

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES¹

Notification under Articles 1.4(a) and 8.2(b) of the Agreement

MEXICO

The following communication, dated 14 December 2009, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

1. Pursuant to Articles 1.4(a) and 8.2(b) of the Agreement, the Permanent Mission of Mexico has the honour to notify the amendments to its import licensing legislation. These provisions were published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federación* (DOF), the official journal of the Mexican Government.

2. Annexed hereto are the *Acuerdo por el que la Secretaría de Economía emite reglas y criterios de carácter general en materia de comercio* (Agreement under which the Ministry of the Economy issues general regulations and criteria for foreign trade), published on 6 July 2007, and the amendments thereto of 28 January and 16 June 2008 and 1 April 2009.¹ The purpose of these amendments is to eliminate import licences for certain products, such as cement, vehicles, mineral fuels and mineral oils. Furthermore, import licences were introduced for rough diamonds in order to meet the requirements of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.

3. Also attached is the updated import licence application form (SE-03-057), which is a transparency requirement set by the Law on Transparency and Access to Governmental Public Information.¹

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