

**BRAZIL'S NON-AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

Questions from MEXICO to BRAZIL

The following communication, dated 16 April 2009, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Mexico.

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**Questions from Mexico to Brazil Regarding Brazil's  
Import Licensing Requirements for Motor Vehicles**

1. Could Brazil explain the procedures followed when considering applications for non-automatic import licences for motor vehicles?
  2. According to Brazil's notifications to the Committee on Import Licensing, non-automatic import licences are required for "products which may cause damage to human, plant or animal health; products capable of causing environmental damage; products classified as weapons or made for warlike purpose; products subject to non-tariff quotas and products subject to tariff quotas". Into which of the above categories do new motor vehicles fall and what is the reason for placing them in this category?
  3. Our exporters have told us that, when submitting to the authorities the non-automatic import licence for new automobiles already authorized, if the slightest amendment has to be made in respect of the number of vehicles in the corresponding shipment, the authorities require a new application to be made without taking into account the fact that the vehicles are already at the port. Can Brazil indicate what specific criteria are used to reject amendments to the import licence when these are solely for the purpose of making insignificant changes to it, for example, some variation in quantity as provided in Article 1 of the Agreement, and request the exporter to commence a new procedure in order to obtain another import licence, even though it is for the same product.
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