

**NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON
IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM INDIA**

Replies of INDIA to questions from the UNITED STATES¹

The following communication, dated 30 June 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of India.

Question: In G/LIC/N/1/IND/3 and G/LIC/N/2/IND/3, dated 13 December 2000, India lists changes to its import licensing policy. Does the list contained in this document remove the listed items from coverage of India's licensing system? If so, is the importation of these items now subject only to tariffs as a regulatory mechanism, excluding requirements and restrictions associated with national security or health and safety? If not, please outline the nature and scope of any other regulatory regime restricting import of these products.

Reply: The import of all items indicated in the notification circulated in documents G/LIC/N/1/IND/3 and G/LIC/N/IND/3 is free.

Question: What items remain under discretionary licensing regime, e.g., under the regime described in G/LIC/N/3/IND/4? What is the timetable for further liberalization of these remaining requirements?

Reply: The document G/LIC/N/3/IND/4 referred to in this question is the notification containing India's replies to the Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures for the year 2000. Subsequent to amendments to the Import Policy of India on 31 March 2001, the following changes to India's replies may be noted, namely; (i) all import restrictions, which were maintained on balance-of-payments account, have been removed; (ii) the Special Import Licence Scheme has been abolished/discontinued with effect from 31 March 2001; and (iii) import restrictions are being maintained on certain items on account of exceptions provided under Article XX and Article XXI of the GATT 1994, and these are being reviewed from time to time.

¹ Replies to the questions (G/LIC/Q/IND/6) were given orally at the meeting of the Committee held on 14 May 2002 (G/LIC/M/15, paragraph 2.11).