

REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES¹

Notification under Article 7.3 of the Agreement
on Import Licensing Procedures

CAMEROON

The following communication, dated 9 September 2009, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Cameroon.

A. OUTLINE OF SYSTEMS

Cameroon no longer has either an import or an export licensing system. Operations pertaining to the import and export of goods and services are free provided that they conform to the laws and regulations in force, in particular the rules of the Programme for guaranteeing secure customs revenue.

However, with a view to compiling a database on international trade, an importer and exporter register has been opened at the Foreign Trade Directorate of the Ministry of Commerce.

B. IMPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN GOODS

Non-prohibited goods may be freely imported. However, in view of their role in public health and safety, some such goods (meat and edible offal, livestock and fishery products, pharmaceuticals, prepared explosives, etc.) are required to have prior technical approval from the relevant authorities.

C. IMPORT DECLARATION PROCEDURES

Import declaration procedures are carried out under the Ministry of Commerce and the Société Générale de Surveillance (SGS).

The central and decentralized services of the Ministry of Commerce are responsible for import declarations for goods worth less than CFAF 2,000,000 (approximately US\$4,000), goods exempt from preshipment inspection and second-hand vehicles.

The SGS is responsible for import declarations for goods worth CFAF 2,000,000 or more and new vehicles.

¹ See document G/LIC/3, Annex, for the questionnaire.