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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLES 1.4(A) AND 8.2(B)****ECUADOR**

The following communication, dated 11 September 2018, 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. 030-2015 of 31 July 2015**, which amended Article 1 of COMEX Resolution No. 89 of 24 October 2012 "establishing non-automatic import licensing for goods imported for consumption, and goods entering Ecuadorian territory under the temporary admission regime for re-export in the same state that are to be used in the execution of public works or the provision of public services under contracts for the provision of public services (...)".

This Resolution also amended Article 6 of COMEXI Resolution No. 364 on "regimes for imports subject to prior controls" by adding the following text after the third subparagraph: "Import licences issued by the Ministry of Transport and Public Works (MTOP) shall also be required for the temporary admission regime for re-export in the same state, in accordance with Article 1 of Resolution No. 89".

- **COMEX Resolution No. 005-2016 of 11 April 2016**, which amended Annex I to COMEXI Resolution No. 450 by including non-automatic import licensing for goods classified under subheadings 2805.40.00, 2837.11.10 and 2837.19.00.10 (mercury, cyanide and potassium cyanide, respectively). Pursuant to Article 3 of the Resolution, the Ministry of the Environment (MAE) shall be responsible for verifying and updating the list of natural and legal persons in the hazardous chemicals register.
- **COMEX Resolution No. 037-2016 of 13 December 2016**, under which the National Agency for Sanitary Regulation, Control and Surveillance (ARCSA) replaced the National Council for the Control of Narcotic Substances (CONSEP) in respect of matters concerning accompanying document requirements. CONSEP was replaced by the Technical Secretariat for Drugs in certain subheadings.

Article 1 of the Resolution removed the prior control document "import permit" from tariff subheadings 1211.90.60.00, 2852.10.29.00, 2901.10.00.90, 2902.11.00.00, 2932.99.40.00, 2932.99.90.00, 2933.39.20.00, 2933.39.30.00, 2939.19.10.00, and 2939.20.00.00.

Under Article 2 of the Resolution, the pre-import control documents "sanitary registration" and "import permit" for tariff subheadings 3003.40.00.00, 3004.40.11.00, 3004.40.19.00, 3004.90.29.00, and 3004.40.12.00, were replaced by non-automatic import licences issued by ARCSA.

Article 4 amended Annex I to COMEXI Resolution No. 450 by including import permits for goods classified under tariff subheadings 2922.44.10.00, 2924.23.00.00, 1302.11.90.00, 2939.91.60.10, and 2939.91.60.20.

Article 5 incorporated the following comment in relation to tariff subheading 2827.20.00.00: "Non-automatic import licences issued by the Technical Secretariat for Drugs (SETED) shall not be applied for desiccant products with a calcium chloride content of 85% or less".

- **COMEX Resolution No. 023-2017 of 22 August 2017**, which established that the accompanying documents for customs import declarations and customs export declarations for goods classified under subheadings 2903.39.21.00, 2903.39.22.00, 2903.39.23.00, 2903.39.24.00, 2903.39.25.00, 2903.39.26.00, 2903.39.90.00, 3824.78.00.00, 3824.79.00.10, 3824.79.00.20, and 3824.79.00.90 (relating to halogenated derivatives of hydrocarbons, perfluorocarbons and hydrofluorocarbons, respectively) would be the automatic import licence and automatic export licence respectively, issued by the Undersecretariat for Intermediate and Final Industries of the Ministry of Industry and Productivity (MIPRO).

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 <https://www.comercioexterior.gob.ec>.
