

**NOTIFICATION OF REPLIES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT
LICENSING PROCEDURES FROM ROMANIA¹**

Replies of ROMANIA to questions from the UNITED STATES²

The following communication, dated 29 May 2002, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Romania.

Question: In G/LIC/N/2/ROM/3, Romania provided a list of products now subject to automatic licensing, but did not indicate if these measures are covered by the currently notified legislation and Romania's responses to the Import Licensing Questionnaire. No other information was given on the mechanics of this particular licensing system.

Reply: According to Article 5.3 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, which states that notifications of changes in import licensing procedures shall indicate the elements mentioned in Article 5.2 if changes in such occur, Romania did not consider it necessary to indicate any other elements than those provided in the last notification under Article 7.3 (G/LIC/N/3/ROM/2) taking into account the fact that all the information required by Article 5.2 was included in the notification G/LIC/N/2/ROM/3.

Question: Is this a new system, or does Romania's previous documentation cover it?

Reply: The system notified in G/LIC/N/2/ROM/3 is not a new one. According to Romania's last notification, G/LIC/N/3/ROM/2, reply 5, "products subject to licensing are designated through Government Decisions." As it was notified, the measure was put into force by Government Order No. 18 of 14 January 2002, published in the Official Gazette of Romania No. 27 of 17 January 2002, in conformity with previous legislation notified.

Question: Is automatic licensing the only means available to gain the required information for statistical purposes?

Reply: No, it is not. The rationale behind this measure is the difficulty faced by Romanian authorities to obtain clear and reliable information on import volume for a very short period of time, as well as data on the firm, country, quantity, contractual price and final destination of the product. This information helps the authorities in analyzing import trends and the effects of imports on domestic production.

¹ G/LIC/N/3/ROM/2.

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