



**Committee on Import Licensing**

**THIRTEENTH BIENNIAL REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION  
OF THE AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES<sup>1</sup>**

Article 7.1 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures provides that "the Committee shall review as necessary, but at least once every two years, the implementation and operation of this Agreement, taking into account the objectives thereof, and the rights and obligations contained therein".

The main objectives of the Agreement are those listed in the preamble of the Agreement.

The information contained in this document covers the period from **23 October 2018 to 9 October 2020**.

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<sup>1</sup> This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

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## 1 COMMITTEE ON IMPORT LICENSING

### 1.1 Officers

#### **2019:**

**Chairperson:** Ms Carol Tsang (Hong Kong, China)  
**Vice-Chairperson:** Mr Gregory MacDonald (Canada)

#### **2020:**

**Chairperson:** Dr Muhammad Irfan (Pakistan)  
**Vice-Chairperson:** Mrs. Stephania Aquilina (Malta)

### 1.2 Members

Afghanistan	Denmark	Lao People's	Russian Federation	Venezuela,
Albania	Djibouti	Democratic	Rwanda	Bolivarian
Angola	Dominica	Republic	St. Kitts & Nevis	Rep. of
Antigua & Barbuda	Dominican Rep.	Lesotho	St. Lucia	Viet Nam
Argentina	Ecuador	Liberia,	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	Yemen
Armenia	Egypt	Liechtenstein	Samoa	Zambia
Australia	El Salvador	Lithuania	Saudi Arabia,	Zimbabwe
Austria	Estonia	Luxembourg	Kingdom of	
Bahrain,	Eswatini	Macao, China	Madagascar	
Kingdom of	European Union	Madagascar	Malawi	
Bangladesh	Fiji	Malaysia	Maldives	
Barbados	Finland	Mali	Malta	
Belgium	France	Mauritania	Mauritius	
Belize	Gabon	Mexico	Moldova, Rep. of	
Benin	Gambia, The	Mongolia	Montenegro	
Bolivia,	Georgia	Morocco	Mozambique	
plurinational	Germany	Myanmar	Namibia	
State of	Ghana	Nepal	Netherlands	
Botswana	Greece	Nicaragua	Niger	
Brazil	Grenada	Nigeria	North Macedonia	
Brunei	Guatemala	Norway	Oman	
Darussalam	Guinea			
Bulgaria	Guinea-Bissau			
Burkina Faso	Guyana			
Burundi	Haiti			
Cambodia	Honduras			
Cameroon	Hong Kong,			
Canada	China			
Cabo Verde	Hungary			
Central African	Iceland			
Rep.	India			
Chad	Indonesia			
Chile	Ireland			
	Israel			

China Colombia Congo Costa Rica Côte d'Ivoire Croatia Cuba Czech Rep. Cyprus Dem. Rep. of Congo	Italy Jamaica Japan Jordan Kazakhstan Kenya Korea, Rep. of Kuwait, the State of Kyrgyz Republic Latvia	Pakistan Panama Papua New Guinea Paraguay Peru Philippines Poland Portugal Qatar Romania	United Arab Emirates United Kingdom United States Uruguay Vanuatu	
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### 1.3 Observers

#### Observer Governments

Algeria Andorra Azerbaijan Bahamas Belarus Bhutan Bosnia and Herzegovina Comoros Curaçao Equatorial Guinea Ethiopia Holy See (Vatican) Iran	Iraq Lebanese Republic Libya Sao Tomé and Príncipe Serbia Somalia South Sudan Sudan Syrian Arab Republic Timor-Leste Turkmenistan Uzbekistan
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#### Observer Organizations

IMF, UNCTAD and the World Bank.

## 2 WORK OF THE COMMITTEE DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD (2019-2020)

### 2.1 Formal Committee meetings

2.1. In the two years under review, the Committee held three formal meetings, on 4 April and 4 October 2019, and on 9 October 2020. The minutes of these meetings are contained in documents G/LIC/M/49 and G/LIC/M/51 (to be issued), respectively.

2.2. At the formal meetings, the Committee: (i) reviewed Members' notifications under various provisions of the Agreement; (ii) exchanged views on specific trade concerns raised by Members through written questions and replies as well as through oral statements; (iii) reviewed and adopted its annual reports to the Council for Trade in Goods for 2019 and 2020, in accordance with Article 7.4 of the Agreement (G/L/1328 and G/L/1369); (iv) carried out the 13<sup>th</sup> biennial review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement under Article 7.1 on the basis of a report prepared by the Secretariat (G/LIC/W/54); (v) continued the discussion regarding improving transparency in notification procedures of the Agreement; and (vi) reviewed and launched the new import licensing website/database (<https://importlicensing.wto.org>).

#### 2.1.1 Review of notifications

2.3. Reviewing Members' notifications under various provisions of the Agreement has been an important function of the Committee. During the reporting period, the Committee reviewed 3 notifications submitted by 2 Members under Article 1.4(a) and/or 8.2(b); 243 notifications from 20 Members under Article 5.1-5.4; and 69 Replies to the Annual Questionnaire on Import Licensing

Procedures submitted by 39 Members under Article 7.3. The list of notifications submitted by Members during the reporting period is contained in Annexes I to IV.<sup>23</sup>

2.4. It is worth noting that there remain **14** Members who have not submitted any notification under the Agreement since joining the WTO (see Table 1). As emphasized by the Chairperson repeatedly at each formal meeting, Members that have not yet submitted the required notifications are urged to do so without delay. Members who have technical problems in preparing the notifications are requested to seek assistance from the Secretariat.

**Table 1: Members which have not yet notified under any provision of the Agreement<sup>4</sup>**

No.	Member	Date of WTO Membership
1	Belize	01.01.1995
2	Congo	27.03.1997
3	Djibouti	31.05.1995
4	Egypt	30.06.1995
5	Guinea	25.10.1995
6	Guinea-Bissau	31.05.1995
7	Liberia	14.07.2016
8	Mauritania	31.05.1995
9	Mozambique	26.08.1995
10	Sierra Leone	23.07.1995
11	Solomon Islands	26.07.1996
12	Tanzania	01.01.1995
13	Vanuatu	24.08.2012
14	Yemen	26.06.2014

2.5. Regarding the notification obligations under Article 7.3, in addition to the 14 Members listed in Table 1, the following **9** Members have not yet submitted their replies to the Annual Questionnaire.

**Table 2: Members which have not yet submitted any reply to the Annual Questionnaire under Article 7.3 of the Agreement**

No.	Member	Date of WTO Membership
1	Afghanistan	29.07.2016
2	Angola	23.11.1996
3	Benin	22.02.1996
4	Botswana	31.05.1995
5	Eswatini	01.01.1995
6	Niger	13.12.1996
7	Pakistan	01.01.1995
8	Papua New Guinea	09.06.1996
9	Samoa	10.05.2012

2.6. On the other hand, it is encouraging to see that one Member, Myanmar, has submitted its first notification regarding laws and regulations on its import licensing regime (G/LIC/N/1/MMR/1 and G/LIC/N/2/MMR/1) to the Committee during the review period.

2.7. Overall, it is recognized that increasing the level of notification compliance and improving the quality of notifications remains a big challenge for this Committee. Compared with the last review period (2017-2018), in this review period (2019-2020), the total number of Members' replies to the annual questionnaire has remained stable at 69. How to maintain a relatively high level of notification compliance while not placing an additional burden on Members remains an open question.

<sup>2</sup> New submissions from Costa Rica (G/LIC/N/3/CRI/17), Japan (G/LIC/N/3/JPN/19) and Thailand (G/LIC/N/3/THA/7) will be reviewed at the next Committee meeting.

<sup>3</sup> Corrigenda and Revisions included.

<sup>4</sup> Up to 9 October 2020.

### 2.1.2 Discussion of specific trade concerns

2.8. Another main function of the Committee is to afford Members the opportunity to consult on any matters relating to the operation of this Agreement and to raise specific trade concerns they may have regarding other Members' import licensing regimes or administrative practices.

2.9. Following the Rules of Procedures of this Agreement<sup>5</sup>, a total of ten documents containing written questions on import licensing systems maintained by other Members, and six documents containing replies, were circulated in the document G/LIC/Q/- series during the review period. These new or follow-up written questions were addressed to the following Members: Argentina; Brazil; Dominican Republic; Egypt; Ghana; Indonesia; Kenya; and Myanmar. The exchanges among Members based on written questions and replies have provided additional clarity regarding the import licensing practices/legislations of these Members (see Annex V).

2.10. In this regard, a working document titled "Consolidated paper of written questions and replies submitted to the Committee on Import Licensing since 1995" (G/LIC/W/51) has been prepared by the Secretariat with a view to providing Members with an easy reference to the G/LIC/Q series documents. At the formal meeting held on 22 October 2018, the Committee agreed that the Secretariat would update the document twice a year to include new submissions. In the review period, the document had been updated three times by the Secretariat, in document G/LIC/W/51/Rev.1, G/LIC/W/51/Rev.2, and G/LIC/W/51/Rev.3, respectively.

2.11. In addition, following requests from certain Members, a number of trade issues have also been included in the agenda of formal meetings during the review period (see Table 4). Some of these issues have been listed on the Committee's agenda for many years. At the meetings, the proponents expressed their views on relevant issues and Members concerned provided oral replies.

**Table 4: Trade issues included as separate agenda items at formal meetings**

No	Trade Concerns	Requested by	At formal meeting(s) on
1	Indonesia – Import licensing regime for cellphones, handheld computers and tablets	United States	04 APR 2019 04 OCT 2019 09 OCT 2020
2	Ghana – Import procedures and permits for poultry	United States	04 APR 2019 04 OCT 2019
3	Tunisia – Import restrictive measures of 28 November 2018: use of non-automatic licences	European Union	04 APR 2019
4	India – Import licensing requirements for boric acid	United States	04 APR 2019 04 OCT 2019 09 OCT 2020
5	India – Quantitative restrictions on certain pulses	Canada, Australia	04 OCT 2019 09 OCT 2020
6	Brazil – Importation of Nitrocellulose for industrial purposes in Brazil	European Union	04 OCT 2019 09 OCT 2020
7	China – Changes to import licensing for certain recoverable materials	United States	04 APR 2019 04 OCT 2019 09 OCT 2020
8	China – Importation of waste in China	European Union	04 OCT 2019
9	Dominican Republic – Import licensing permits for agricultural products	United States	04 APR 2019 04 OCT 2019
10	Viet Nam – Import licensing for cyber security products	United States	04 APR 2019
11	Thailand – Importation of feed wheat in Thailand	European Union	04 OCT 2019 09 OCT 2020

<sup>5</sup> At its meeting on 23 October 1996, the Committee reached the Understanding on Procedures for the Review of Notifications Submitted under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, circulated in document G/LIC/4. This Understanding provides that Members' views, and requests for clarification, should be communicated, in writing, to the delegations concerned with copies for information to the Secretariat preferably 21 days, but at least ten working days, in advance of the meeting at which they would be raised. Replies to the questions should also be forwarded to the delegations having raised the questions, in writing, with copies for information to the Secretariat. The questions and replies thus received would be circulated by the Secretariat.

No	Trade Concerns	Requested by	At formal meeting(s) on
12	Myanmar – Import licensing requirements for agricultural products	United States	04 OCT 2019
13	Egypt – Import licensing requirements for certain agricultural and processed products	European Union	09 OCT 2020
14	India – Importation of pneumatic tyres	European Union	09 OCT 2020
15	Indonesia – Import licensing regime for certain textile products	European Union	09 OCT 2020

### 2.1.3 Review and adoption of the Committee's Annual Report to the Council for Trade in Goods

2.12. In accordance with Article 7.4 of the Agreement, the Committee adopted, on the basis of the documents prepared by the Secretariat (G/LIC/W/52 and G/LIC/W/53), its annual reports to the Council for Trade in Goods. The reports for 2019 and 2020, were adopted and circulated as documents G/L/1328 and G/L/1369, respectively.

### 2.1.4 Thirteenth biennial review on the implementation and operation of the Agreement

2.13. Article 7.1 of the Agreement establishes that "the Committee shall review as necessary, but at least once every two years, the implementation and operation of this Agreement, taking into account the objectives thereof, and the rights and obligations contained therein."

2.14. Article 7.2 of the Agreement stipulates that "As a basis for the Committee review, the Secretariat shall prepare a factual report based on information provided under Article 5, responses to the annual questionnaire on import licensing procedures and other relevant reliable information which is available to it. This report shall provide a synopsis of the aforementioned information, in particular indicating any changes or developments during the period of the review, and including any other information as agreed by the Committee."

2.15. At its formal meeting of 9 October 2020, the Committee conducted the 13th biennial review (2019-2020) on the implementation and operation of the Agreement, based on a paper prepared by the Secretariat (G/LIC/W/54). The report was adopted and circulated in document G/LIC/29.

### 2.1.5 Improving transparency in notification procedures of the Agreement

2.16. Ensuring transparency of import licensing procedures applied by WTO Members is one of the main objectives of the Agreement. Taking into account the complexity of notification obligations under the Agreement and the low compliance rate, discussions have been undertaken by the Committee on how to improve transparency and notification procedures. Since 2016, "Improving transparency in notification procedures of the Agreement – Report by the Chairperson " has been included on the agenda of the Committee's formal meetings.

2.17. At three formal Committee meetings during the review period, the Chairpersons reported on their consultations on this issue. At these meetings, many Members indicated their support for the work carried out by the Chair and the Secretariat so far. Members also expressed their willingness to continue the work regarding improving transparency and streamlining notification procedures of the Agreement in the future.<sup>6</sup>

2.18. At its formal meeting held on 4 April 2019, the Committee agreed to a new notification form under Article 5.1-5.4 for Members to use on a voluntary basis, contained in document G/LIC/28. At the meeting on 9 October 2020, the Committee launched the new import licensing website (<https://importlicensing.wto.org>) and opened its access to the public. Both developments were welcomed by Members as they improved transparency of Committee work.

<sup>6</sup> Discussion details are reflected in the relevant paragraphs of documents G/LIC/M/49, G/LIC/M/50, and G/LIC/M/51, respectively.

## 2.2 Informal Committee meetings

2.19. During the review period, the Committee held five informal meetings. One informal meeting was held under the chairpersonship of Ms Lorena Rivera Orjuela (Colombia). The meeting on 8 March 2019<sup>7</sup> discussed two issues: (i) the follow-up work on the new import licensing website; and (ii) the new form for notifications under Article 5.1-5.4. At the request of the Chair, the delegation of Hong Kong, China introduced its experience in updating the Member Profile on the website. The Secretariat made a presentation on technical issues relating to notifications, such as the deadline for updating Member Profiles; how to submit updates of the annual questionnaire; and possible approaches to harmonizing product descriptions. Members exchanged views on these topics. At the request of the Chair, the Secretariat introduced the new notification form for notifications under Article 5.1-5.4 of the Agreement. Japan, Switzerland, Chinese Taipei, and other Members that had used the form on a voluntary basis, shared their experience with the Committee.

2.20. The other four informal meetings during the review period were held under the chairpersonship of Ms. Carol Tsang (Hong Kong, China). At the informal meeting of 18 September 2019<sup>8</sup>, the Committee listened to the Secretariat's report regarding progress made on the import licensing website. Members also shared views on the verification process of *Member Profiles* on the website. On the future work of the Committee, the Chair outlined six issues for Members' reflection: (i) how to improve the level of notification performance? (ii) whether the annual questionnaire should be simplified? (iii) how to improve the functioning of the Committee, with a view to facilitating Members' participation in the work of the Committee? (iv) coordination and synergies with other Committees. For example, links between notifications of non-automatic import licensing measures in this Committee and those under the QR Decision; (v) frequency and timing of formal Committee meetings; (vi) how to make the biennial review of the Agreement under Article 7.1 more effective? Members exchanged views on these topics.

2.21. At the informal meeting held on 29 January 2020<sup>9</sup>, the Chairperson, based on her consultations with Members, outlined certain challenges Members faced in preparing their Replies to the Annual Questionnaire under Article 7.3, namely: (i) a lack of understanding of the notification obligations under the Agreement; (ii) the Questionnaire being too long and difficult to understand; (iii) the frequency of annual notifications being too burdensome; (iv) the difficulty in coordinating among agencies in Capitals; and (v) the submission of N/3 notifications not being accorded priority in Capitals. She also listed possible ways to address these difficulties. The Secretariat made a presentation on Members' notification compliance under Article 7.3 and outlined some related issues. In addition, the Chairperson proposed that the new import licensing website be launched at the next formal meeting of the Committee, scheduled for 1 April 2020 (this meeting was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic). At the meeting, Members also exchanged views on certain operational issues, such as the Committee's year plan of meetings and annotated agenda.

2.22. At the (virtual) informal Committee meeting held on 5 June 2020, Members exchanged views on how to review pending notifications, on the election of a new Chairperson via written procedures, and on a possible date for the Committee's next formal meeting.

## 3 TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES

3.1. In order to improve developing Member officials' understanding of the Agreement and to strengthen their capacity to prepare and analyse import licensing notifications, the Secretariat organized the third Geneva-based Workshop on Import Licensing from 30 September to 4 October 2019. Thirty government officials representing thirty developing Members (including LDCs) participated in the five-day workshop. Participants found the workshop useful and indicated that it had facilitated their preparation of notifications under various provisions of the Agreement. As a concrete result, this review period witnessed several participating Members either submitting their first notification to the Committee or updating their import licensing-related legislation or replies to the annual questionnaire soon after the workshop. Due to COVID-19 pandemic and related

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<sup>7</sup> The convening email for this informal meeting was circulated on 25 February 2019.

<sup>8</sup> The convening emails for these meetings were circulated on 25 July and 11 September 2019, respectively.

<sup>9</sup> The convening emails for these meetings were circulated on 4 December 2019 and 17 January 2020, respectively.

travel restrictions, the 4<sup>th</sup> Workshop on Import Licensing and Notifications, which had been scheduled to take place in Geneva in April 2020, had to be postponed to 2021.

3.2. During the review period, upon the request of individual WTO Members, Member-specific technical assistance workshops on import licensing and notifications were held in 2019 in the Kingdom of Bahrain, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar, the Philippines, Chinese Taipei, and Macao, China. Feedback from Members indicated that these technical assistance activities not only improved overall understanding of the Agreement but also effectively enhanced the capacity of relevant government officials to prepare their import licensing notifications. At the Committee's formal meetings, Members encouraged the Secretariat to continue its targeted technical assistance in this regard.

3.3. In addition, training sessions on import licensing issues were also presented during the Advanced Trade Policy Course (ATPC) in Geneva, the Regional Trade Policy Course (RTPC) for French-speaking Africa, and the National Workshop on WTO Notification Requirements held in Zimbabwe.

3.4. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, no on-the-ground technical assistance activities had been held since March 2020. Nevertheless, an online presentation on import licensing was delivered to Caribbean country officials during a virtual RTPC for the region, as well as for East Timor officials in the context of its accession to the WTO.

#### **4 CONSULTATION AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT**

4.1. On 22 October 2018, Brazil (document G/LIC/D/53) made a request for consultations on "*China – Certain Measures Concerning Imports of Sugar*"(DS568), where Article 1 (*inter alia*, Article 1.2 and 1.3); Article 2 (*inter alia*, Article 2.2(a)); and Article 3 (*inter alia*, Article 3.2 and 3.3) of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures had been cited. The case was at the consultation stage.

#### **5 ANALYSIS OF DEVELOPMENTS IN MEMBERS' NOTIFICATION COMPLIANCE**

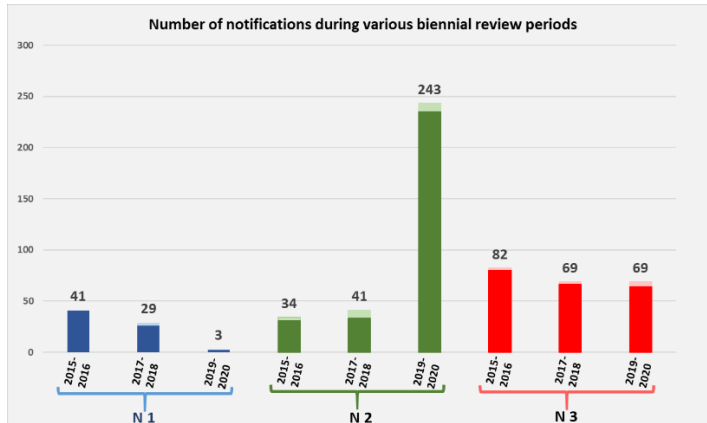
5.1. It was recognized that the new notification template contained in document G/LIC/28 had not only reduced the workload of the government officials preparing these notifications, but had also improved transparency in relation to Members' import licensing regimes. In addition, the clear and structured information provided through a wide use of the new notification template had made it possible for the first time for the Secretariat to undertake an in-depth analysis on notifications in this biennial report. In this regard, the Secretariat compared the notifications submitted in this review period with past notifications and summarized its findings as follows:

##### **5.1 Significant increase of notifications submitted under Article 5.1-5.4**

5.2. A comparison of the number of notifications reviewed among the three most recent biennial cycles showed that, in comparison with the two previous review periods (2015-2016 and 2017-2018), there had been a significant increase in N/2 notifications in the period under review. As demonstrated in Graph 1, the number of notifications submitted under Article 5.1-5.4 had increased almost six-fold. In contrast, the drop in N/1 notifications during this period could partially be attributed to the fact that more Members had used the new notification form to fulfil their notification obligations under the three provisions instead of using two separate forms for notifications under Article 1.4(a), Article 8.2(b), and Article 5.1-5.4 (G/LIC/22).



**Graph 1: Number of notifications submitted in past review periods**

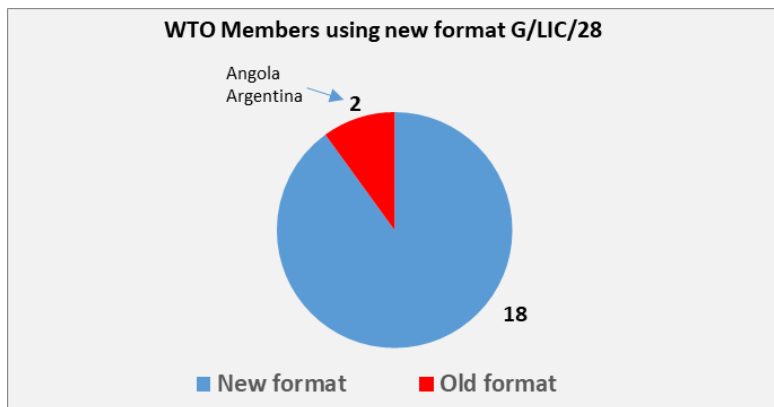


Note: The lightly shaded section in each column indicates the number of notification addenda and corrigenda. The number at the top of each column shows the total number of notifications submitted during the review periods, including addenda and corrigenda.

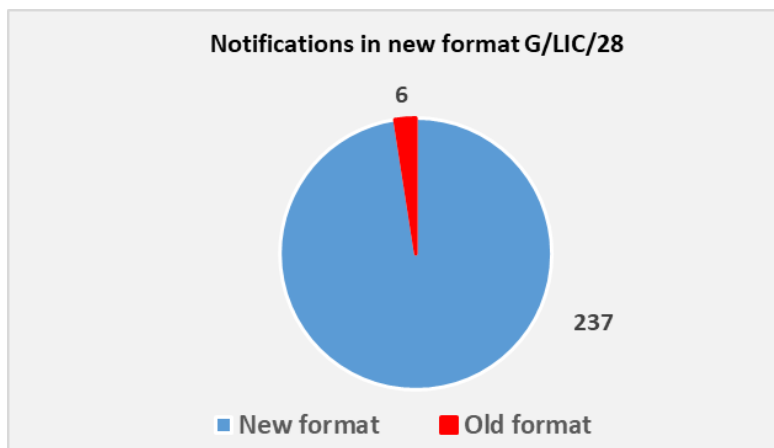
**5.2 More Members beginning to use the new notification form**

5.3. Since the new form's official introduction, Members have shown enthusiasm for it, and the majority of N/2 notifications submitted during the review period were submitted using the new format. As highlighted in Graph 2, among the 21 Members that submitted new N/2 notifications, 19 Members had used the new form. Only two Members used other formats. In terms of notifications, 237 out of 243 new N/2 notifications had been submitted using the new format (Graph 3).

**Graph 2: WTO Members using new notification templates**



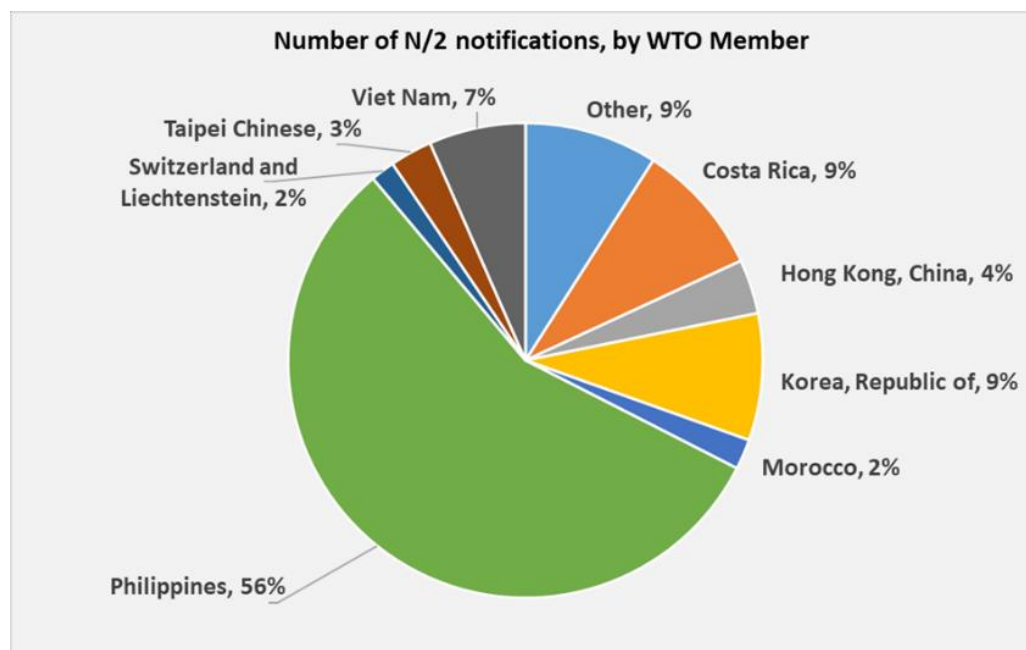
**Graph 3: N/2 notifications in new template**



### 5.3 A few WTO Members out-performed others in N/2 notification submissions

5.4. Graph 4 shows how relatively few developing Members together contributed the majority of new submissions. In particular, the Philippines submitted most of the N/2 notifications (137) in this review period, followed by Costa Rica (22), the Republic of Korea (21), Viet Nam (16), Hong Kong, China (9), and Chinese Taipei (7). Graph 4 provides a detailed review of the number of N/2 notifications submitted by Members.

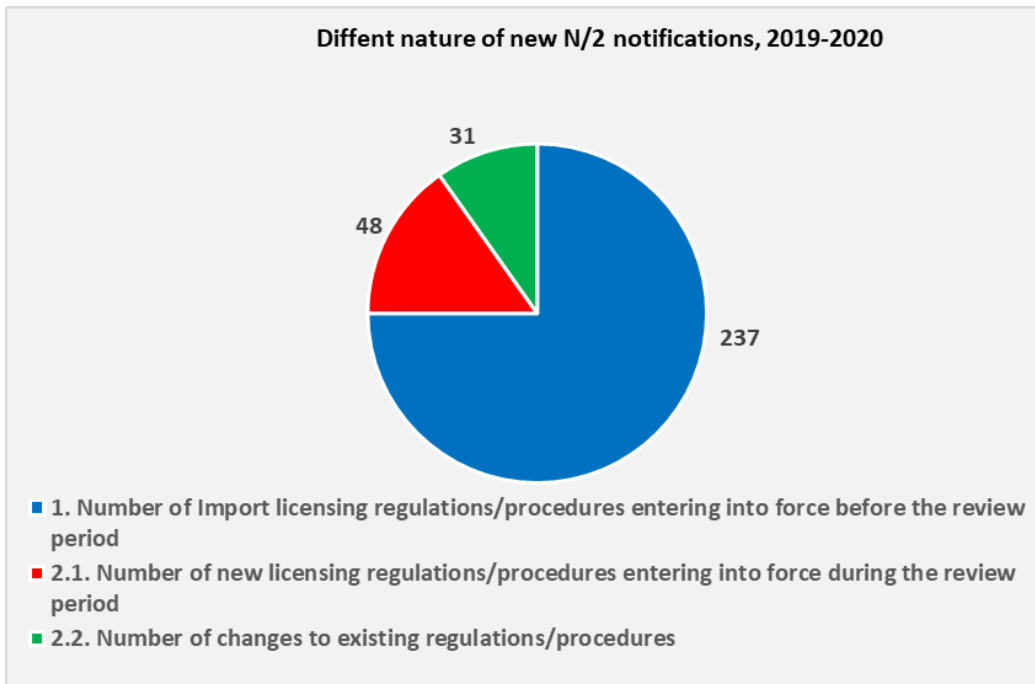
**Graph 4: Members submitting most N/2 notifications during the review period**



### 5.4 The majority of new N/2 notifications provided information on unnotified legislation in force

5.5. The new notification template could be used to notify newly introduced import licensing measures, as well as measures and legislation in force that had not yet been notified to the Committee. Graph 5 showed that the majority of import licensing-related legislations and procedures (237) that were notified concerned import licensing-related legislation and procedures in force that had not previously been notified to the Committee. The other 79 legislations and procedures included 48 cases of newly introduced import licensing regulations/procedures and 31 cases of changes to existing procedures that had entered into force during the current 2019-2020 period.

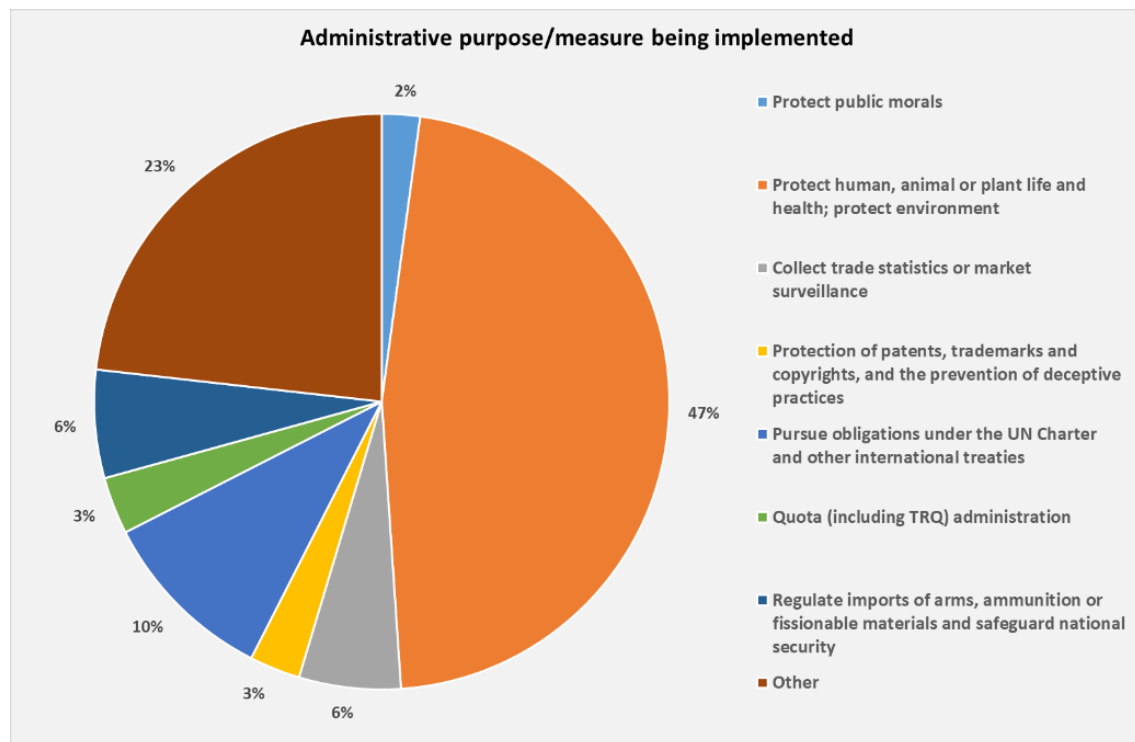
**Graph 5: Different nature of new N/2 notifications (2019-2020)**



## 5.5 Protecting human, animal or plant life and health, and protection of the environment as primary reasons for using import licensing measures

5.6. On administrative purposes/measures being implemented, among all those reported, 47% concerned the protection of human, animal or plant life and health, and protection of the environment; 10% concerned obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (including CITES, the Basel Convention, the Rotterdam Convention, and UNSC Resolutions); 6% concerned the regulation of the imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguards to national security; 6% concerned the collection of trade statistics or market surveillance; 3% concerned the protection of patents, trademarks, and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; 3% concerned quota (including TRQ) administration; and, finally, 2% concerned the protection of public morals (Graph 6).

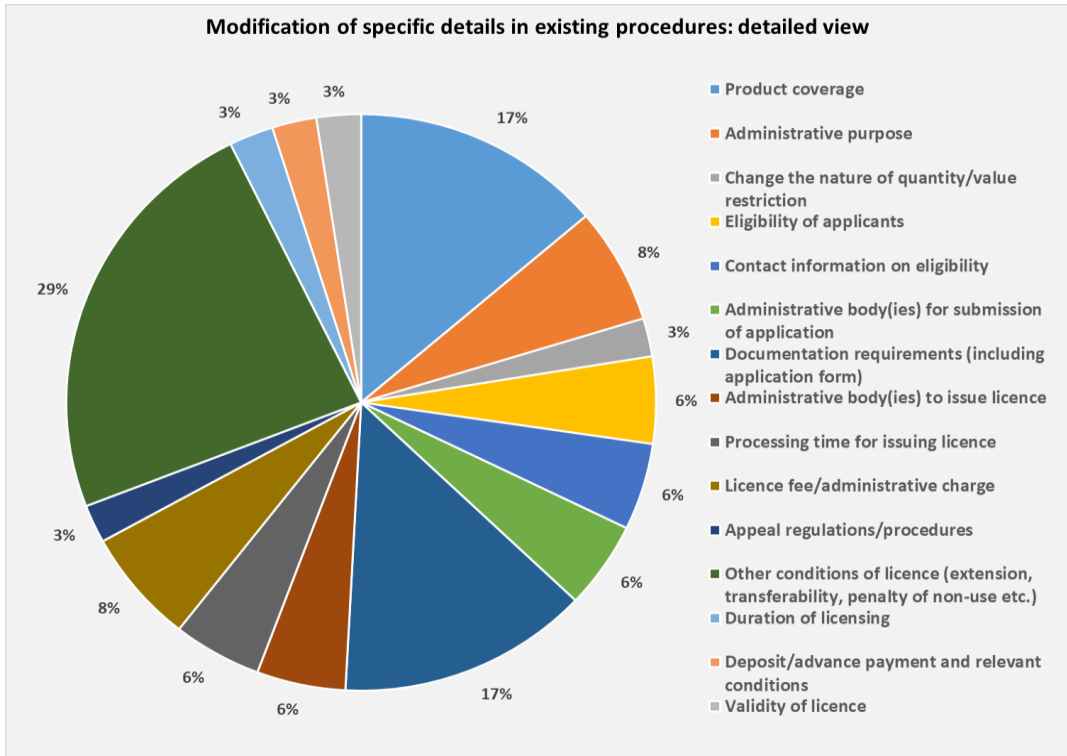
**Graph 6: Different administrative purposes for applying import licensing measures**



## 5.6 Specific changes to legislation/procedures introduced by Members focussing on licensing terms, product coverage, and document requirements

5.7. With regard to further details of policy changes, the vast majority of changes (28 out of 32) were reported to undertake "*modifications of specific details in the existing legislations/procedures*". Further analysis showed that over a third of notifications introduced changes in other licence conditions (including extension, transferability, and penalty of non-use); and around 17% of modifications concerned changes in product coverage and documentation requirements (including application form) (see Graph 7).

**Graph 7: Modification of specific details in existing procedures: details view**



**ANNEX I**

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD  
(FROM 23.10.2018 - 09.10.2020)

MEMBER	ARTICLE 1.4 (a)/ 8.2 (b)	ARTICLE 5	ARTICLE 7.3
AFGHANISTAN			
ALBANIA			G/LIC/N/3/ALB/8 G/LIC/N/3/ALB/9
ANGOLA		G/LIC/N/2/AGO/1 G/LIC/N/2/AGO/2	
ANTIGUA & BARBUDA			
ARGENTINA		G/LIC/N/2/ARG/28/Add.5 G/LIC/N/2/ARG/28/Add.6 G/LIC/N/2/ARG/28/Add.7 G/LIC/N/2/ARG/28/Add.7/Corr.1	G/LIC/N/3/ARG/15
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BURUNDI			
CAMBODIA			
CAMEROON			G/LIC/N/3/CMR/8 G/LIC/N/3/CAN/18 G/LIC/N/3/CAN/19
CANADA			
CABO VERDE			
CENTRAL AFRICAN REP.			
CHAD			
CHILE			
CHINA			G/LIC/N/3/CHN/16 G/LIC/N/3/CHN/17 G/LIC/N/3/CHN/18 G/LIC/N/3/CHN/18/Corr.1 G/LIC/N/3/COL/12 G/LIC/N/3/COL/13
COLOMBIA			
CONGO			
CONGO, DEM. REP.			
COSTA RICA		G/LIC/N/2/CRI/3-24	G/LIC/N/3/CRI/13 G/LIC/N/3/CRI/14 G/LIC/N/3/CRI/15 G/LIC/N/3/CRI/16 G/LIC/N/3/CRI/17
CÔTE D'IVOIRE			
CROATIA			
CUBA			G/LIC/N/3/CUB/10
DOMINICA			
DOMINICAN REP.			
ECUADOR			
EGYPT			
EL SALVADOR			G/LIC/N/3/SLV/3 G/LIC/N/3/SLV/4

MEMBER	ARTICLE 1.4 (a)/ 8.2 (b)	ARTICLE 5	ARTICLE 7.3
EUROPEAN UNION		G/LIC/N/2/EU/13	G/LIC/N/3/EU/8 G/LIC/N/3/EU/8/Corr.1 G/LIC/N/3/EU/9
FIJI			
GABON			
GAMBIA, THE			
GEORGIA			G/LIC/N/3/GEO/8
GHANA			
GRENADA			
GUATEMALA			
GUINEA BISSAU			
GUINEA, REP. OF			
GUYANA			
HAITI			
HONDURAS			
HONG KONG, CHINA		G/LIC/N/2/HKG/9 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/10 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/11 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/12 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/13 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/14 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/15 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/15/Corr.1 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/16	G/LIC/N/3/HKG/23
ICELAND			
INDIA			G/LIC/N/3/IND/18 G/LIC/N/3/IND/19
INDONESIA		G/LIC/N/2/IDN/43 G/LIC/N/2/IDN/44	G/LIC/N/3/IDN/11
ISRAEL			
JAMAICA			
JAPAN			G/LIC/N/3/JPN/18 G/LIC/N/3/JPN/19
JORDAN			
KAZAKHSTAN			G/LIC/N/3/KAZ/3 G/LIC/N/3/KAZ/4
KENYA			
KOREA, REP. OF		G/LIC/N/2/KOR/3-23	G/LIC/N/3/KOR/12
KUWAIT, THE STATE OF			
KYRGYZ REP.			
LAO, PDR			
LESOTHO			
LIECHTENSTEIN <sup>10</sup>			
MACAO, CHINA		G/LIC/N/2/MAC/1	G/LIC/N/3/MAC/22 G/LIC/N/3/MAC/22/Corr.1 G/LIC/N/3/MAC/23
MADAGASCAR			
MALAWI			
MALAYSIA			G/LIC/N/3/MYS/14 G/LIC/N/3/MYS/14/Corr.1
MALDIVES			
MALI			
MAURITANIA			
MAURITIUS			G/LIC/N/3/MUS/9 G/LIC/N/3/MUS/10 G/LIC/N/3/MEX/6
MEXICO			
MOLDOVA, REP. OF			
MONGOLIA			
MONTENEGRO			G/LIC/N/3/MNE/3 G/LIC/N/3/MNE/4 G/LIC/N/3/MNE/4/Corr.1
MOROCCO		G/LIC/N/2/MAR/2 G/LIC/N/2/MAR/3	

<sup>10</sup> Please refer to Switzerland.

MEMBER	ARTICLE 1.4 (a)/ 8.2 (b)	ARTICLE 5	ARTICLE 7.3
		G/LIC/N/2/MAR/4 G/LIC/N/2/MAR/5 G/LIC/N/2/MAR/5/Corr.1	
MOZAMBIQUE			
MYANMAR	G/LIC/N/1/MMR/1	G/LIC/N/2/MMR/1 G/LIC/N/2/MMR/2	
NAMIBIA			
NEPAL			
NEW ZEALAND			G/LIC/N/3/NZL/6
NICARAGUA			G/LIC/N/3/NIC/10
NIGER			
NIGERIA			
NORTH MACEDONIA			
NORWAY			
OMAN			
PAKISTAN			
PANAMA			G/LIC/N/3/PAN/9 G/LIC/N/3/PAN/10 G/LIC/N/3/PAN/11
PAPUA NEW GUINEA			
PARAGUAY			
PERU			
PHILIPPINES		G/LIC/N/2/PHL/3-139	G/LIC/N/3/PHL/13
QATAR			
RUSSIAN FEDERATION		G/LIC/N/2/RUS/3 G/LIC/N/2/RUS/4	G/LIC/N/3/RUS/5
RWANDA			
ST. KITTS & NEVIS			
ST. LUCIA			
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES			
SAMOA			
SAUDI ARABIA, KINGDOM OF		G/LIC/N/2/SAU/2	
SEYCHELLES		G/LIC/N/2/SYC/1	G/LIC/N/3/SYC/3
SENEGAL			
SIERRA LEONE			
SINGAPORE		G/LIC/N/2/SGP/6 G/LIC/N/2/SGP/7	G/LIC/N/3/SGP/14 G/LIC/N/3/SGP/15
SOLOMON ISLANDS			
SOUTH AFRICA			G/LIC/N/3/ZAF/7 G/LIC/N/3/ZAF/8
SRI LANKA			
SURINAME			
SWAZILAND			
SWITZERLAND		G/LIC/N/2/CHE/3 G/LIC/N/2/CHE/4 G/LIC/N/2/CHE/5 G/LIC/N/2/CHE/6	G/LIC/N/3/CHE/15 G/LIC/N/3/CHE/16
THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU		G/LIC/N/2/TPKM/8 G/LIC/N/2/TPKM/9 G/LIC/N/2/TPKM/10 G/LIC/N/2/TPKM/11 G/LIC/N/2/TPKM/12 G/LIC/N/2/TPKM/13 G/LIC/N/2/TPKM/13/Rev.1	G/LIC/N/3/TPKM/10
TAJIKISTAN	G/LIC/N/1/TJK/2 G/LIC/N/1/TJK/2/Corr.1		
TANZANIA			
THAILAND		G/LIC/N/2/THA/5	G/LIC/N/3/THA/7
TOGO			
TONGA			



MEMBER	ARTICLE 1.4 (a)/ 8.2 (b)	ARTICLE 5	ARTICLE 7.3
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO			
TUNISIA			
TURKEY			G/LIC/N/3/TUR/16
UGANDA			
UKRAINE		G/LIC/N/2/UKR/8 G/LIC/N/2/UKR/8/Add.1 G/LIC/N/2/UKR/9	G/LIC/N3/UKR/12
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES			
UNITED STATES			G/LIC/N/3/USA/16
URUGUAY			G/LIC/N/3/URY/12 G/LIC/N/3/URY/13 G/LIC/N/3/URY/14
VANUATU			
VENEZUELA, BOLIVARIAN REP. OF			
VIET NAM		G/LIC/N/2/VNM/3-18	
ZAMBIA			
ZIMBABWE			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>243</b> (Corrigendum or Revision included)	<b>69</b>

**ANNEX II**

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER ARTICLE 1.4(A) AND/OR 8.2(B)  
DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD  
(23.10.2018 - 09.10.2020)

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE DOCUMENT</b>
MYANMAR	G/LIC/N/1/MMR/1	25.03.2019
TAJIKISTAN	G/LIC/N/1/TJK/2 G/LIC/N/1/TJK/2/Corr.1	19.12.2018 15.02.2019
<b>2 Members</b>	<b>3 Notifications</b>	

**ANNEX III****NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER ARTICLE 5.1-5.4 DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD  
(23.10.2018 - 09.10.2020)**

<b>MEMBER</b>	<b>DOCUMENT</b>	<b>DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE DOCUMENT</b>
ANGOLA	G/LIC/N/2/AGO/1 G/LIC/N/2/AGO/2	30.10.2018 30.10.2018
ARGENTINA	G/LIC/N/2/ARG/28/Add.5 G/LIC/N/2/ARG/28/Add.6 G/LIC/N/2/ARG/28/Add.7 G/LIC/N/2/ARG/28/Add.7/Corr.1	05.03.2020 14.04.2020 29.07.2020 19.08.2020
COSTA RICA	G/LIC/N/2/CRI/3 G/LIC/N/2/CRI/4-24	12.12.2018 05.02.2020
EUROPEAN UNION	G/LIC/N/2/EU/13	21.09.2020
HONG KONG, CHINA	G/LIC/N/2/HKG/9 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/10 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/11 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/12 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/13 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/14 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/15 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/15/Corr.1 G/LIC/N/2/HKG/16	08.02.2019 08.02.2019 08.02.2019 07.03.2019 12.09.2019 25.02.2020 26.05.2020 02.06.2020 28.08.2020
INDONESIA	G/LIC/N/2/IDN/43-44	18.10.2019
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	G/LIC/N/2/KOR/3-6 G/LIC/N/2/KOR/7-19 G/LIC/N/2/KOR/20-23	11.11.2019 12.11.2019 13.11.2019
MACAO, CHINA	G/LIC/N/2/MAC/1	24.06.2020
MOROCCO	G/LIC/N/2/MAR/2 G/LIC/N/2/MAR/3 G/LIC/N/2/MAR/4 G/LIC/N/2/MAR/5 G/LIC/N/2/MAR/5/Corr.1	12.09.2019 12.09.2019 12.09.2019 26.02.2020 06.03.2020
MYANMAR	G/LIC/N/2/MMR/1 G/LIC/N/2/MMR/2	25.03.2019 16.09.2020
PHILIPPINES	G/LIC/N/2/PHL/3-18 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/19-22 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/23-32 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/33-37 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/38-39 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/40-41 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/42-47 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/48-52 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/53-65 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/66-72 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/73 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/74-83 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/84-94 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/95-105 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/106-115 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/116-118 G/LIC/N/2/PHL/119-139	10.03.2020 11.03.2020 12.03.2020 26.03.2020 27.03.2020 31.03.2020 01.04.2020 02.04.2020 09.04.2020 20.04.2020 23.04.2020 24.04.2020 29.04.2020 06.05.2020 18.05.2020 28.07.2020 24.08.2020
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	G/LIC/N/2/RUS/3 G/LIC/N/2/RUS/4	09.08.2019 09.08.2019
SAUDI ARABIA, KINGDOM OF	G/LIC/N/2/SAU/2	11.02.2020
SEYCHELLES	G/LIC/N/2/SYC/1	24.06.2020
SINGAPORE	G/LIC/N/2/SGP/6 G/LIC/N/2/SGP/7	13.09.2019 30.04.2020

MEMBER	DOCUMENT	DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE DOCUMENT
SWITZERLAND AND LIECHTENSTEIN	G/LIC/N/2/CHE/3 <sup>11</sup>	07.03.2019
	G/LIC/N/2/CHE/4-6	01.10.2019
THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU	G/LIC/N/2/TPKM/8-13	14.10.2019
	G/LIC/N/2/TPKM/13/Rev.1	08.04.2020
THAILAND	G/LIC/N/2/THA/5	04.06.2020
UKRAINE	G/LIC/N/2/UKR/8	26.03.2019
	G/LIC/N/2/UKR/8/Add.1	02.04.2019
	G/LIC/N/2/UKR/9	05.02.2020
VIET NAM	G/LIC/N/2/VNM/3-18	16.12.2019
<b>20 Members</b>	<b>243 Notifications</b> (Corrigendum or Revision included)	

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<sup>11</sup> Only Switzerland

## ANNEX IV

NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED UNDER ARTICLE 7.3 DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD  
(23.10.2018 - 09.10.2020)

MEMBER (YEAR NOTIFIED FOR)		DOCUMENT	DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE DOCUMENT
ALBANIA	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/ALB/8	20.11.2019
	(2020)	G/LIC/N/3/ALB/9	23.09.2020
ARGENTINA	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/ARG/15	19.09.2019
AUSTRALIA	(2018)	G/LIC/N/3/AUS/11	20.09.2019
	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/AUS/12	23.09.2019
BAHRAIN, KINGDOM OF	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/BHR/3	17.12.2019
CAMEROON	(2018-2019)	G/LIC/N/3/CMR/8	01.10.2019
CANADA	(2018)	G/LIC/N/3/CAN/18	25.09.2019
	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/CAN/19	10.07.2020
CHINA	(2017)	G/LIC/N/3/CHN/16	30.01.2020
	(2018)	G/LIC/N/3/CHN/17	30.01.2020
	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/CHN/18	30.01.2020
		G/LIC/N/3/CHN/18/Corr.1	05.02.2020
COLOMBIA	(2018)	G/LIC/N/3/COL/12	22.03.2019
	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/COL/13	16.04.2020
COSTA RICA	(2016)	G/LIC/N/3/CRI/13	12.12.2018
	(2017)	G/LIC/N/3/CRI/14	12.12.2018
	(2018)	G/LIC/N/3/CRI/15	12.12.2018
	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/CRI/16	10.02.2020
	(2020)	G/LIC/N/3/CRI/17	06.10.2020
CUBA	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/CUB/10	13.03.2020
EL SALVADOR	(2018)	G/LIC/N/3/SLV/3	17.12.2018
	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/SLV/4	27.08.2020
EUROPEAN UNION	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/EU/8	25.09.2019
	(2020)	G/LIC/N/3/EU/8/Corr.1	01.10.2019
		G/LIC/N/3/EU/9	16.09.2020
GEORGIA	(2018)	G/LIC/N/3/GEO/8	19.11.2018
HONG KONG, CHINA	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/HKG/23	08.10.2019
INDIA	(2018)	G/LIC/N/3/IND/18	17.01.2019
	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/IND/19	04.11.2019
INDONESIA	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/IDN/11	28.02.2020
JAPAN	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/JPN/18	09.10.2019
		G/LIC/N/3/JPN/19	06.10.2020
KAZAKHSTAN	(2018)	G/LIC/N/3/KAZ/3	26.02.2019
	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/KAZ/4	20.11.2019
KOREA, REPUBLIC OF	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/KOR/12	20.12.2019
MACAO, CHINA	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/MAC/22	27.05.2019
	(2020)	G/LIC/N/3/MAC/22/Corr.1	17.10.2019
		G/LIC/N/3/MAC/23	15.07.2020
MALAYSIA	(2018-2019)	G/LIC/N/3/MYS/14	08.04.2020
		G/LIC/N/3/MYS/14/Corr.1	24.04.2020
MAURITIUS	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/MUS/9	20.02.2020
	(2020)	G/LIC/N/3/MUS/10	25.09.2020
MEXICO	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/MEX/6	24.09.2019
MONTENEGRO	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/MNE/3	27.05.2019
	(2020)	G/LIC/N/3/MNE/4	08.07.2020
		G/LIC/N/3/MNE/4/Corr.1	21.09.2020
NEW ZEALAND	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/NZL/6	01.11.2019
NICARAGUA	(2018)	G/LIC/N/3/NIC/10	14.03.2019
PANAMA	(2018)	G/LIC/N/3/PAN/9	20.05.2019
	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/PAN/10	20.05.2019
	(2020)	G/LIC/N/3/PAN/11	22.06.2020
PHILIPPINES	(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/PHL/13	16.09.2020

MEMBER (YEAR NOTIFIED FOR)	DOCUMENT	DATE OF ISSUANCE OF THE DOCUMENT
RUSSIAN FEDERATION (2019)	G/LIC/N/3/RUS/5	09.10.2019
SEYCHELLES (2020)	G/LIC/N/3/SYC/3	18.09.2020
SINGAPORE (2018)	G/LIC/N/3/SGP/14	26.11.2018
(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/SGP/15	24.04.2020
SOUTH AFRICA (2018)	G/LIC/N/3/ZAF/7	19.12.2018
(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/ZAF/8	04.11.2019
SWITZERLAND-LIECHTENSTEIN (2019)	G/LIC/N/3/CHE/15	08.10.2019
(2020)	G/LIC/N/3/CHE/16	08.10.2020
THAILAND (2020)	G/LIC/N/3/THA/7	06.10.2020
THE SEPARATE CUSTOMS TERRITORY OF TAIWAN, PENGHU, KINMEN AND MATSU (2019)	G/LIC/N/3/TPKM/10	01.11.2019
TURKEY (2019)	G/LIC/N/3/TUR/16	26.03.2020
UKRAINE (2019)	G/LIC/N/3/UKR/12	02.10.2019
UNITED STATES (2019)	G/LIC/N/3/USA/16	28.01.2020
URUGUAY (2018)	G/LIC/N/3/URY/12	25.01.2019
(2019)	G/LIC/N/3/URY/13	17.10.2019
(2020)	G/LIC/N/3/URY/14	22.07.2020
<b>39 Members</b>	<b>69 Notifications</b> (Corrigendum or Revision included)	

## ANNEX V

### WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND REPLIES SUBMITTED BY MEMBERS DURING THE REVIEW PERIOD (23.10.2018 - 09.10.2020)

MEMBER CONCERNED	QUESTIONS POSED BY MEMBER		REPLIES BY MEMBER	
ARGENTINA	G/LIC/Q/ARG/18 (25.09.2020)	Questions from the <u>United States</u> to Argentina regarding the import licensing regime of Argentina		
BRAZIL	G/LIC/Q/BRA/24 (15.05.2019)	Follow-up questions from the <u>European Union</u> to Brazil	G/LIC/Q/BRA/25 (14.10.2019)	Replies from <u>Brazil</u> to questions from the European Union
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	G/LIC/Q/DOM/1 (01.05.2019)  G/LIC/Q/DOM/2 (12.03.2020)	Questions from the <u>United States</u> to the Dominican Republic on its import licensing system  Questions from the <u>United States</u> to the Dominican Republic		
EGYPT	G/LIC/Q/EGY/3 (22.07.2020)	Questions from the <u>United States</u> to Egypt	G/LIC/Q/EGY/2 (30.03.2020)	Replies from <u>Egypt</u> to the European Union
GHANA	G/LIC/Q/GHA/2 (06.03.2019)  G/LIC/Q/GHA/4 (23.09.2019)	Questions from the <u>United States</u> to Ghana  Follow-up questions from the <u>United States</u> to Ghana regarding its replies contained in G/LIC/Q/GHA/3	G/LIC/Q/GHA/3 (08.04.2019)	Replies from <u>Ghana</u> to the United States
INDONESIA	G/LIC/Q/IDN/41 (25.09.2020)	Questions from <u>Japan</u> to Indonesia		
KENYA	G/LIC/Q/KEN/1 (12.03.2020)	Questions from the <u>United States</u> to Kenya	G/LIC/Q/KEN/2 (27.07.2020)	Replies from <u>Kenya</u> to the United States
MYANMAR	G/LIC/Q/MMR/1 (24.09.2019)	Questions from the <u>United States</u> to Myanmar	G/LIC/Q/MMR/2 (27.11.2019)	Replies from <u>Myanmar</u> to the United States
RUSSIAN FEDERATION			G/LIC/Q/RUS/5 (08.04.2019)	Replies from the <u>Russian Federation</u> to the European Union