

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLES 1.4(a) AND 8.2(b) OF THE AGREEMENT ON
IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM BANGLADESH¹**

Replies of BANGLADESH to questions from the UNITED STATES²

The following communication, dated 17 July 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Bangladesh.

Question: Bangladesh indicated (in document G/LIC/N/1/BGD/1) that it does not, at this time, require import licences for any import. How does Bangladesh regulate the importation of products with health and security implications, e.g., explosives, armaments, narcotics, etc., if it does not have a licensing system? Does Bangladesh have a system of prior authorization?

Reply: No import licence will be necessary for import of any item, but the importers shall be required to register with the Office of the Chief Controller of Imports and Exports (CCI&E). The regulation for the importation of products with health and security implications, e.g. explosives, armaments, narcotics etc., are as follows:

- (a) Explosives: Imports of explosives shall be allowed with the prior approval of the Chief Inspector of Explosives of the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources.
- (b) Armaments: Importable only by the Government of Bangladesh and dealers approved by the Government.
- (c) Narcotics: Importable by foreign exchange-earning hotels with prior permission from the Director-General, Narcotics Control Department. Also importable by others as a special case with the permission of the Director-General, Narcotics Control Department and the Ministry of Commerce.

¹G/LIC/N/1/BGD/1.

²G/LIC/Q/BGD/1.