

**NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING
PROCEDURES FROM THE UNITED STATES¹**

Questions from AUSTRALIA to CHINA

The following communication, dated 28 April 2008, is being circulated at the request of the Delegation of Australia.

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1. We understand that China's requirements relating to imports of iron ore have changed recently. We would be grateful for advice on the content of these changes to assist our exporters.
 2. With whom is an application for an import licence for the importation of iron ore lodged: the Ministry of Commerce, or the China Iron & Steel Association (CISA) or the China Chamber of Commerce of Metals Minerals & Chemicals Importers and Exporters (CCCMC)?
 3. If an application is lodged with the Ministry of Commerce, is it referred to CISA or CCCMC?
 - (a) If so, on what authority?
 4. If an application is lodged with CISA or CCCMC, on what authority is that done?
 5. In either case, what is the objective of CISA / CCCMC involvement?
 6. Could CISA/CCCMC affect the outcome of an import licence application?
 - (a) If so, on what basis?
 - (b) If not, why are CISA / CCCMC involved?

¹ See document G/LIC/3, Annex, for the Questionnaire.