

goods concerned. Goods may be cleared through Customs upon presentation of an invoice properly endorsed by the Agricultural Bank, National Bank, or the Fisheries Bank to the effect that the goods have been paid for or that payment has been arranged through a bank.

Most importers work on CAD or letter of credit terms. The usual credit terms are payment in 90 days but for some luxury, semi-luxury and other goods, the government restricts the availability of credit. Special permission of the Agricultural Bank, National Bank, or Fisheries Bank is required for credit exceeding three months but not exceeding one year, whilst government permission must be obtained for credit exceeding one year. It is usually allowed only on durables and capital goods such as industrial machinery, aircraft and ships. Where credit is allowed for these categories of goods, the government committee concerned imposes a minimum credit period in order to conserve foreign exchange. State guarantees of payment may sometimes be obtained by big firms or public corporations for projects which the Icelandic Government considers to be in the interest of the national economy.

Visitors should ascertain the credit regulations in force at the time as they are liable to change.

## Import Licensing

About 90 per cent of imports are liberalized. Of the remaining 10 per cent, licences are not normally issued for dairy produce, eggs, margarine, tomatoes, animals and animal products. Licences for the bulk of the petrol, diesel oil and fuel oil imported are normally granted only for imports from the Soviet Union and for coffee beans only for imports from Brazil, both under bilateral trading arrangements. Licences are issued according to global quotas for roasted coffee, sugar and chocolate confectionery, biscuits and brushes. Import licences are issued by the Agricultural Bank, National Bank, Fisheries Bank and the Joint Currency Department.

## Commercial Samples

Import licences are not required for samples. A deposit to cover import duty is normally required when