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NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM HAITI $^{\rm l}$

Replies by Haiti to the Questions from the UNITED STATES²

The following communication, dated 9 April 2003, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Haiti.

Questions

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.

Reply

The licensing system (automatic licensing) and the prior notification system (non-automatic licensing) have been suspended throughout the national territory since November 1997.

¹ G/LIC/N/3/HTI/2

² G/LIC/O/HTI/1