Regarding: Prohibited products and goods for import into Algeria

By Executive Order No. 25-170, the Ministry of Economy, Knowledge, Start-ups and Microenterprises, has complied a list of products and goods prohibited for import by retailers. The Order determines the conditions and procedures for carrying out retail import activities, describes in detail this list of excluded products and equipment and covers six main categories, as follows:

1. Prohibited goods – includes all types of equipment, weapons, ammunition, drone onboard systems, chemicals, hazardous substances and explosives.

2. Sensitive equipment

This concerns equipment regulated by Executive Order No. 09-410 of December 10, 2009, which sets out the security rules applicable to activities involving sensitive equipment. The list includes telecommunication and cryptographic equipment, aviation and automotive equipment, as well as other sensitive equipment.

3. Pharmaceutical products

All pharmaceutical products, medical devices and medical equipment are prohibited. Since this activity is strictly regulated, it is reserved for authorized pharmaceutical companies. The Ministry of Knowledge Economy emphasizes that under no circumstances are start-ups or microenterprises allowed to import these products.

4. Goods, subject to special permission

These imports are often subject of obtaining licenses or approvals that require compliance with specifications, technical requirements, and sometimes administrative and security checks. These conditions are not compatible with the status of a retail importer, which is exempt from registration in the commercial register.

5. Goods threatening public safety and order

The import of products that could harm public health or national security is forbidden. This also includes items that could harm public morals, such as certain books, manuscripts, films, digital media, and other products that violate public morals or state symbols.

6. Other goods

This last category comprises other items prohibited for retail import that may be related to the five previous categories, as mentioned in article 9th of Executive order No. 25-170. The list includes edged weapons, baseball bats and similar items, military clothing, cryptocurrency mining tools, meat, dairy products and any food products of animal or plant origin that do not meet cold storage or health safety standards. Alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, electronic cigarettes and their liquids are also prohibited. Animals (except pets),

plants, seeds, counterfeit products, spare parts, industrial raw materials, waste and used clothing are not allowed.