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**Committee on Import Licensing**

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NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING  
PROCEDURES UNDER ARTICLE 7.3 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>

Question from the EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES to COSTA RICA<sup>2</sup>

The following communication, dated 11 March 1996, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of the European Commission.

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Costa Rica has indicated that it has currently one single licensing system in force, governed by the Regulation on the Allocation of Tariff Quotas (page 1, under 2). However, under the Law No. 7472 of 20 December 1994 on the Promotion of Competition and Effective Defence of Competition (see G/SG/N/1/CRI/1, page 11 and G/SG/W/24, page 5), Costa Rica can apply exceptionally a non-tariff safeguard. How would such a quota then be managed?

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<sup>1</sup>G/LIC/N/3/CRI/1.

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