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NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM HAITI¹

Questions from the UNITED STATES to HAITI²

The following communication, dated 25 October 2000, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

In its notification G/LIC/N/3/HTI/2 submitted in April 2000, Haiti states that there are no import licensing systems in Haiti. This same statement was made in G/LIC/N/1/HTI/1 in October 1999. Earlier, however, in G/LIC/N/3/HTI/1 submitted in February 1998, Haiti described a universal automatic licensing system called the "Préavis d'importation (Import Notice)", which had replaced an earlier non-automatic licensing system.

- Please clarify whether the Import Notice system has been abolished, and if not, if Haiti still considers it a system with procedures covered by the WTO Agreement.
- If the Import Notice system is still in effect, please update the information provided in document G/LIC/N/3/HTI/1, and supply a copy of the legal instrument implementing it. In that update, we would appreciate clarification of the grounds, if any, upon which a request for the Import Notice can be rejected, and if so, if the right to appeal that rejection exists.

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¹ G/LIC/N/3/HTI/2

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