

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Articles 5 of the Agreement

POLAND

The following communication, dated 28 November 2000, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Poland.

Pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, I submit herewith a notification on a control system for the import of worn clothing introduced by the Government of Poland with effect from 24 August 2000.

(a) List of products subject to licensing procedures:

Worn clothing and other worn articles (PCN 6309 00 00 0)

The list of worn clothing subject to control is listed in Polish Customs Duty Tariff 2000.

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility:

Ministry of Economy, Department of Trade in Goods and Services Administration, Plac Trzech Krzyży 3/5, 00-507 Warsaw, Poland.

(c) Administrative body for submission of applications:

Same as above.

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

Published in the Journal of Laws of the Republic of Poland ("Dziennik Ustaw Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej") of 9 August 2000. The Decree of Minister of Economy in the case of establishing non-automatic registration in importation of some goods.

(e) Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic according to definitions contained in Articles 2 and 3:

The import permit procedure is non-automatic according to definitions contained in Articles 2 and 3 of the Agreement.

(f) In the case of non-automatic import licensing procedures, indication of the measure being implemented through the licensing procedure:

Not applicable

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The permit system basically serves to ensure environmentally sound management of worn clothing in Poland, because higher import of such a kind of goods causes waste material in municipal dumps and endangers human health and life. It thus enables Poland to control still growing import of worn clothing. Non-automatic registration of worn clothing means the necessity of receiving permission. The permit is given for at least 20 tons.

In order to receive permit one should:

- enclose a copy of the document which confirms the fact that the worn clothing had been disinfected.
- meet conditions of fundamental, General Decree of Minister of Economy in the case of permits for import and export of goods (Dz. U. z 1997 r. Nr. 162 poz 1126).

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

Duration of the licensing procedure is till 31 December 2000.
