

**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

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

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The following communication, dated 23 October 2012, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Ecuador.

1. Pursuant to Article 72(f) of the Organic Code of Production, Trade and Investment, published in Official Journal No. 351 of 29 December 2010, the Foreign Trade Committee (COMEX) is responsible for issuing regulations on import licensing and import procedures other than customs procedures. COMEX replaces the Foreign Trade and Investment Council (COMEXI), the Resolutions of which are in full effect.

2. Regulations concerning products subject to pre-import controls are established in the following Resolutions:

- **Resolution No. 450**, published in Official Journal No. 492 of 19 December 2008, which codifies the list of pre-import control documents and amends the list of prohibited imports (this Resolution has two corrigenda).
- **COMEXI Resolution No. 453**, published in Official Journal No. 475 of 26 November 2008, which concerns the application of technical standards for imports of manufactured items for consumer protection purposes and updates the list of products subject to pre-import controls.
- **Resolution No. 465**, published in Official Journal No. 506 of 14 January 2009, which establishes pre-import control documents and import licensing procedures. Includes Annexes I-A and I-B and a corrigendum.
- **Resolution No. 486**, published in Official Journal No. 624 of 1 July 2009, which amends Annex 1 of Resolutions Nos. 450 and 465 and establishes the prior control document requirement for imports under the subheading "culture yeast".  
Product: Culture yeast.  
Prior control document: Sanitary registration/product registration.  
Competent body: Ministry of Public Health (MSP)/Agency for Agricultural Product Quality Assurance (AGROCALIDAD).  
AGROCALIDAD is only responsible for veterinary products.

- **Resolution No. 491**, published in Official Journal No. 632 of 13 July 2009, which amends Annex I of Resolution No. 450 and incorporates the Unified Sanitary Registration issued by the National Fisheries Institute (INP) as an alternative prior control document for fisheries products.  
Product: Fisheries products.  
Alternative document: Unified Sanitary Registration.  
Issuing body: INP/MSP/AGROCALIDAD.
- **Resolution No. 493**, published in Official Journal No. 635 of 16 July 2009, which amends the list of products subject to pre-import controls in COMEXI Resolution No. 450 and updates the legal basis of the regime for imports subject to prior controls.  
Product: Domestic and personal hygiene products.  
Prior control document: Importer registration, sanitary registration or mandatory sanitary notification.  
Issuing body: Ministry of Industry and Productivity (MIPRO) or MSP.
- **Resolution No. 496**, published in Official Journal No. 645 of 30 July 2009, which amends the list of products subject to pre-import controls in COMEXI Resolution No. 450.  
Product: Pro-vitamins and vitamins; antibiotics.  
Prior control document: Product registration, sanitary registration or certificate from competent authority, depending on final destination.  
Competent body: AGROCALIDAD, MSP or INP.
- **Resolution No. 505**, published in Official Journal No. 33 of 24 September 2009, which incorporates the goods described in Annex I of the Resolution into the list of goods subject to controls by the Quality Council (CONCAL) in accordance with Ecuadorian Technical Regulations RTE INEN 035 and RTE INEN 036.  
Product: Fluorescent lamps, domestic refrigeration appliances.  
Control document: Energy efficiency, energy performance ranges and labelling, energy consumption report, test methods and labelling.  
Competent body: CONCAL.
- **Resolution No. 520**, published in Official Journal No. 47 of 15 October 2009, which amends the list of products subject to pre-import controls in COMEXI Resolution No. 450.  
Product: 38 subheadings relating to bio-aquatic species and salmonid species in particular.  
Prior control document: Import authorization or sanitary import certificate.  
Relevant body: INP or Under-Secretariat for Aquiculture (SUBACUA).
- **Resolution No. 528**, published in Official Journal No. 90 of 17 December 2009, which amends the list of products subject to pre-import controls in COMEXI Resolution No. 450.  
Product: Six subheadings relating to beef.  
Prior control document: Prior authorization from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquiculture and Fisheries (MAGAP), except for imports from member countries of the Andean Community.  
Competent body: MAGAP.

- **Resolution No. 553**, published in Official Journal No. 163 of 1 April 2010, which amends Annex I of Resolution No. 450 containing the list of products subject to pre-import controls and incorporates AGROCALIDAD as the body responsible for issuing product registration.  
Product: Inactive yeast; other dead single-cell microorganisms.  
Prior control document: Sanitary registration or product registration.  
Relevant bodies: MSP or AGROCALIDAD.
- **Resolution No. 554**, published in Official Journal No. 163 of 1 April 2010, which amends the list of products subject to pre-import controls in Annex I of Resolution No. 450 and incorporates AGROCALIDAD as the body responsible for issuing product registration.  
Product: Sesame and liver oils.  
Prior control document: Sanitary registration or product registration.  
Relevant body: MSP or AGROCALIDAD.
- **Resolution No. 563**, published in the second supplement to Official Journal No. 203 of 31 May 2010, which amends the list of products subject to pre-import controls in Annex 1 of Resolution No. 450.  
Product: Cod liver oil for veterinary use.  
Prior control document: Sanitary registration or product registration.  
Competent body: MSP or AGROCALIDAD.
- **Resolution No. 585**, published in Official Journal No. 299 of 18 October 2010, which amends Annex I of COMEXI Resolution No. 450 and replaces the list of products subject to prior licensing by MAGAP.  
Product: The Annex to this Resolution contains a list of 37 subheadings (agricultural products).  
Prior control document: Prior import licensing.  
Competent body: MAGAP, except for imports from member countries of the Andean Community, in accordance with Andean Community (CAN) Resolutions Nos. 802, 839 and 853 and Case No. 136-A1-2004 of the Andean Community Court of Justice.
- **Resolution No. 590**, published in Official Journal No. 325 of 22 November 2010, which amends the list of products subject to pre-import controls in Annex I of Resolution No. 450.  
Product: Five subheadings.  
Prior control document: Prior authorization and/or registration of various products.  
Competent body: MAGAP, National Council for the Control of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (CONSEP) and Ministry of Tourism.
- **Resolution No. 595**, published in Official Journal No. 325 of 22 November 2010, which incorporates into Annex I of Resolution No. 450, tariff subheadings for domestic appliances complying with energy ratings A and B in accordance with the established dates.  
Product: Domestic appliances complying with energy ratings "A" and "B" and "A".  
Prior control document: Form INEN-1.  
Competent body: Ecuadorian Standardization Institute (INEN).
- **Resolution No. 597**, published in Official Journal No. 334 of 3 December 2010, which amends Resolutions Nos. 585 and 596 concerning dates of application (turkeys and prior licensing).

- **COMEX Resolution No. 17**, published in Official Journal No. 521 of 26 August 2011, which establishes an import licensing system for 51 tariff subheadings.
- **COMEX Resolution No. 24**, published in Official Journal No. 536 of 16 September 2011, which amends Resolution No. 17.

3. In accordance with the principle of transparency, the above-mentioned Resolutions can be downloaded from the "Resolutions" section of the COMEXI website at [www.comexi.gov.ec](http://www.comexi.gov.ec).

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