

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification Under Article 5

HONDURAS

The following notification, dated 14 January 2010, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Republic of Honduras.

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

- (a) List and description of products subject to licensing procedures
- 04.01 Milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.
 - 04.02 Milk and cream, concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.
 - 04.03 Buttermilk, curdled milk and cream, yoghurt, kephir and other fermented or acidified milk and cream, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, or flavoured or containing added fruit or cocoa.
 - 04.04 Whey, whether or not concentrated or containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, products consisting of natural milk constituents, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, not elsewhere specified or included.
 - 04.05 Butter and other fats and oils derived from milk.
 - 04.06 Cheese and curd.
 - 1901.10 Food preparations for infant use, put up for retail sale.
 - 1901.10.1 Preparations of goods of headings 04.01 to 04.04 in which none of the constituents have been replaced wholly or partially by other substances.
 - 1901.90.20 Modified dried milk other than that of subheadings 1901.10.11 and 1901.10.19.
 - 1901.90.90 Other.
 - 2106.90.60 Substitutes of dairy products (such as imitation processed cheese, coffee creamer, dried soy milk).

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility

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

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

- Official Journal *La Gaceta* of 19 November 2009. Contains Executive Decision No. A-024-2009.
- Publication in the Official Journal *La Gaceta* is under way of Executive Decision No. 41-2009 issuing amendments to the automatic import licensing procedure established in Executive Decision No. A-024-2009.

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

Procedure for the issuing of automatic import licences.

(f) In the case of automatic import licensing procedures, their administrative purpose

The aim of the measure is to improve statistical records, the description and customs classification of products being imported. Since the range of dairy products and by-products currently imported is fairly wide, the description of the product being applied for is of help to the customs authority in its task of import classification and makes for better statistical records of imports.

In the case of non-automatic import licensing procedures, indication of the measures being implemented through the licensing procedure.

Not applicable.

(g) Expected duration of the licensing procedure

Executive Decision No. A-024-2009 of 24 September 2009 established a maximum period of ten working days from the receipt of the application at the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Trade and Industry for the issuing of the license. Executive Decision No. 41-2009 of 18 November 2009 altered this period, reducing it to five official working days from the day following the filing of the application. Executive Decision No. 41-2009 also established that applications are to be filed not with the General Secretariat of the Ministry of Trade and Industry as previously, but with the Directorate-General of Economic Integration and Trade Policy of the aforementioned Ministry.
