

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Articles 1.4(a), 8.2(b) and 7.3¹

MALI

The following notification, dated 23 July 2001, has been received from the Ministry of Industry, Trade and Transport of Mali.

I have the honour to submit to the WTO Secretariat herewith, Decree No. 00-505/P-RM² on the regulation of foreign trade, which entered into force on the date of its signature. This Decree abrogates Decree No. 89-194 RM of 15 June 1989, which had put an end to import licensing procedures or any quota restrictions.

Mali currently has a free trade regime. In order to facilitate and speed up import and export procedures, it is creating a single window with a view to centralizing these operations.

As regards quantitative restrictions, Article 12 of Decree No. 00-505/P-RM of 16 October 2000 clearly stipulates that in Mali, imports of goods shall be carried out on the basis of a document known as the "certificate of intention to import", issued automatically by the National Directorate of Trade and Competition, without any restrictions on quantity and value.

Decree No. 00-051/P-RM² on the organization of distributive trade has been in force since February 2000. Distributive trade activity, defined as any profit-seeking activity carried out on a professional basis and whose purpose is to purchase goods on the local or foreign market with a view to their resale in the same state on the domestic market as defined in Articles 5 and 6, is free and is not subject to a prior authorization, with the exception of activities governed by specific provisions.

¹ The questionnaire appears in annex to document G/LIC/3.

² These texts are available for consultation in the WTO Secretariat (Market Access Division) (French only).