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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 AGREEMENT<sup>i</sup>

#### ARGENTINA

The following communication, dated 30 November 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Argentine Republic.

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Pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, Argentina hereby notifies the adoption of Secretariat for Trade (SC) Resolution No. 26/2022, published in the Official Journal of the Argentine Republic on 4 October 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. 26/2022 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 former Secretariat for Trade and the supplementary and amending regulations thereto.

#### **(b) SC Resolution No. 26/2022:**

<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/370000-374999/372579/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>

#### **(c) Contact point for information on eligibility**

Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management, attached to the Secretariat for Trade of the Ministry of the Economy of the Nation.

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

#### **(d) 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 of the Ministry of the Economy of the Nation.

Importers submitting applications for automatic import licences are required to use, from 17 October 2022, the Import System of the Argentine Republic (SIRA),<sup>1</sup> as approved by Joint General Resolution No. 5.271/2022 of the Federal Public Revenue Administration and the Secretariat for Trade (Official Journal of 4 October 2022),<sup>2</sup> 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)<sup>3</sup> 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 supplementary and amending regulations.

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

Secretariat for Trade Resolution No. 26/2022, published in the Official Journal of the Argentine Republic on 4 October 2022, amending former Secretariat for Trade Resolution No. 523/2017.

**(f) 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.

**(g) In the case of automatic import licensing procedures, their administrative purpose**

Statistical information.

**(h) 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 for Trade Resolution No. 523/2017 and the supplementing and amending regulations thereto.

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<sup>1</sup> Further information is available at: <https://www.afip.gob.ar/sira/>.

<sup>2</sup> Joint Resolution No. 5.271/2022 repeals Joint Resolution No. 4.185/2018 of the Federal Public Revenue Administration (AFIP) and the Secretariat for Trade establishing the Comprehensive Import Monitoring System (SIMI). Resolution No. 5.271/2022 is available for consultation at: <http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/370000-374999/372910/norma.htm>.

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

**(i) 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.

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<sup>i</sup> "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).