

**NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT
LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM BAHRAIN¹**

Questions from the UNITED STATES to BAHRAIN²

The following communication, dated 25 October 2000, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

In document G/LIC/N/3/BHR/1, Bahrain states that it does not have a system or a specific form for import licensing, referring, however, to document G/LIC/N/1/BHR/1 dated 13 June 1997, in which there are some prohibitions and restrictions imposed on some imports for health, security and religious reasons. These are contained in Bahrain's "Rules of Import in Bahrain", and Ministerial Decree No. 10/1976 providing for limitations on materials which are considered within the rules for explosives, as well as "prohibitions and restrictions imposed on some imports."

- Do the limitations and restrictions imposed for whatever reason, e.g., health, safety, or security reasons, involve securing prior authorization for importation of certain products? This could constitute an import licensing system within the meaning of Article 1 of the Agreement, and Bahrain should consider revising its submission to provide the information requested in the Questionnaire³.

¹ G/LIC/N/3/BHR/1

² G/LIC/4

³ See document G/LIC/3, Annex, for the Questionnaire used for Article 7.3 notifications.