

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURESNOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1-5.4
OF THE AGREEMENT¹

ARGENTINA

Addendum

The following notification, dated 26 April 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation 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 Nos. 5/2021 and 7/2021, and Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 102/2021, published in the Official Journal of the Argentine Republic on 11, 15 and 31 March 2021, respectively, amending former Ministry of Production 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. 5/2021 replaces Annex XI to former Secretariat for Trade Resolution No. 523/2017 and the amendments 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. 7/2021 simply corrects inadvertent errors made during the preparation of the Annex to Provision No. 5/2021. Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 102/2021 modifies the calculation of the time limits set forth in Article 4 of Resolution No. 523/5017 based on the official registration of import declarations, with a view to harmonizing the licensing system with the rest of the import regimes that call for the presentation of sworn declarations for the marketing of certain goods.

These regulations are available for consultation at:

- Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provision No. 5/2021:

<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/345000-349999/347797/texact.htm>

(through this link the updated version of Provision No. 5/2021 can be found with the error corrected by Provision No. 7/2021).

- Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provision No. 7/2021:

<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/345000-349999/347870/norma.htm>

- Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 102/2021:

<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/345000-349999/348391/norma.htm>.

As a result of these modifications, the updated list of tariff headings covered by the automatic and non-automatic import licensing system can be found through the following link, where the text is available of Resolution No. 523/2017 updated in real time:

<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. 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 of the Federal 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 Production Resolution No. 523/2017 and its amending regulations.

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 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 Production Resolution No. 523/2017 and its amending regulations.

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 TEN (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 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.

In addition, 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>.

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>.

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

Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provisions Nos. 5/2021 and 7/2021, and Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 102/2021, published in the Official Journal of the Argentine Republic on 11, 15 and 31 March 2021, respectively, amending former Ministry of Production Resolution No. 523/2017.

(d) 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.

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

Statistical information.

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

The aim 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 Ministry of Production Resolution No. 523/2017 and its amending regulations.

(g) 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).