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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLES 1.4(A) AND 8.2(B)

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The following communication, dated 30 September 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Ecuador.

1. Pursuant to Article 72(f) of the Organic Code of Production, Trade and Investment, published in Official Journal No. 351 of 29 December 2010, the Foreign Trade Committee (COMEX) is responsible for issuing regulations on import licensing and import procedures other than customs procedures. COMEX replaces the Foreign Trade and Investment Council (COMEXI), the Resolutions of which are in full effect.

2. Regulations concerning certain products subject to pre-import procedures are established in the following Resolutions:

- Resolution No. 102 of the COMEX (published in the Supplement to Official Journal No. 924 of 2 April 2013) subjecting 55 tariff subheadings corresponding to basic food products to non-automatic import licences, to be granted by the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Aquaculture and Fisheries (MAGAP); Resolution No. 299-A (published in Official Journal No. 48 of 31 July 2013) containing the MAGAP Directive concerning the procedure for obtaining non-automatic import licences for food staples pursuant to COMEX Resolution No. 102.

3. In accordance with the principle of transparency, the above-mentioned Resolutions can be downloaded from the "COMEX", "RESOLUCIONES" section of the Ministry of Foreign Trade website at <http://www.comercioexterior.gob.ec>.¹

¹ The texts of the Resolutions are also available at the WTO Secretariat for consultation by Members.