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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 2 September 2016, 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.
2. Regulations concerning products subject to pre-import controls are established in the following Resolutions:
 - **COMEX Resolution No. 005-2014** of 14 January 2014 (published in Official Journal No. 193 of 27 February 2014), which amends COMEXI Resolution No. 450 by replacing AGROCALIDAD (formerly SESA) with the Ministry of Industry and Productivity as the body responsible for issuing prior control documents (import licences) for the following tariff subheadings covering products containing or made with methyl bromide (bromomethane): 2903.39.10.00; 3808.91.12.00; 3808.91.95.00; 3808.92.11.00; 3808.92.93.00; 3808.93.11.00; 3808.93.91; 3808.94.11.00; 3808.94.91; 3808.99.11; 3808.99.91 and 3824.77.00.00.
 - **COMEX Resolution No. 009-2014** of 21 March 2014 (published in Official Journal No. 225 of 14 April 2014), which creates the importers' register for tyres under subheadings 4011.20.10.00 and 4011.20.90.00 on the basis of compliance with a retread percentage and the used-tyre management plan. The Resolution seeks to ensure the monitoring of compliance with existing environmental regulations on the integral management of special waste (tyres) and other mandatory requirements applicable to domestic producers and importers of tyres. The text also amends Annex I of COMEX Resolution No. 17 of 2 August 2011 by removing subheadings 4011.20.10.00 and 4011.20.90.00 from the list of products subject to pre-import controls.
 - **COMEX Resolution No. 019-2014** of 1 July 2014 (published in Official Journal No. 330 of 10 September 2014), which amends the list of products subject to pre-import controls in Annex I of COMEXI Resolution No. 450 by replacing "Sanitary Registration" with "Import Authorization for Pesticides and Similar Products for Agricultural Use" or "Sanitary Authorization for Veterinary Products" as the pre-import control document. It also amends the list of products subject to pre-import controls in Annex I - A of COMEXI Resolution No. 465 by replacing "Importer Registration" with "Animal Health Import Permit".

- **COMEX Resolution No. 044-2014** of 3 December 2014 (published in the first supplement to Official Journal No. 496 of 8 May 2015), which updates Annex I containing the list of products subject to pre-import controls, and Annex II containing the list of tariff subheadings subject to an import ban, of COMEXI Resolution No. 450, in accordance with Annexes 2 and 1 thereof, respectively, in regard to ozone-depleting substances.
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>.
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