

**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

Notification under Article 5.1-5.4 of the Agreement

COSTA RICA

The following communication, dated 1 October 2010, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Republic of Costa Rica.

Institution of Import Licensing Procedures or Changes to Existing  
Import Licensing Procedures and Reverse Notifications

The General Regulations on the Distribution and Allocation of Import Tariff Quotas, Executive Decree No. 30900-COMEX-MAG of 20 December 2002, were amended pursuant to Executive Decree No. 35617-COMEX-MAG of 4 November 2009.

In accordance with Article 5.3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, the Government of Costa Rica hereby provides notification of these changes to the system for administrating and allocating import quotas.

(d) Date and name of publication where licensing procedures are published

A notice inviting participation in the allocation of tariff quotas is published during the first week of December each year in the Official Journal (*La Gaceta*) and on the Ministry of Foreign Trade website ([www.comex.go.cr](http://www.comex.go.cr)). The notice details the quotas available for the corresponding year, the size of each quota, the tariff heading, the product description and the countries of origin permitted. It also sets out the prerequisites for participating in the allocation. A notice indicating the start of the application period and the sources of further information is published in a national newspaper.

Once the allocation process has been completed, each applicant is notified and the Resolution is published in the Official Journal and on the Ministry of Foreign Trade website. The Resolution states the share of the available quotas allocated to each participant. A notice announcing the tariff quota allocation and providing the reference for further information is also published in a national newspaper.