

**NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING  
PROCEDURES FROM MALAYSIA<sup>1</sup>**

**Questions from AUSTRALIA to MALAYSIA<sup>2</sup>**

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?

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

<sup>2</sup> 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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