

NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM DOMINICA

Questions from the UNITED STATES to DOMINICA¹

The following communication, dated 10 May 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

In G/LIC/N/1/DMA/1, dated 23 February 2001, Dominica has notified its Supplies Control Act establishing a list of goods subject to automatic and non-automatic import and export licensing and guidelines for importers on how to obtain import licences and permits. This is Dominica's first notification to the Import Licensing Committee.

- We thank Dominica for this notification, and the submission of the response to the Import Licensing Questionnaire in G/LIC/N/3/DMA/1.
- We seek clarification on the purpose of these requirements, e.g. for what purpose are automatic licenses required for the products listed in Supplies Control Act?
- For what purpose are non-automatic licenses required, i.e., for the importation of potatoes, candles, aerated beverages and plastic sandals? What criteria are applied in granting these licenses? Are there quotas?, and if so, how are they made known to importers and other interested parties?
- Does Dominica regulate the import of products with health and security implications, e.g., explosives, armaments, narcotics? Are these products regulated with a system of prior import authorizations? If so, we suggest that Dominica notify these to the Committee.

¹ See paragraph 1.4 of document G/LIC/M/13, dated 14 June 2001.