

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Articles 1.4(a) and 8.2(b)

BENIN

The following communication, dated 18 December 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Benin.

I have the honour to inform you that an import licensing regime no longer exists in Benin. Since 1989, my country has undertaken a structural adjustment programme under which the import licensing regime was eliminated partially in 1990 and altogether in 1993.

In this context and to this end, all import restrictions and prohibitions had already been abolished by Decree No. 88-292, of 21 July 1988, abolishing measures prohibiting or imposing quotas on imports, with the exception of the cement sector that continues to be protected owing to its strategic nature for the State.

Since an import licensing regime no longer exists in Benin, we do not have the information requested under Article 1.4(a) of the Agreement. Please find attached the Collection of Laws and Regulations governing the commercial, tourist and industrial sectors¹, containing:

- at page 9, Law No. 90-005 of 15 May 1990 laying down the conditions for engaging in trading activities in the Republic of Benin;
- at page 17, Law No. 93-007 of 29 March 1993 amending Law No. 90-005 of 15 May 1990 laying down the conditions for engaging in trading activities in the Republic of Benin;
- at page 20, Decree No. 88-292 of 21 July 1988 abolishing measures prohibiting or imposing quotas on imports.

¹Available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division) (in French only).