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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Article 5

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

The following communication, dated 4 July 1997, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Communities.

Please find attached for communication to the Committee on Import Licensing Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1218/97¹, P. 51 renewing prior Community surveillance of imports of certain steel cables originating in non-member countries, together with the relevant information.

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

ANNEX

On 27 June 1997, the Commission adopted Regulation (EC) No. 1218/97 renewing prior Community surveillance of imports of certain steel cables originating in non-member countries. This Regulation was published in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. L 170 of 28 June 1997, page 51.

Pursuant to Article 5.1 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, the adoption of this Regulation must be notified to the WTO Committee on Import Licensing, together with the following information:

(a) List of products subject to the licensing procedure:

Stranded wire, ropes, cables, plaited bands, slings and the like, of iron or steel, not electrically insulated, falling within HS/CN Codes.

- 7312.10.82 (not coated or only plated or coated with zinc, with a cross-sectional dimension exceeding 3 mm. but not exceeding 12 mm.);
- 7312.10.84 (not coated or only plated or coated with zinc, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeding 12 mm. but not exceeding 24 mm.);
- 7312.10.86 (not coated or only plated or coated with zinc, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeding 24 mm. but not exceeding 48 mm.);
- 7312.10.88 (not coated or only plated or coated with zinc, with a maximum cross-sectional dimension exceeding 48 mm.); and
- 7312.10.99 (other).

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility:

European Commission
Directorate-General I, Unit E-3
Office MDB 6/18
Rue de la Loi, 200
B-1049 Brussels

Tel: (+ 32-2) 295 33 26 or 296 28 49

Fax: (+ 32-2) 295 65 05

(c) Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications:

The 15 national administrative bodies to which requests for surveillance documents may be addressed are annexed to the notified Regulation (EC) No. 1218/97.

(d) Date and name of publication where the licensing procedure is published:

Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1218/97, Official Journal of the European Communities, No. L 170 of 28 June 1997, page 51.

See also Council Regulation (EC) No. 139/96, Official Journal of the European Communities No. L 21 of 27 January 1996, page 7.

- (e) Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic:

Automatic import licensing (Article 2 of the Agreement).

- (f) Administrative purpose of the licensing procedure:

The trend in imports of steel cables originating in non-member countries threatens to cause injury to Community producers, and therefore the automatic licensing procedure has been introduced in order to obtain reliable and accurate statistical data without delay and enable import trends to be swiftly investigated.

- (g) Expected duration of the licensing procedure:

From 1 July 1997 to 31 December 1997.