

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

Questions to BRAZIL from SWITZERLAND

The following communication, dated 17 April 2012, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Switzerland.

1. Switzerland understands that in 2002 Brazil introduced the so-called RADAR import authorization system which has the objective to prevent fraud by "ghost companies" in Brazil. Every company which intends to import must declare the approximate amount it intends to import when applying for RADAR. Depending on the type of RADAR authorization obtained, companies then have a maximum amount they can import within a specific time period.

2. In notification G/LIC/N/3/BRA/9 under point 18 Brazil points out the requirement "to obtain an authorization from the Federal Revenue of Brazil in order to operate within SISCOMEX". Does Brazil intend in the future to describe in more detail the necessary requirements to obtain RADAR licenses in its notification under Article 7.3 of the Agreement?

3. Is there any publicly available record of licensed importers which specifies what kind of RADAR license they have been granted and therefore to which maximum amount they can import?

4. To our knowledge companies in possession of a "RADAR ordinário" license do not have a strict maximum amount they can import. However, an estimated value will be defined which cannot be exceeded substantially. Companies can apply for an increase of that value with the exception of the region of São Paulo where companies need to apply for a new RADAR license and therefore submit once again all the necessary documentation (company's tax status, economic/financial and operational capacity). Can Brazil confirm that?