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## AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

## NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 1.4(A)<sup>1</sup> AND/OR ARTICLE 8.2(B)<sup>2</sup> OF THE AGREEMENT

## PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA

The following notification, dated 22 February 2016, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Plurinational State of Bolivia.

1. Notification under Article 1.4(a) [X]; Article 8.2(b) [ ] (If the notification is made under both Articles please mark both with an X) 2. Source(s) where the import licensing procedure(s) has(ve) been published (Official Gazette, publication, website, etc.): Supreme Decree No. 2600 of 18 November 2015 was published in the Official Gazette of the Plurinational State of Bolivia (Gazette No. 0808, La Paz, Bolivia) on 18 November 2015 3. Date of publication<sup>1</sup>: 18 November 2015 Effective date of requirement: Subject to approval of the attached draft Ministerial Resolution\* Copy(ies) of publication (in case of Art. 1.4(a))3 and/or legislation (in case of 4. Art. 8.2(b))<sup>4</sup> is(are) available for consultation by Members: [X] at the WTO Secretariat (Market Access Division) (In this case please attach copies of the publication and/or legislation, if possible in electronic format: Microsoft Word or compatible software.) and/or [] by request at the following address and fax numbers, and/or email and website: 5. In the case that they are not in one of the three WTO official languages (English, French or Spanish), a SUMMARY of the publication (in case of Art. 1.4(a)) and/or the legislation (in case of Art. 8.2(b))<sup>4</sup>:

<sup>\*</sup> Available for consultation in the Market Access Division (Spanish only).

6. Other pertinent data or information (i.e. title of the proposed or adopted law/regulation establishing the import licensing procedure):

The draft Ministerial Resolution provides that goods falling under the following tariff subheading are subject to prior authorization (non-automatic licensing):

9504.90.91.00: Gambling games and games of chance

It should be noted that this tariff subheading is contained in the Bolivian Customs Tariff, the structure of which is based on the Harmonized System (fifth amendment) and the NANDINA.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> "[...] Publication shall take place, whenever practicable, 21 days prior to the effective date of the requirement but in all events not later than such effective date. Any exception, derogations or changes in or from the rules concerning licensing procedures or the list of products subject to import licensing shall also be published in the same manner and within the same time periods as specified above." See Article 1.4(a) of the Agreement.

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  "Each Member shall inform the Committee of any changes in its laws and regulations relevant to this Agreement and in the administration of such laws and regulations."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> "The rules and all information concerning procedures for the submission of applications, including the eligibility of persons, firms and institutions to make such applications, the administrative body(ies) to be approached, and the lists of products subject to the licensing requirement shall be published, in the sources notified to the Committee on Import Licensing [...] Copies of these publications shall also be made available to the Secretariat." See Article 1.4(a) of the Agreement and document G/LIC/3 "Procedures for Notification and Review under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures".

 $<sup>^4</sup>$  See document  $\Bar{G/LIC/3}$  "Procedures for Notification and Review under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures".