

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notifications under Article 5

JAPAN

The following notification, dated 12 April 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Japan.

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1. Member: Japan.
 2. Agency responsible: Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI).
 3. Title: Licensing procedure for import of alcohol for test, research or analysis.
 4. Description of content:

An importer who intends to import alcohol which refers to an alcoholic strength by volume of 90 per cent vol. or higher (HS No. 2207.10) for the purpose of using it for test, research or analysis must obtain the approval of the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry for each import.

5. Objective and rationale:

The purpose of this non-automatic licensing procedure is to allow the importer who is neither a permitted importer nor permitted user to import alcohol for the purpose of using it for test, research or analysis.

6. Modification matters:

Not applicable

7. Reference:

- (a) Contact point for information on eligibility:

Alcohol Division, Manufacture Industries Bureau, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

- (b) Administrative body for submission of applications:

Application shall be submitted to the Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry located in the region where applicants are to import the alcohol.

- (c) Date and name of publication where licensing procedures are published:

Import licensing procedures are stipulated in Article 18 of the Ministerial Ordinance of the Alcohol Business Law.

The above-mentioned Ministerial Ordinance has been published in "KAMPO" (Official Government Gazette) dated 5 October 2000.

- (d) Classification of import authorization and the measure being implemented through the licensing procedure:

Classification: Non-automatic

Measure: An importer who intends to import the alcohol for the purpose of using it for test, research or analysis shall submit the application for approval for each import to the Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry located in the region where applicants are to import the alcohol. The Bureau of Economy, Trade and Industry, when it approves the application, issues the import approval to the applicant.

- (e) Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, why this information cannot be provided:

Licensing procedure is ongoing, as long as there are imports of alcohol for test, research or analysis under the Alcohol Business Law.
