

**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

Notification under Article 5

**POLAND**

The following communication, dated 13 May 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Poland.

Pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, we submit herewith a notification on a control system for the import of some articles for funfair, table or parlour games, including pin-tables, billiards, special tables for casino games and automatic bowling alley equipment (PCN code 9504) introduced by the Minister of Economy with effect from 11 July 2001.

- (a) List of products subject to licensing procedures:

| <b>PCN</b>   | <b>Description</b>  |
|--------------|---|
| 9504         | Articles for funfair, table or parlour games, including pin-tables, billiards, special tables for casino games and automatic bowling alley equipment: |
| 9504 30      | – Other games, operated by coins, banknotes (paper currency), discs or other similar articles, other than bowling alley equipment:                    |
| 9504 30 10 0 | – – Games with screen   |
|              | – – Other games:  |
| 9504 30 50 0 | – – – Other   |
| 9504 30 90 0 | – – Parts   |
| 9504 90      | – Other:  |
| 9504 90 10 0 | – – Electric car racing sets, having the character of competitive games   |
| 9504 90 90 0 | – – Other   |

- (b) Contact point for information on eligibility:

Ministry of Economy  
Department of Administration of Trade in Goods and Services  
Plac Trzech Krzyzy 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:

Decree of the Minister of Economy dated 11 July 2001 published in the Journal of Law of the Republic of Poland (Dziennik Ustaw Rzeczypospolitej Polskiej) No. 81/2001 under position No. 884.

- (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 automatic.

- (f) Administrative purpose:

Monitoring and control of import of all kind of mechanical, electrical and electronic games played for money or gift prizes. The measure was introduced mainly to help limit activities of games parlours set up illegally or without proper permission of the Ministry of Finance.

- (g) Duration of the licensing procedure:

Till 31 December 2002.

Note: The Minister of Economy, by his decree dated 27 February 2002, which enters into force from 1 April 2002, has modified his above-mentioned decree of 11 July 2001. The modification is done by adding "ex" to the PCN code 9504 90 90 0 – Others, and mentioning the import under the above PCN code concerns only mechanical, electromechanical and electronic equipment meant for games played for money or gift prizes. In practice it means narrowing down the list of goods (falling within PCN code 9504), import of which requires permit.

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