

**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

Notification under Article 1.4(a)<sup>1</sup> and/or 8.2(b)<sup>2</sup>  
of the Agreement

NICARAGUA

The following notification, dated 22 February 2012, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Nicaragua.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Notification under Article 1.4(a) [X]; Article 8.2(b) [X]</b> ( <i>If the notification is made under both Articles please mark both with an X</i> )
<b>2.</b>	<b>Source(s) where the Import Licensing Procedure(s) has(ve) been published (Official Gazette, publication, website, etc.):</b>  <i>Ministerio de Fomento, Industria y Comercio (MIFIC) (Ministry of Development, Industry and Trade), website: <a href="http://www.mific.gob.ni/">http://www.mific.gob.ni/</a></i>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Date of publication:</b> <sup>1</sup> 2007, 2009 and 2012 <b>Effective date of requirement:</b> Effective from the date of entry into force
<b>4.</b>	<b>Copy(ies) of publication (in case of Art. 1.4(a))<sup>3</sup> and/or legislation (in case of Art. 8.2(b))<sup>4</sup> is(are) available for consultation by Members:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>at the WTO Secretariat (Market Access Division)</b> ( <i>In this case please attach copies of the publication and/or legislation, if possible in electronic format: Microsoft Word or compatible software</i> )  <b>and/or</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>by request at the following address and fax numbers, and/or e-mail and website:</b>  <a href="http://www.mific.gob.ni/COMERCIOEXTERIOR/CONTINGENTES/tabid/331/language/en-US/Default.aspx">http://www.mific.gob.ni/COMERCIOEXTERIOR/CONTINGENTES/tabid/331/language/en-US/Default.aspx</a>
<b>5.</b>	<b>In the case that they are not in one of the three WTO official languages, (<i>English, French or Spanish</i>) a SUMMARY of the <u>publication (in case of Art. 1.4(a)) and/or the legislation (in case of Art. 8.2(b))</u>:<sup>4</sup>  <input type="checkbox"/></b>

**6. Other pertinent data or information (i.e. title of the proposed or adopted law/regulation establishing the Import Licensing Procedure):**

- Ministerial Decision No. 038-2007, Regulations governing the administration of the tariff quota on imports of rice in the husk for the United States of America established under the CAFTA DR, published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 193 of 9 October 2007.
- Ministerial Decision No. 039-2007, Regulations governing the administration of the tariff quota on imports of rice (*arroz oro*) for the United States of America established under the CAFTA DR, published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 191 of 5 October 2007.
- Ministerial Decision No. 040-2007, Regulations governing the administration of the tariff quota on imports of yellow maize for the United States of America established under the CAFTA DR, published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 190 of 4 October 2007 and the errata published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 205 of 25 October 2007.
- Ministerial Decision No. 041-2007, Regulations governing the administration of the tariff quotas on imports of powdered milk, butter, cheese, ice cream and other edible ice, other dairy products and white maize for the United States of America established under the CAFTA DR, published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 187 of 1 October 2007.
- Ministerial Decision No. 045-2009, Regulations governing the administration of the tariff quota on imports of pork for the United States of America established under the CAFTA DR, published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 60 of 26 March 2010.
- Ministerial Decision No. 059-2007, Regulations governing the administration of the import tariff quota for chicken thighs and legs originating in the United States of America established under the CAFTA DR, published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 246 of 21 December 2007.
- Ministerial Decision No. 015-2007, Regulations governing the administration of the import tariff quota for chicken breasts, beans, onions and shallots originating in the Dominican Republic established under the CAFTA DR, published in Official Journal *La Gaceta* No. 109 of 11 June 2007.
- Ministerial Decision No. 047-2009, Regulations governing the administration of the import tariff quotas for beef, boneless pork, onions and shallots, instant coffee, tomato sauce and Ketchup, established in the framework of the Free Trade Agreement between Central America and Panama (Central America – Panama FTA) and the Bilateral Protocol between the Republic of Nicaragua and the Republic of Panama to the Free Trade Agreement between Central America and Panama (Bilateral Protocol), published in *El Nuevo Diario* on 23 December 2009.
- Ministerial Decision MIFIC No. 004-2012, Regulations governing the administration of the import tariff quota introduced as a result of the lack of supply of corn syrup, published in *El Nuevo Diario* of 6 February 2012.
- Ministerial Decision MIFIC No. 006-2012, Regulations governing the administration of the import tariff quota for powdered milk bound by Nicaragua under the WTO, published in *El Nuevo Diario* of 13 February 2012.

- Ministerial Decision MIFIC No.007-2012, Regulations governing the administration of the import tariff quota for rice in the husk bound by Nicaragua under the WTO, published in *El Nuevo Diario* of 13 February 2012.

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<sup>1</sup> "[...] Publication shall take place, whenever practicable, 21 days prior to the effective date of the requirement but in all events not later than such effective date. Any exception, derogations or changes in or from the rules concerning licensing procedures or the list of products subject to import licensing shall also be published in the same manner and within the same time-periods as specified above." See Article 1.4(a) of the Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> "Each Member shall inform the Committee of any changes in its laws and regulations relevant to this Agreement and in the administration of such laws and regulations."

<sup>3</sup> "The rules and all information concerning procedures for the submission of applications, including the eligibility of persons, firms and institutions to make such applications, the administrative body(ies) to be approached, and the lists of products subject to the licensing requirement shall be published, in the sources notified to the Committee on Import Licensing [...] Copies of these publications shall also be made available to the Secretariat." See Article 1.4(a) of the Agreement and document G/LIC/3 "Procedures for Notification and Review under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures".

<sup>4</sup> See document G/LIC/3 "Procedures for Notification and Review under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures".