

**NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT
LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM ICELAND¹**

Questions from the UNITED STATES to ICELAND²

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

Iceland states, in document G/LIC/N/3/ISL/2, in section I:8, that "Beyond the failure of an applicant to meet standard criteria, a request for permit to import can be refused at the discretion of the relevant Minister. Reasons for refusal will normally be given. While no formal procedures exist through which an appeal may be lodged, an applicant may choose to contact the Ministry to question the decision." In section VII, concerning permits for importation of communication equipment, there is no information given on whether reason would be given for why the permit is not approved or if a right of appeal exists.

- Please confirm that, notwithstanding this information, Iceland provides the benefits of Article 3:5(e) to traders requesting an import permit, i.e., that "if the licence application is not approved, the applicant shall, on request, be given the reason therefor and shall have a right of appeal or review in accordance with the domestic legislation or procedures of the importing Member." (Note: The requirements of GATT 1994 Article X:3(b) concerning the right of appeal to any independent tribunal may also be relevant.)

¹ G/LIC/N/3/ISL/2

² G/LIC/4