.<sup>4</sup>
3. If there is a disruption to the flow of imported goods, MOT may grant an exception to the standard import rules when it serves the national interest, affects people's basic needs, supports a government program, or follows a Presidential directive — based on a decision from a coordination meeting by the relevant ministry involving either the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs or the Coordinating Ministry for Food Affairs or a Presidential task force.<sup>5</sup>

MOT Reg 18/2026 officially entered into force on 4 June 2026; however, a 30-day grace period applies to the provisions on Surveyor Report issuance, Surveyor Report data review, and the freezing of import licenses and certificates, as mentioned above, which will only take effect on 4 July 2026.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Art. 29 para. 6(b)

<sup>2</sup> Art. 69 para. 2(e) and Art. 70 para. 2(d)

<sup>3</sup> Art. 71 and Art. 86

<sup>4</sup> Art. 89

<sup>5</sup> Art. 91A

<sup>6</sup> Art. II no. 1 and 2