

**IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM OF THE PHILIPPINES**

Replies by the PHILIPPINES to the questions from the UNITED STATES concerning Import  
Licensing Requirements on Telecommunications<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 15 April 2009, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines.

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- Have there been amendments to the list of products subject to import licensing requirements since the Philippines last submitted its Questionnaire in September 2007?

**Reply :** There were no amendment to the list of products subject to import licensing since the Philippines last submitted its replies to the questionnaire contained in G/LIC/N/3/PHL/5 of 21 September 2007.

- Is the import licensing requirement for telecommunications equipment new, i.e., established after September 2007? Has it been notified to the WTO?

**Reply:** The import licensing requirement for telecommunications is not new. It is now included in the latest notification in G/LIC/N/3/PHL/6.

- What agency of the government of the Philippines issues import licences for these products? What is the rationale for these requirements and what are the criteria for granting or allocating import licences for telecommunication equipment?

**Reply:** The agency that issues the import licenses for these products is the National Telecommunications Commission (NTC). The rationale for the requirements and the criteria for granting or allocating import licenses for these products is governed by Republic Act 7925.

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<sup>1</sup> Circulated on 5 September 2008 in document G/LIC/Q/PHL/2.