

**NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT
LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM JORDAN¹**

Replies of JORDAN to questions from the UNITED STATES²

The following communication, dated 14 May 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Jordan.

Question 1: Section I of G/LIC/N/3/JOR/1 lists rice, wheat, sugar, barley, corn and cigarettes, in addition to wheat flour, corn biscuits, mineral water, table salt, used automobile tyres, used electronic equipment, and milk for industrial use 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 as health and safety purposes. Are the remaining items under automatic or non-automatic licensing?

Reply: Remaining items in Section I of G/LIC/N/3/JOR/1 are still subject to licensing procedures according to the old by-laws. As soon as the new by-laws enter into force, import licensing for these items will be as follows:

- (a) Mineral water (HS ex2201.10) and table salt (HS 25.01) will be subject to automatic import licensing.
- (b) Biscuits (HS ex19.05), used automobile tyres (HS ex40.12) and used electronic equipment (HS ex85) will be subject to non-automatic import licensing.
- (c) Milk for industrial use (HS ex04.02) will be subject to non-automatic import licensing on the date of entry into force of the new by-laws and will be changed to automatic import licensing on the first day of the third year of Jordan's accession to the WTO according to Paragraph 88 of Jordan's Protocol of Accession.

Question 2: Section VIII of G/LIC/N/3/JOR/1 lists potatoes, onions, garlic and fresh fruits and vegetables 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 subject to automatic or non-automatic import licensing, i.e. is the requirement solely for statistical purposes or does the Agricultural Marketing Organization regulate the quantities imported?

Reply: Jordan does not apply any licensing procedures on imports of fresh fruits and vegetables from WTO Member countries. However, imports of potatoes, onions and garlic are subject to prior

¹ G/LIC/N/3/JOR/1.

² G/LIC/Q/JOR/1.

approval by the Agricultural Marketing Organization, maintained for statistical purposes only and not to regulate the quantities imported. Potatoes, onions and garlic will be subject to automatic import licensing when the new by-laws enter into force.
