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Committee on Import Licensing

DRAFT REPORT (1995) OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPORT LICENSING TO THE COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS

1. The WTO Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures entered into force on 1 January 1995.
2. During the period under consideration, the Committee held two meetings, on 3 May 1995 (G/LIC/M/1) and 12 October 1995 (G/LIC/M/2, to be issued). The Committee elected Mr. Calson Mbegabolawe (Zimbabwe) as Chairman and [... (...)] as Vice-Chairman for 1995.
3. The Committee took note of notifications under footnote 5 to Article 2.2 of the Agreement by twenty developing-country Members which had invoked the provisions for delayed application of certain requirements linked to automatic import licensing for a period of two years from the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement for the Members concerned (G/LIC/1 and Add.1).
4. [At its meeting on 12 October 1995, the Committee adopted rules of procedure for its meetings as set out in document The Committee also adopted procedures for notification under the Agreement, including language in which notifications under Articles 1.4(a) and 8.2(b) should be made; content of the first notification of legislation under Article 8.2(b); and time-limit for the submission of replies to the Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures under Article 7.3. It further agreed on procedures for reviews under Article 7.1 of the Agreement. In addition, the Committee reviewed replies to the Import Licensing Questionnaire received from Cyprus and Ecuador (G/LIC/N/3/CYP/1 and G/LIC/N/3/ECU/1).]