

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

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

COSTA RICA

The following communication, dated 2 March 2007, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Costa Rica.

Pursuant to Articles 1.4(a) and 8.2(b) of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, the Government of Costa Rica is pleased to inform the Committee that Costa Rica's current import licensing legislation is based on the General Regulations on the Distribution and Allocation of Import Tariff Quotas laid down in Executive Decree No. 30900-COMEX-MAG dated 20 December 2002, published in the Official Gazette of 6 January 2003, and amended by Executive Decree No. 32237-COMEX-MAG dated 8 February 2005 and published in Official Gazette No. 41 of 28 February 2005. These regulations govern the allocation and administration of the volumes of imports under the tariff quotas granted by Costa Rica in accordance with its multilateral commitments in the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the free trade agreements in force.

The import licensing system was previously governed by the Regulations on the Allocation of Tariff Quotas laid down in Executive Decree No. 23914-COMEX-MAG of 22 December 1994¹, which was repealed.

The regulations, application form and other relevant documentation concerning import licensing are available on the Ministry of Foreign Trade (COMEX)'s website: <http://www.comex.go.cr/acuerdos/contingentes/importacion/default.htm>.

¹ See document G/AG/N/CRI/1.