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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

ARGENTINA

Revision

The following communication, originally received on 7 September 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Argentine Republic for Members' information.

Pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, Argentina hereby notifies the adoption of Secretariat for Trade (SC) Resolution No. 1/2022, published in the Official Journal of the Argentine Republic on 25 August 2022, amending Resolution No. 523/2017 of the former Secretariat for Trade, notified in document G/LIC/N/2/ARG/28.

(a) List of products subject to import licensing procedures

The purpose of SC Resolution No. 1/2022 is to update the list of goods subject to automatic and non-automatic import licensing, and to simplify the current structure of the annexes to Resolution No. 523/2017 of the Secretariat for Trade and the supplementary and amending regulations thereto, with a view to streamlining and facilitating their interpretation and application. In this regard, in order to avoid the dispersion of regulations, Annexes IV, V, VII, VIII, X, XIII and XIV are repealed in their entirety, and the range of tariff headings of the MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature (MCN) covered by the processing of non-automatic import licences are united in a single annex (Annex II).

SC Resolution No. 1/2022:

<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/370000-374999/370338/norma.htm>

The updated list of tariff headings covered by the automatic and non-automatic import licensing system, including the amendments made through the Resolution notified herein, may be viewed in full in Annex II to Resolution No. 523/2017, which may be consulted through this link:

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

(b) Contact information on eligibility

Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management, under the Ministry of the Economy.

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(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 Trade, under the Ministry of the Economy.

Importers submitting applications for automatic import licences are required to use the Comprehensive Import Monitoring System¹, as approved by Joint General Resolution No.4.185-E/2018 of the Federal Public Revenue Administration and the Secretariat for Trade (Official Journal of 8 January 2018)² and the supplementary and amending regulations thereto, and to provide the information specified in Annex I to former Secretariat for Trade Resolution No. 523/2017 and the supplementary and 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 (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 Annex II(2) to former Secretariat for 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 III to Resolution No. 523/2017 and the supplementary and amending regulations thereto. It may also request the intervention of competent technical bodies, 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 amending regulations.

Two explanatory manuals containing detailed and updated information on import 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

Secretariat for Trade Resolution No. 1/2022, published in the Official Journal of the Argentine Republic on 25 August 2022, amending former Secretariat for Trade Resolution No. 523/2017.

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

The system utilizes both types of procedures.

(f) In the case of automatic import 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

¹ Further information is 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>.

the goods, in accordance with the provisions of the Annexes to former Secretariat for Trade Resolution No. 523/2017 and the supplementing 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).