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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1–5.4 OF THE AGREEMENTⁱ

ARGENTINA

Addendum

The following communication, dated 9 November 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Republic of Argentina.

Pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, Argentina hereby notifies the adoption of Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provisions No. 35/2021 and No. 36/2021, published in the Official Journal of the Argentine Republic on 1 October 2021 and 6 October 2021, respectively, amending former Ministry of Trade Resolution No. 523/2017, notified in document G/LIC/N/2/ARG/28.

(a) List of products subject to import licensing procedures

Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provision No. 35/2021 replaces Annex XI of Resolution No. 523/2017 of the former Secretariat of Trade and the supplementary and amending regulations thereto, in order to update the list of goods subject to automatic and non-automatic import licensing. Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provision No. 36/2021 simply corrects an error made during the preparation of the Annex to Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provision No. 35/2021.

Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provisions No. 35/2021 and No. 36/2021 are available at:

<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/350000-354999/354820/norma.htm>

<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/350000-354999/354952/norma.htm>

In addition, the updated list of tariff headings covered by the automatic and non-automatic import licensing system, including the amendments made through the Provisions notified herein, is available at:

<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/275000-279999/276625/texact.htm>

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility

Undersecretariat for Foreign Trade Policy and Management, under the Ministry of Production Development.

Julio A. Roca 651, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

(c) Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications

The administrative body for submission of applications is the Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management, attached to the Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management, under the Ministry of Production Development.

Importers submitting applications for automatic import licences are required to use the Comprehensive Import Monitoring System,¹ as approved by Joint General Resolution No. 4.185-E/2018, and the amending regulations thereto, of the Federal Administration of Public Revenue Administration and the Secretariat for Trade (Official Journal of 8 January 2018)² and to provide the information specified in Annex I to former Ministry of Trade Resolution No. 523/2017 and the amending regulations thereto.

In addition to meeting the indicated requirement for automatic licences, interested parties submitting applications for non-automatic import licences must be enrolled on the register created under former Ministry of Production Resolution No. 442/2016 (Official Journal of 9 September 2016),³ and the supplementary and amending regulations thereto, and enter into the system, for the tariff headings of the goods to be imported, the information indicated in Annexes II to XIV to former Ministry of Trade Resolution No. 523/2017 and the supplementary and amending regulations thereto.

This information can be found in the updated text of Resolution No. 523/2017, available at:

<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/275000-279999/276625/texact.htm>

In the event that the requirements described above are not duly met within 10 working days of registering the import licence request, the procedure will automatically be cancelled and its status reflected in the system as "Baja Art. 4" ("Article 4 cancellation").

For goods subject to non-automatic import licensing, the implementing authority may require the importer to provide any information and/or additional documents listed in Annex XV to Resolution No. 523/2017 and the amendments thereto. It may also request the intervention of the competent technical bodies or use background information from its own sources or those of third parties, and require, should it be deemed necessary, clarifications. This information must be submitted within the time limits and conditions laid down in Article 6 of Resolution No. 523/2017 and its supplementing and amending regulations.

Two explanatory manuals containing detailed and updated information on licensing procedures can be found at:

<https://www.argentina.gob.ar/comprobar-licencias-automaticas-para-importaciones>

(d) Date and name of publication where the licensing procedures are published

Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provisions No. 35/2021 and No. 36/2021, published in the Official Journal of the Argentine Republic on 1 October 2021 and 6 October 2021, respectively, amending former Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 523/2017.

¹ More information available at: <http://www.afip.gob.ar/simi>.

² The Resolution is available for consultation at:
<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/305000-309999/305596/texact.htm>.

³ The Resolution is available for consultation at:
<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/265000-269999/265302/norma.htm>.

(e) Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic according to the definitions contained in Articles 2 and 3

The system uses both types of procedure.

(f) in the case of automatic licensing procedures, their administrative purpose

Statistical information.

(g) In the case of non-automatic import licensing procedures, indication of the measure being implemented through the licensing procedure

The purpose of the non-automatic licensing system is to establish an appropriate prior verification system for ensuring compliance with the conditions governing the importation of the goods, in accordance with the provisions of the Annexes to former Secretariat of Trade Resolution No. 523/2017 and the supplementary and amending regulations thereto.

(h) Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability and, if not, the reason why this information cannot be provided

The system will remain in place for as long as the conditions that gave rise to its implementation persist.

ⁱ "Members which institute import licensing procedures or changes in these procedures shall notify the Committee of such within 60 days of publication [...]" (Article 5.1).