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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 AGREEMENT¹

AUSTRALIA

The following notification, dated 23 December 2014, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Australia.

1.	<p>(a) Title / number / date of the law or regulation establishing / changing the import licensing procedure:</p> <p><i>Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Regulation 2014, Select Legislative Instrument No. 154, 2014, 3 November 2014</i></p> <p>(b) If the notified measure refers to a change in an already notified import licensing procedure, please indicate the document symbol of the notification to which change(s) has(ve) been introduced. (In this case please also indicate in Section 3, below, the nature of the changes (i.e. inclusion or exclusion of some goods and a list thereof; contact point for information and/or administrative body(ies) for submission of applications, etc.):</p> <p>G/LIC/N/3/AUS/6</p>
2.	<p>Information concerning the institution / change of import licensing procedure:</p> <p>(a) List of products subject to the licensing procedure <i>(Exact name of the products and/or whenever possible HS code and indication of the exact HS Nomenclature (i.e. 1996; 2002 or 2007). Abbreviations should be avoided. In the case of a long list of products, please attach the list as an Annex in Microsoft Word or compatible software. Please do not use PDF, or photocopies.)</i></p> <p>8703 (87.03)</p> <p>Motor cars and other motor vehicles principally designed for the transport of persons (other than those of heading 87.02), including station wagons and racing cars (including: 8703.21, 8703.22, 8703.23, 8703.24)</p> <p>8415 (84.15)</p> <p>Air conditioning machines, comprising a motor-driven fan and elements for changing the temperature and humidity, including those machines in which the humidity cannot be separately regulated (including: 8415.10, 8415.20, 8415.81, 8415.82)</p> <p>8418 (84.18)</p> <p>Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment, electric or other; heat pumps other than air conditioning machines of heading 84.15 (including: 8418.10, 8418.2, 8418.3, 8418.4, 8418.5, 8418.6)</p> <p>8903 (89.03)</p> <p>Yachts and other vessels for pleasure or sports; rowing boats and canoes (including: 8903.91, 8903.92, 8903.93)</p>

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility

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 E-mail address: ozone@environment.gov.au
 Website: <http://www.environment.gov.au/protection/ozone>
 Contact officer: ☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. Name: Patrick McNerney

(c) Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications *(If more than one please include the same information for each body.)*

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

Date of publication: 03/11/2014
 Source of publication (Official Gazette /journal/ website):
 Official Gazette – Federal Register of Legislative Instruments

(e) Indication of whether the licensing procedure is

☒ **automatic.** If so please indicate: **(f) the administrative purpose:**
 The *Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Amendment Regulation 2014* (No. 154, 2014) introduces a limited import licence exemption for low volume importers. A low volume importer is an importer who imports less than 5 pieces of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment, with less than 10kg total charge over a two year period. A typical low volume importer is an individual who is importing a single yacht or car for personal use although any refrigeration and air conditioning equipment that is under the threshold is exempted from the Act. Importers who are eligible for this licence exemption are able to self-assess through the Ozone Licensing and Reporting Scheme.

☒ **non-automatic.** If so please indicate: **(g) the measure being implemented through the import licensing procedure:** Importers of refrigeration and air conditioning equipment who are over this threshold continue to require an import licence under the *Ozone Protection and Synthetic Greenhouse Gas Management Act 1989*.

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

The low volume importer licensing threshold has no end date.

3. Other relevant data or information: *(i.e. complete title and data concerning the legislation, inclusion or exclusion of certain products from the import licensing regime and list thereof; changes related to the administrative body(ies) for submission of applications, etc.)*

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¹ "Members which institute licensing procedures or changes in these procedures shall notify the Committee of such within 60 days of publication [...]" (Art. 5.1).