

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLES 1.4(a) AND 8.2(b) OF THE AGREEMENT ON
IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM MADAGASCAR¹**

Questions from the UNITED STATES to MADAGASCAR²

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

In its notification G/LIC/N/1/MDG/2, Madagascar reports that while its import licensing regulations are contained in Decree No. 92-424 of 3 April 1992, it has abolished import licensing with the exception of required prior authorization for the importation of "some strategic goods nevertheless require prior authorization from the Ministries responsible." Its earlier notification (G/LIC/N/1/MDG/1), however, indicated that it does not have a licensing system, and there is no past or current notification under Article 7.3.

- Please clarify if the prior authorizations referred to in G/LIC/N/1/MDG/2 operate under the legal authority of Decree No. 92-424, or if there are additional legal instruments. Please describe the procedures applied for "prior authorization" for importation of these "strategic goods" as requested in Article 7.3 of the Agreement to the Committee, e.g., in a notification under this Article³.

¹G/LIC/N/1/MDG/2

²G/LIC/4

³ See document G/LIC/3, Annex, for the Questionnaire used for notifications under Article 7.3.