

**VENEZUELA'S NON-AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

Replies by the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to the Questions from Mexico<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 22 April 2010, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Venezuela.

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In response to the questions raised by the delegation of Mexico in document G/LIC/Q/VEN/5 of 27 April 2009, we note that certificates of no national production or insufficient national production are not a requirement for importation into the territory of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. Rather, they are required for the Commission for the Administration of Currencies (CADIVI) to be able to grant foreign exchange authorization under Presidential Decree No. 2320 of 27 February 2003, as part of the exchange policy introduced under the Foreign Exchange Administration Regime set up by Exchange Agreement No. 1 between the former Ministry of Finance and the Central Bank of Venezuela published in the *Gaceta oficial* (Official Journal) of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela No. 37625 of 5 February 2003 and reprinted owing to clerical errors in Official Journals Nos. 37641 of 27 February 2003, 37649 of 13 March 2003, and 37653 of 19 March 2003.

As the certificates of no national production and insufficient national production are clearly not import licences, they do not fall within the scope of Article 1 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures.

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<sup>1</sup> See document G/LIC/Q/VEN/5.