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## IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM OF CHINA

### Question from CANADA to CHINA

The following communication, dated 28 October 2008, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Canada.

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Canada thanks China for its Article 7.3 Replies to the Import Licensing Questionnaire dated 8 October 2007 and circulated in document G/LIC/N/3/CHN/6. We would like to submit the following question which was posed orally to China at the 28 April 2008 meeting of the Import Licensing Committee.

### **Question for China on the Import Licensing Questionnaire**

1. China notes that the number of tariff headings for automatic import licenses is now up to 616 8-digit tariff headings. In paragraph 4, China states "automatic import licensing is an administrative measure over certain products which are free of import restrictions but monitoring on importation and statistics collection of which are deemed necessary". It further notes that "there is no restriction in terms of import quantity or value".
  2. Could China explain why monitoring of these imports is deemed necessary, how the statistics are used and, what criteria are used to add or remove a tariff heading from the list? In particular, could China elaborate on this for coal, iron and steel, copper, aluminium waste and scrap, aluminium ores and concentrates, iron ores and concentrates and mineral or chemical fertilisers.
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