

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

RESTRICTED

**G/LIC/Q/NOR/2**

20 January 1997

(97-0186)

---

**Committee on Import Licensing**

Original: English

## NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES UNDER ARTICLE 7.3 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>

### Reply of NORWAY to the Question from the UNITED STATES<sup>2</sup>

The following communication, dated 9 July 1996, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Norway.

---

#### Question

(Reference G/LIC/N/3/NOR/1, reply 14). Is there a standard time-limit on the validity of import permits?

#### Reply

There is no predetermined standard period of time of validity for the said import permits, although permits of validity are usually issued for a period of three months. Permits can also be issued for a longer period of validity in cases where special needs are proven. Normally, permits of validity are not issued for periods exceeding six months. Extension of the period of validity can also be issued in cases where the importer requests this. Generally, all applications for import are granted as long as a valid declaration of use has been submitted to the Norwegian Grain Corporation. The only purpose of the licensing arrangement is to control imports so that the products that are brought into the country for human consumption, food for pets, fish, etc. are not used as concentrated food for livestock. In the evaluation of applications for import, the only precondition is therefore that the importer must use the products in accordance with the declared intentions.

---

<sup>1</sup>G/LIC/N/3/NOR/1.

<sup>2</sup>See Understanding reached by the Committee on Import Licensing (G/LIC/M/4, paragraphs 5, 6, 9 and 10).