

**IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM OF VIET NAM**

Replies from Viet Nam to questions from the United States<sup>1</sup>

The following communication, dated 27 April 2012, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Viet Nam.

Regarding to Viet Nam's Import Licensing Procedures Notification under various Articles of Agreement, Viet Nam would be pleased to answer the questions given by the United States as follows:

For the purpose of statistics, Viet Nam has issued several Circulars regulating automatic import licensing, such as Circulars Number 17/2008/TT-BCT, 22/2010/TT-BCT; 24/2010/TT-BCT; 31/2010/TT-BCT 42/2010/TT-BCT, and 32/2011/TT-BCT. However, all the above Circulars are expired now, except for Circulars Number 24/2010/TT-BCT and 32/2011/TT-BCT. The Circular Number 24/2010/TT-BCT regulates the application of automatic import licenses to certain products. The Circular Number 32/2011/TT-BCT amends the Circular Number 24/2010/TT-BCT by removing some items from the list of certain products subject to the automatic import licensing. Apart from the circulars noted above, Viet Nam has no other changes to import licensing regime since its accession to the WTO.

For the question of how the products were selected for inclusion in Circular 24, including food, agricultural products, and textiles and apparel items, Vietnam would like to reiterate that they are those goods that Viet Nam need to have more detailed and timely statistics and trade data for import assessment.

For the question concerning with what measure is being implemented through the import licensing procedures described in the Circular 24, Viet Nam would like to reiterate that the measure is the automatic import licensing in nature and in practice. The import licensing regulations and procedures completely comply with WTO's Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures.

<sup>1</sup> See document G/LIC/Q/VNM/2.