

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

Questions from the UNITED STATES to ECUADOR²

The following questions were posed by the delegation of the United States at the third meeting of the Committee concerning the notification provided by Ecuador under Article 7.3 of the Agreement.¹

(Ref. Reply 2) Ecuador indicates that the products subject to licensing are those which are dangerous to human or animal health, arms and ammunition, and products which have an adverse environmental impact. Could Ecuador specify the products subject to prior authorization and list the items covered by tariff-rate quotas?

(Ref. Reply 5) Could Ecuador cite the law or the regulation under which licensing is maintained? Can the Government abolish the licensing system without legislative approval?

Ecuador has not answered questions 6. I-XI of the Questionnaire. It has not provided information on its tariff-rate quota items. Could the Member comment on this?

(Ref. Reply 8) What circumstances may cause an importer to be refused a licence, and is the importer notified of the refusal? Is there an appeal process for the importer who is refused a licence?

(Ref. Question 10) Please provide sample licence application form.

Could Ecuador provide replies to questions 17 and 18 of the Questionnaire?

(Ref. Question 19) Is a licence required to obtain foreign exchange? Is foreign exchange automatically provided?

¹G/LIC/N/3/ECU/1

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