

**NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING
PROCEDURES FROM MALAYSIA¹**

Questions from AUSTRALIA to MALAYSIA²

The following communication, dated 23 October 2006, has been received from the delegation of Australia.

Questions from Australia on Malaysia's Import Licensing Procedures

1. We welcome Malaysia's import licensing procedures notification as it provides much useful information.
2. Australia continues to maintain a strong interest in the import licensing procedures Malaysia requires for a number of products (about 33% of Malaysia's tariff lines) and is closely monitoring the impact of licensing requirements. Australia has some comments about and a number of questions on, Malaysia's notification.
 - I. PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO IMPORT LICENSING ADMINISTERED BY MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY (MITI) UNDER CUSTOMS (PROHIBITION OF IMPORTS) ORDER 1988 - (MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY)**
3. Malaysia notes that non-automatic licensing is used for various products under this section "to regulate the flow of imports, to promote selected strategic industries".
 - What strategic industries is Malaysia seeking to promote?
 - Which products listed under this section are subject to quantitative restrictions?
 - How are quotas for each of these products determined?
 - In relation to completely built-up motor vehicles, how are qualified Malaysian companies identified?
 - What criteria (e.g. foreign ownership limits) are used to identify who is eligible for an import licence?

¹ See document G/LIC/3, Annex, for the Questionnaire.

² G/LIC/4

- What is the objective of limiting import licenses to qualified Malaysian companies?
- Are domestic producers consulted at any stage of the consideration of granting an import licence?

**II. IMPORTATION OF ROUND CABBAGE AND UNROASTED COFFEE BEANS -
(FEDERAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AUTHORITY (FAMA))**

4. Malaysia notes that import licensing for these products are implemented for “the purpose of affording temporary protection to local cabbage growers and local manufacturers of coffee products”.

- How long will this temporary measure be in place?
 - Why is information on requirements for this import license not published?
 - Does this mean that global quotas are not published?
 - How is the size of the quota established?
 - What are the criteria for establishing the quota?
 - How are quotas distributed?
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