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Committee on Import Licensing

UNDERSTANDING ON PROCEDURES FOR THE REVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED UNDER THE AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

At its meeting on 23 October 1996, the Committee discussed the matter of substantive issues arising from notifications of import licensing procedures which could be raised by Members and reached the following <u>understanding</u>:

"On the basis of Article 4 of the Agreement, it was recognized that Members could express views on notifications of import licensing procedures as required under various Articles of the Agreement, and request clarifications, as may be necessary, from other Members on matters related to the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures. It was, however, <u>agreed</u> that such views, and requests for clarification, should be communicated, in writing, to the delegations concerned with copies for information to the Secretariat preferably 21 days, but at least ten working days, in advance of the meeting at which they would be raised. Replies to the questions should also be forwarded to the delegations having raised the questions, in writing, with copies for information to the Secretariat. The questions and replies thus received would be circulated by the Secretariat."