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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Article 5

VENEZUELA

The following communication, dated 16 May 2003, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Venezuela.

I have the honour to notify herewith, pursuant to Article 5.2 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, that a non-automatic licensing regime has been instituted to administer tariff quotas for a series of agricultural items, in accordance with Venezuela's Schedule of Commitments resulting from the Uruguay Round negotiations.

(a) List of products subject to import licensing procedures

Cane sugar	17.01
Yellow maize (corn)	1005.90.11
Sorghum	1007
Milk and cream, not concentrated	0401
Milk in powder, of a fat content not exceeding 1.5%	0402.10
Milk and cream, concentrated, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1.5%, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter	0402.21
Cheese	0406
Soya beans	1201
Palm nuts and kernels	1207
Soya-bean oil	1507
Other oils	1510
Palm oil	1511
Sunflower-seed oil	1512
Coconut oil	1513
Other vegetable fats and oils	1515
Animal or vegetable fats and oils	1518
Soya-bean cake	2304

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility

Directorate-General of Agricultural Marketing of the Ministry of Agriculture and Land
Av. Lecuna, Parque Central, Torre Este, 7th floor, Distrito Capital, Caracas, Venezuela.

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

The Ministry of Agriculture and Land, through the Directorate-General of Agricultural Marketing, is the government body competent to grant licences.

(d) Date and name of publication in which licensing procedures are published

Official Gazette (*Gaceta Oficial*) No. 37.629 of 11 February 2003¹: Resolution of the Ministries of Finance, Production and Trade and Agriculture and Land establishing the Tariff Quota Administration Regime for the products in Schedule LXXXVI, Section I-B, resulting from the Negotiations on Agriculture of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, as follows:

Dairy produce: Resolution of the Ministries of Finance, DM/No. 1.271, Production and Trade, DM/No. 499, and Agriculture and Land, DM/No. 139;

Yellow maize and sorghum: Resolution of the Ministries of Finance, DM/No. 1.272, Production and Trade, DM/No. 009, and Agriculture and Land, DM/No. 013;

Oilseeds: Resolution of the Ministries of Finance, DM/No. 1.273, Production and Trade, DM/No. 500, and Agriculture and Land, DM/No. 141.

Official Gazette No. 37.574 of 20 November 2002: Resolution of the Ministries of Finance, Production and Trade and Agriculture and Land extending for a further year the validity of Joint Resolution Nos. 289 and 630 of 12 November 1999, issued by the Ministries of Finance and of Production and Trade:

Sugar: Resolution of the Ministries of Finance, DM/No. 1.235, Production and Trade, DM/No. 460, and Agriculture and Land, DM/No. 112.

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

The import licensing procedure is non-automatic.

(f) Administrative purpose of automatic licences

Not applicable.

¹ The issues of the Official Gazette referred to in this notification are available for consultation on the web page <http://www.tsj.gov.ve/gaceta/gacetaoficial.asp>.

(g) Measure being implemented through the non-automatic licensing procedure

Administration of tariff quotas under Venezuela's Schedule LXXXVI - Section I-B - Agricultural products - Tariff quotas.

(h) Expected duration of the licensing procedure

One year.
