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**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLES 1.4(A)<sup>i</sup> AND/OR 8.2(B)<sup>ii</sup> OF THE AGREEMENT**

MOLDOVA

The following notification, dated 18 September 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Moldova.

1.	<b>Notification under Article 1.4(a) [X]; Article 8.2(b) [X]</b> (If the notification is made under both Articles please mark both with an X)
2.	<b>Source(s) where the Import Licensing Procedure(s) has(ve) been published (Official Gazette, publication, website, etc.):</b>  Pursuant to Article 1.4(a) of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, Republic of Moldova hereby notifies that information concerning import licensing procedures is published in "Monitorul Oficial al Republicii Moldova" – Official Gazette of Republic of Moldova and on the website <a href="http://www.licentiere.gov.md/">http://www.licentiere.gov.md/</a>
3.	<b>Date of publication:</b> <sup>i</sup> 06/09/2001 <b>Effective date of requirement:</b> 06/03/2002
4.	<b>Copy(ies) of publication (in case of Art. 1.4(a))<sup>iii</sup> and/or legislation (in case of Art. 8.2(b))<sup>iv</sup> is(are) available for consultation by Members:</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> 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  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> by request at the following address and fax numbers, and/or e-mail and website: <a href="http://lex.justice.md/index.php?action=view&amp;view=doc&amp;lang=1&amp;id=313293">http://lex.justice.md/index.php?action=view&amp;view=doc&amp;lang=1&amp;id=313293</a>
5.	<b>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)):</b> <sup>iv</sup>  N/A

**6. Other pertinent data or information (i.e. title of the proposed or adopted law/regulation establishing the Import Licensing Procedure):**

Moldova has an unified licensing system based on the Law on Licensing Entrepreneurial Activity no. 451-XIV of 30 July 2001. The respective law has been adopted after the abrogation of Law no. 332 of 26 March 1999, and in accordance with its provisions entered into force after six months from the date of publication, namely on 6 March 2002.

Import licensing system is not intended to limit the quantity or value of imported goods. It is designed to provide up-to-date information on trade in goods of social or security interests. Licensing is considered to be the least expensive way to obtain such information.

In order to improve the regulatory mechanism through licensing of entrepreneurial activity by Government Decision no. 1068 of 22 October 2010, the Licensing Chamber has been implemented the procedure "single window".

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<sup>i</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>ii</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>iii</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 Art. 1.4(a) of the Agreement and document G/LIC/3 "Procedures for Notification and Review under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures".

<sup>iv</sup> See document G/LIC/3 "Procedures for Notification and Review under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures".