

NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING
PROCEDURES UNDER ARTICLE 7.3 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

Questions from the UNITED STATES to BARBADOS²

The following questions were posed by the delegation of the United States at the third meeting of the Committee concerning the notification provided by Barbados under Article 7.3 of the Agreement¹.

(Ref. Reply 4) Is the licensing system used for the implementation of tariff quotas established as a result of the Uruguay Round, or are the quantities allowed entry determined at the discretion of the licensing authority?

(Ref. Reply 6.I) Barbados does not publish information on its quotas. An importer must approach the Government to seek permission. This seems to lack transparency, and it places the onus on the importer. How can exporters and importers plan ahead when they do not know how much of the quota has been filled?

(Ref. Reply 6.VIII) We note that Barbados generally uses historical imports to allocate quotas. Barbados states that consideration may be given to new importers, depending on the size of the overall quota. Our understanding is that there should automatically be a 1% allocation of the quota for new entrants, irrespective of the quota size. Could the Member comment on this?

(Ref. Reply 6.XI) Barbados states that some licences are given on condition that the product be exported and not sold domestically. Which products are subject to this restriction?

(Ref. Reply 10) Please submit a sample application form.

(Ref. Reply 17) Barbados states that specific conditions may apply from time to time for products subject to quantitative restrictions, and for those that are not subject to quantitative restrictions. What are these specific conditions and to which products do they apply?

¹G/LIC/N/3/BRB/1.

²See Understanding reached by the Committee on Import Licensing (G/LIC/M/4, paragraphs 5, 6, 9 and 10).