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The Permanent Mission of Lithuania has submitted the following information showing the progress in the adoption of legislation.

Agreements; other sectors related to	Legislation related to the regulation of the indicated sector	Status of indicated legislation
General	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Law on Procedure of Publication and Coming into force of Republic of Lithuania Laws and Other Legal Acts of 6 April 1993 with amendments (version of 18 May 1999); 2. Law on Administrative Proceedings of 14 January 1999; 	<p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in August 1999;</p>
Customs Duties and Tariff Quotas	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Customs Code of Lithuania of 18 April 1996; 2. Law on Customs Tariffs of 19 February 1998 (which replaced the Law of 27 April 1993); 3. Government Resolution No.1367 of 30 December 1994 On the Establishment of the Structure of Customs Tariffs; 4. Government Resolution No.653 of 8 May 1995 On the General Order of the Administration of Tariff Quotas for Implementation and Exportation of Goods; 5. Government Resolution No.806 of 24 July 1997 On the Tariff and Non-Tariff Regulation of Export and Import of Goods and Improvement of Establishment of Customs Tariffs and Procedure of Change; 6. Government Resolution No.268 of 24 March 1997 On the Procedure of Export and Import Regulation in the Republic of Lithuania; 7. Government Resolution No.1245 of 20 October 1998 Amending Government Resolution No.268 of 24 March 1997 On the Procedure of Export and Import Regulation in the Republic of Lithuania; 8. Government Resolution No.641 of 24 May 1999 Amending Government Resolution No.268 of 24 March 1997 On the Procedure of Export and Import Regulation in the Republic of Lithuania; 	<p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1997;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1995 and December 1998;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in April 1998;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in September 1995;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in April 1998;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1998;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in May 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1999;</p>

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National Treatment; Internal Taxation and Trading Rights	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Law on Taxes and Profits of Legal Persons of 31 July 1990; 2. Law on Taxes on State Natural Resources of 21 March 1991; 3. Law on Value-Added-Tax of 22 December 1993 with amendments; 4. Law on Excise Taxes of 12 April 1994 (as amended on 20 October 1998 and on 21 December 1998 abolishing through transitional period the preferential excise tax treatment for small breweries); 5. Law on Amendment of Law on Excise Taxes of 8 July 1999 (for setting up the precise date of abolishing special treatment for small breweries - from 1 January 2000); 6. Law on Stamp Duty of 23 June 1994; 7. Government Resolution No.1296 of 4 November 1998 On the Procedure for Withholding and Refund of Excise Tax and Approval of the List of Products which Contains Sugar; 8. Government Resolutions No.774 of 23 June 1998 and No.1169 of 29 September 1998 on the Amendment to Government Resolution No.1123 of 11 November 1994 On the Approval of Stamp Duty Rates and the Procedure for Payment and Refund of Stamp Duty (with the amendments for equalizing the stamp tax for the activity licencing in importation of tobacco products and importation/wholesale and wholesale of alcohol and alcoholic beverages); 9. Government Resolution No.601 of 18 May 1999 On the Amendment to Government Resolution No.1123 of 11 November 1994 On the Approval of Stamp Duty Rates and the Procedure for Payment and Refund of Stamp Duty (for setting up the precise date for equalization of stamp taxes for the activity licencing - 1 January 2000) 10. Draft amendment of Government Resolution No.1123 of 11 November 1994 regarding equalization of stamp tax for the activity licence in importation/wholesale and wholesale of oil and products thereof; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1995; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1995; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1995 and March 1998; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1995, March 1998, February 1999 and May 1999; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in October 1999; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1997; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1999; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in May 1999; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in August 1999; - draft resolution submitted to the Government for the approval which is expected in October 1999;

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	11. Information on consular fees levied in accordance with the Government Resolution No.1135 of 16 November 1994;	- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1998.
Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures; Trading Rights	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Law on Enterprises of 8 May 1990 (including provisions on activity licensing) with the appropriate amendments; 2. Law on Investments of 7 July 1999 (which replaced the Law on Foreign Capital Investment in the Republic of Lithuania of 13 June 1995); 3. Law on Stock Corporations of 30 July 1990; 4. The Customs Code of Lithuania of 18 April 1996; 5. Law on Tobacco Control of 20 December 1995; 6. Law on Alcohol Control of 18 April 1995 as amended on 10 December 1998 to remove the import prohibition of alcoholic beverages with alcohol content of more than 50 per cent (inter alia "mead"); 7. Law concerning Control of Import, Transit and Export of Strategic Goods and Technologies of 5 July 1995; 8. Government Resolution No.718 of 19 May 1995 On the Restriction of Import of Certain Things (Goods) to the Republic of Lithuania; 9. Government Resolution No.1221 of 14 September 1995 On Licensing Wholesale and Retail Trade in Import and Export of Oil Products and Retail Trade in Liquid Gas; 10. Government Resolution No.559 of 5 June 1997 On Licensing Import, Wholesale and Retail Sale in Alcoholic Products which replaced Government Resolution No.1459 of 17 November 1995; 11. Government Resolution No.1622 of 27 December 1995 On Licensing the Production of Tobacco and its Products and their Import into the Republic of Lithuania; 	<p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1995 and March 1998;</p> <p>- in the process of translation; expected time for submission - October 1999; (replaced law was submitted to the WTO Secretariat in September 1995);</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1997;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1996;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in September 1995, March 1998 and May 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in November 1995;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in September 1995;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in March 1996;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in March 1996 and April 1998;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in March 1996;</p>

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	<p>12. Government Resolution No.1122 of 17 September 1998 On Temporary Economic Measures to Facilitate the Export of Lithuanian Goods, Protect the Internal Market and Strengthen Lithuania's Position Therein;</p> <p>for more comprehensive information on licensing activities see WT/ACC/LTU/19</p>	<p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in August 1999;</p>
<p>Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the GATT 1994 (customs valuation)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Customs Code of Lithuania of 18 April 1996; 2. Government Resolution No.449 of 16 June 1993 On the Approval of the Order of Customs Valuation of Goods (invalid, replaced by the Government Resolution No.897 of 11 August 1997 - valid until 1 January 2000); 3. Government Resolution No.751 of 25 June 1996 On the Customs Assessment of Prices for Imported Goods with the appropriate amendments (valid until 1 January 2000); 4. Government Resolution No.748 of 9 June 1999 On the Approval of Order of Customs Valuation of Goods (new order fully conforming with WTO requirements - coming into force from 2 January 2000); 	<p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1997;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1996;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1997, June 1998 and July 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1999;</p>
<p>Agreement on Agriculture</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Law on State Regulation of Economic Relations in Agriculture of 22 December 1994 with amendments; 2. Law on Sugar of 27 April 1995; 3. Law on the Amendment of the Law on Sugar of 8 July 1999 (including the elimination of appropriate provisions inconsistent with WTO rules); 4. Government Resolution No.788 of 30 June 1998 On the Approval of the Programme for the Regulation of Agricultural and Food Products Market and Export Promotion; 5. Order of Minister of Agriculture No.240 of 9 November 1998 On the Procedure for Automatic Issuing of Import Permits (Licences) for Agricultural and Food Products; 	<p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in September 1995 and March 1998;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in September 1995;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in October 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in December 1998;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in October 1999;</p>

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<p>Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures (SPS)</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Law on Tobacco Control of 20 December 1995; 2. Draft Law on Food; 3. Law on Veterinary Activities of 17 December 1991; 4. Draft Law on the Amendment and Supplement to the Law on Veterinary Activities (supplementing provisions on the risk assessment based on SPS Agreement); 5. Law on Products Safety of 1 June 1999; 6. Law on Plant Protection of 19 October 1995; 7. Draft Law on Phytosanitary; 8. Law on Health System of 19 July 1994; 9. Law on Health Care Institutions of 6 June 1996 as amended by the Law of 24 June 1997; 10. Government Resolution No.1106 of 9 October 1997 On Approval of the Procedure of the Importation of Foodstuffs into the Republic of Lithuania and Control of their Quality and Non-Hazardness to Health; 	<p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1996;</p> <p>- draft law currently is under the consideration by the Government, expected time for adoption in the Parliament - October 1999; draft law submitted to the WTO Secretariat in October 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1999;</p> <p>- draft law is already approved by the Government and presented to the Parliament; expected time for adoption - October 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in August 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1996;</p> <p>- draft law is in the final stage of consideration by the Government, expected time for adoption in the Parliament - October 1999; draft law submitted to the WTO Secretariat in August 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in April 1998;</p>

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	<p>11. Government Resolution No.284 of 27 April 1993 On Veterinary and Sanitary Requirements on Livestock, their Products, Raw Materials and Fodder Imported to the Republic of Lithuania and Transported as Transit through its Territory;</p> <p>12. Government Resolution No.599 of 3 August 1993 On the Approval of Vegetable Quarantine Regulations for Import and Export of Goods of Vegetable Origin to and from the Republic of Lithuania and their Transit through the Territory of the Republic of Lithuania;</p> <p>13. Government Resolution No. 384 of 25 March 1996 On the Approval of Quarantine Regulations for the Production, Transportation, Conservation Sale and Utilization of Plants and Plant Products on the Territory of the Republic of Lithuania;</p> <p>14. Veterinary requirements of the Republic of Lithuania for import, export and transit of livestock, poultry, animal products, raw materials, feedstuffs;</p> <p><u>Participation in international organizations:</u> Membership of the OIE (Office International des Epizooties) from 1992; Membership of the Codex Alimentarius Commission from 1992; Membership of the Foot-and-Mouth Disease Commission at the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) from 1993; Membership of the EPPO (European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization) from 1998; Preparation to ratify the IPPC (International Plant Protection Convention);</p> <p>for more comprehensive information see WT/ACC/LTU/22 Add.1 of 17 March 1999</p>	<p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1995;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1995;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1997;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1998;</p> <p>- expected time for ratification - October 1999;</p>

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<p>Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade (TBT)</p>	<p>1. Draft Law on Standardization;</p> <p>2. Law on Products Safety of 1 June 1999;</p> <p>3. Law on Metrology of 9 July 1996;</p> <p>4. Law on Conformity Assessment of 6 October 1998;</p> <p>5. Government Resolution No.617 of 20 May 1999 On Information Exchange in the Field of Standards, Technical Regulations and Conformity Assessment Procedures (including functioning of Enquiry Point and notification requirements);</p> <p>6. Lithuanian Standards Board Order No.13 of 22 February 1999 On Drafting of Lithuanian Standards (including provisions of Code of Good Practice);</p> <p><u>Participation in international organizations:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an affiliate membership of the European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization (CENELEC) from 1997; - an affiliate membership of the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) from 1994; - Membership in the European Telecommunication Standards Institute (ETSI) from 1996; - Correspondent membership in the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) from 1992; - an associated membership in the International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) from 1996; - Correspondent membership in the Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) from 1994. 	<p>- draft law is already approved by the Government and presented to the Parliament; expected time for adoption is October 1999; draft law submitted to the WTO Secretariat in August 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in August 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1997;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1999;</p>
<p>Agreement on Rules of Origin</p>	<p>1. The Customs Code of Lithuania of 18 April 1996;</p> <p>2. Government Resolution No.1077 of 1 October 1997 On the Order of Determination of Non-Preferential Origin of Goods;</p>	<p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1997;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1999;</p>

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<p>Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures;</p> <p>Agreement on Safeguards;</p> <p>Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the GATT 94 (on antidumping measures)</p>	<p>1. Law on Anti-dumping of 23 June 1998;</p> <p>2. Draft Law on Safeguards;</p> <p>3. Draft Law on Countervailing Measures;</p>	<p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in December 1998;</p> <p>- submitted to the Government for the approval, expected time for adoption in the Parliament - October 1999; draft law submitted to the WTO Secretariat in October 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the Government for the approval, expected time for adoption in the Parliament - October 1999; draft law submitted to the WTO Secretariat in October 1999;</p>
<p>Agreement on Government Procurement</p>	<p>1. Law on Public Procurement of 3 June 1999 (which replaced the Law of 13 August 1996);</p>	<p>- in the process of translation; expected time for submission - October 1999; (replaced law was submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1997);</p>

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General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="338 256 1357 325">1. Law on Investments of 7 July 1999 (which replaced the Law on Foreign Capital Investment in the Republic of Lithuania of 13 June 1995); <li data-bbox="338 325 1357 394">2. Law on Stock Corporations of 30 July 1990; <li data-bbox="338 394 1357 462">3. Law on the Legal Status of Aliens of 17 December 1998; <li data-bbox="338 462 1357 531">4. Law on Insurance of 10 July 1996 which replaced the Law of 20 September 1990; <li data-bbox="338 531 1357 692">5. Draft Law on the Amendment and Supplement to the Law on Insurance (eliminates reciprocity requirement for WTO members) (Articles 2, 7, 11, 17, 22, 27, 28, 29, 31, 37, 39, 42, 43, 45, 46, 47, 60, 63, 66); <li data-bbox="338 692 1357 761">6. Law on Telecommunications of 9 June 1998; <li data-bbox="338 761 1357 829">7. Law on Public Trading of Securities of 16 January 1996; <li data-bbox="338 829 1357 898">8. Law on Commercial Banks of 21 December 1994; <li data-bbox="338 898 1357 967">9. Law on Audit of 18 June 1999; <li data-bbox="338 967 1357 1035">10. Law on Health System of 19 July 1994; <li data-bbox="338 1035 1357 1197">11. Law on Health Care Institutions of 6 June 1996; as amended by the Law of 24 June 1997; <li data-bbox="338 1197 1357 1265">12. Law on Tourism of 19 March 1998; <li data-bbox="338 1265 1357 1372">13. Law on Public Procurement of 3 June 1999 (which replaced the Law of 13 August 1996); 	<p data-bbox="1357 256 1977 357">- in the process of translation; expected time for submission - October 1999; (replaced law was submitted to the WTO Secretariat in September 1995);</p> <p data-bbox="1357 357 1977 426">- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1999;</p> <p data-bbox="1357 426 1977 494">- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1999;</p> <p data-bbox="1357 494 1977 576">- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1996 and February 1997;</p> <p data-bbox="1357 576 1977 724">- draft law submitted to the Government for the approval, expected time for adoption in the Parliament - October 1999; draft law submitted to the WTO Secretariat in August 1999;</p> <p data-bbox="1357 724 1977 793">- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in December 1998;</p> <p data-bbox="1357 793 1977 861">- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1999;</p> <p data-bbox="1357 861 1977 930">- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in September 1995;</p> <p data-bbox="1357 930 1977 1011">- in the process of translation; expected time for submission - October 1999;</p> <p data-bbox="1357 1011 1977 1080">- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1999;</p> <p data-bbox="1357 1080 1977 1149">- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1999;</p> <p data-bbox="1357 1149 1977 1217">- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1999;</p> <p data-bbox="1357 1217 1977 1372">- in the process of translation; expected time for submission - October 1999; (replaced law was submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1997);</p>

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Agreement on TRIPS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Law on Competition of 23 March 1999 (which replaced the Law of 12 September 1992); 2. Law on Copyright and Related Rights of 18 May 1999; 3. Draft Law on the Amendment of Article 71 of the Law on Copyright and Related Rights; 4. Law on Trademarks and Service Marks of 3 June 1993; 5. Draft Law on the Amendment of the Law on Trade Marks and Service Marks (amendments include measures which are prohibited to use in connection with geographical indications (terms as “kind”, “style”, “like”, etc.); 6. Law on Industrial Design of 4 July 1995; 7. Draft Law on the Amendment and Supplement to the Law on Industrial Design (amendment is not essential: the term “accumulate for market”, which was used in the Law should be changed into term “selling” used in the TRIPS Agreement); 8. Patent Law of 18 January 1994; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in May 1999 (replaced Law was submitted in January 1995); - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in July 1999; - draft law is submitted to the Government for the approval, expected time for adoption in the Parliament - October-November 1999; draft law is submitted to the WTO Secretariat in October 1999; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1995; - draft law is submitted to the Government for the approval, expected time for adoption in the Parliament - October-November 1999; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1996; - draft law is submitted to the Government for the approval, expected time for adoption in the Parliament - October-November 1999; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1995;

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	<p>9. Draft Law on the Amendment and Supplement to the Patent Law (amendment to allow patent owner to prohibit the sale of a patented products; amendment to provide specific occasions when a non-exclusive compulsory license may be granted; amendment to allow invalidation of a compulsory license);</p> <p>10. Law on Protection of Plant Varieties and Seed Cultivation of 17 September 1996;</p> <p>11. Law on the Legal Protection of Topographies and Semiconductor Products of 16 June 1998;</p> <p>12. Law on the Legal Protection of Computer Programs and Databases of 30 January 1996 (already invalid, because recently adopted Law on Copyright and Related Rights contains special provisions on computer programs and databases);</p> <p>13. Draft Law on the Protection of Intellectual Property in the Field of Import and Export of Goods;</p> <p>14. Civil Code of Lithuania of 7 July 1964 as amended by 17 May 1994;</p> <p>15. Code of Civil Process of Lithuania of 7 July 1964;</p> <p>16. Code of Administrative Infringements of 13 December 1984;</p> <p>17. Criminal Code of Lithuania 26 June 1961;</p> <p>18. Draft Law on Amendment and Supplement to the Criminal Code (amendments);</p> <p>19. Code of Criminal Process of Lithuania of 26 June 1961;</p> <p>20. Draft Law on Amendment and Supplement to the Code of Criminal Process (amendments);</p>	<p>- draft law is submitted to the Government for the approval; expected time for adoption in the Parliament - in October-November 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in June 1997;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO Secretariat in February 1999;</p> <p>- submitted to the WTO in February 1997;</p> <p>- draft is submitted to the Government for the approval; expected time for adoption - October 1999; draft law is submitted to the WTO Secretariat in October 1999;</p> <p>- general provisions on legal matters affected;</p> <p>- covers the courts subject to the jurisdiction of related cases;</p> <p>- covers the liability executed illegal actions;</p> <p>- covers the liability executed illegal actions;</p> <p>- draft is submitted to the Government for the approval, expected time for adoption - October 1999;</p> <p>- covers the courts subject to the jurisdiction of related cases;</p> <p>- draft is submitted to the Government for the approval; expected time for adoption - October 1999;</p>

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	<p><u>Participation in international fora:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Membership in the Berne Convention from 1994; - Membership in the Patent Cooperation Treaty from 1994; - Membership in the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganism for the Purposes of the Patent Procedure from 1998; - Membership in the Trademark Law Treaty from 1998; - Membership in the Rome Convention from 1998; - Membership in the Paris Convention from 1994 - Membership in the Geneva Convention from 1999; - Membership in the Nice Agreement 1996; - Membership in the Protocol Relating to the Madrid Agreement Concerning the International Registration of Marks from 1997. <p>for more comprehensive information see WT/ACC/SPEC/LTU/8/Rev.4</p>	
Competition Policy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Law on Price of 26 July 1990; 2. Law on Competition of 23 March 1999 (which replaced the Law of 12 September 1992); 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in January 1995; - submitted to the WTO Secretariat in May 1999 (replaced Law was submitted in January 1995);