

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

Questions from the UNITED STATES to JORDAN<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 10 May 2001, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

In G/LIC/N/1/JOR/1, dated 8 December 2000, Jordan has notified its Import and Export Law No. (14) and outlined its import licensing procedures in G/LIC/N/3/JOR/1. These are Jordan's first notifications to the Committee since its accession to the WTO in April 2000.

- We thank Jordan for this notification, and the submission of the response to the Import Licensing Questionnaire in G/LIC/N/3/JOR/1.
- We seek clarification on the purpose of some of these requirements, e.g. those in sections I, III and IV of G/LIC/N/3/JOR/1.

Section I lists rice, wheat, sugar, barley, corn and cigarettes, in addition to wheat flour, corn biscuits, mineral water, table salt, used automobile tires, used electronic equipment, and milk for industrial uses as subject to import licensing G/LIC/N/2/JOR/1 indicates that licensing for rice, wheat, sugar, barley, corn and cigarettes has been eliminated.

- Jordan indicates that the remaining import licences are maintained mainly for statistical purposes, as well health and safety purposes. Are the remaining items under automatic or non-automatic licensing?

Section VIII of G/LIC/N/3/JOR/1 lists potatoes, onions, garlic, fresh fruits and vegetables and as subject to prior authorization for importation by the Agricultural Marketing Organization and that the requirement is maintained for statistical purposes.

- Could Jordan clarify if these are automatic or non-automatic import licenses, i.e., is the requirement solely for the purpose of statistics, or does the Agricultural Marketing Organization regulate the quantities imported?

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<sup>1</sup> See paragraph 1.11 of document G/LIC/M/13, dated 14 June 2001.