

Committee on Import Licensing

**REPORT TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS
ON CHINA'S TRANSITIONAL REVIEW**

1. The Committee on Import Licensing, at its meeting on 19 October 2009, carried out the Eighth Transitional Review of China pursuant to Paragraph 18 of the Protocol on the Accession of the People's Republic of China (WT/L/432).
2. The information provided by China to the Committee and related to the Eighth Transitional Review as required by Paragraph IV:3 of Annex 1A of the Protocol of Accession, was circulated in document G/LIC/W/35.
3. The discussions that took place under the transitional review are contained in the minutes of that meeting (G/LIC/M/30, paragraphs 3.1 – 3.7) and are annexed hereto.

3. Eighth Transitional Review Under Paragraph 18 Of The Protocol On The Accession Of The People's Republic Of China (WT/L/432).

3.1 The Chairperson recalled that the seventh transitional review of the implementation by China of the WTO Agreement and of the related provisions of the Protocol, under paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of China (WT/L/432), had been carried out in 2008 by the subsidiary bodies of the WTO, including the Committee on Import Licensing, which had a mandate covering China's commitments under the WTO Agreement or China's Protocol of Accession. The Committee's report to the Council for Trade in Goods on that review was circulated in document G/LIC/19. The Committee would conduct the Eighth Transitional Review at this meeting. She also informed the Committee that, since the last meeting, the Secretariat had received, after the airgram and its revision convening this meeting had been issued, a communication from China containing information required by paragraph IV:3 of Annex 1A of the Protocol of Accession which has been circulated in document G/LIC/W/35.

3.2 The communication of the People's Republic of China stated that no major changes had occurred on China's import licensing regime since 2008; that the *Catalogue of Goods Subject to Automatic Import Licensing of 2009*, published in MOFCOM and GAC Joint Announcement No.103 of 2008; and, the *Catalogue of Goods Subject to Import License Administration of 2009*, published in MOFCOM, GAC and AQSIQ Joint Announcement No. 99 of 2008, list all the products subject to import licensing procedures, except for those under Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) administration. All the administrative rules could be found in *China Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Gazette* and could also be obtained from MOFCOM website: (WWW.MOFCOM.GOV.CN)

3.3. The Committee took note of the communication circulated by China.

3.4 The Chairperson suggested that, to conclude the Eighth Transitional Review under Paragraph 18 of the Protocol of Accession of the People's Republic of China, a factual report on China's transitional review be submitted to the Council for Trade in Goods (CTG). As had been done previously, this factual report would refer to the relevant paragraphs of the minutes of this meeting as well as to the information received from China. The relevant paragraphs of the minutes which reflected the discussion would be annexed to this report.

3.7 The Committee so agreed. The report to the CTG on the Eighth Transitional Review was circulated in document G/LIC/20.
