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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT[1]

KINGDOM OF BAHRAIN

The following notification, of which the first draft was received on 15 October 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

	Category	Notification details
1	**Notifying Member**	Kingdom of Bahrain
2	**Title of new legislation/procedure**	Kingdom of Bahrain Technical Regulations for Electrical Appliances and Equipment
3	**Date of Publication**	3 September 2015
4	**Date of entry into force**	1 July 2016
5	**Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure**	Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission website: http://www.legalaffairs.gov.bh Ministerial Order No. 71 of 2015 With Respect to Electrical Appliances and Equipment Technical Requirements: http://www.legalaffairs.gov.bh/Media/LegalPDF/RCIN7115.pdf
6	**Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat**	[X] Yes. (*Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.*) [ ] No.
7	**Type of notification**	[X] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure[2]; (please answer question 8 to 14) [ ] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: _____; (*please answer question 15 and 16*)
8	**List of products subject to licensing**	See attached Annex
9	**Nature of licensing**	Automatic: [ ] Non-Automatic: [X]
10	**Administrative purpose/measure being implemented**	(a) ☐ Protect public morals; (b) ☒ Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; (c) ☐ Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) ☐ Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) ☐ Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (*i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.)*

[1] It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure notified for by filling this form in a full and complete manner.

[2] "New licensing regulation/procedure" is understood to refer to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, and those which are in force but being notified for the first time to the Committee.

	Category	Notification details
		(f) ☐ Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) ☐ Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) ☐ Other: _____ *(please specify)*
11	**Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications**	Ministry/authority and Department: Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism/Testing and Metrology Directorate Address: Manama – Sea Front - Financial Harbour Gate, Road Number: 4626 Website: http://www.moic.gov.bh Telephone: +97317574871 P.O.Box: 5479
12	**Contact point for information on eligibility**	Ministry/authority and Department: Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism/Testing and Metrology Directorate Address: Manama – Sea Front - Financial Harbour Gate – 3rd Floor, Road Number: 4626 Website: http://www.moic.gov.bh Telephone: +97317574871 E-Mail: bsmd@moic.gov.bh
13	**Expected duration of licensing procedure**	Ongoing
14	**A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages**	To adopt import requirements for electrical appliances and equipment, and determines conformity assessment procedures that suppliers must comply with during the presentation and placement of electrical appliances and equipment onto the market in the Kingdom of Bahrain and also this has been done to ensure safety.
15	**In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)**	**(a)** ☐ **Termination** **(b)** ☐ **Suspension** **(c)** ☐ **Modification of specific details in existing procedures:** ☐ Product coverage; ☐ Administrative purpose; ☐ Automatic or Non-automatic; ☐ Duration of licensing; ☐ Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; ☐ Eligibility of applicants; ☐ Contact information on eligibility; ☐ Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; ☐ Documentation requirements (including application form); ☐ Period for Application; ☐ Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; ☐ Processing time for issuing licence; ☐ Licence fee/administrative charge; ☐ Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; ☐ Appeal regulations/procedures; ☐ Validity of licence; ☐ Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); ☐ Foreign exchange requirements; ☐ Other: _____ (please specify).
16	**Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)**	

ANNEX

List of products subject to licensing procedures:

S.N.	Product Description	H.S. Code (8 Digits – 2017 Edition)
Electrical Appliances		
1	Domestic electrical fans	84 14 51 00 84 14 59 00
2	Refrigerators, freezers and other refrigerating or freezing equipment	84 18 10 00 84 18 21 00 84 18 29 00 84 18 30 00 84 18 40 00
3	Centrifugal clothes dryers and clothes washing machines, including machines with both wash and dry	84 21 12 00 84 50 11 00 84 50 12 00 84 50 19 00
4	Food grinders and mixers, fruit or vegetables juice extractor	85 09 40 00
5	Toasters	85 16 72 00
6	Electro-thermic hair-dressing apparatus and hand dryers	85 16 31 00 85 16 32 00 85 16 33 00
7	Domestic electric heating apparatus	85 16 29 10
8	Microwave ovens	85 16 50 00
9	Other ovens; cookers, cooking plates, boiling rings, grillers and roasters	85 16 60 00
10	Electric instantaneous or storage water heaters and immersion heaters	85 16 10 00
11	Electric smoothing iron	85 16 40 00
12	Plugs, socket outlets, adaptors, cord extension sets and chargers	85 44 42 20 85 36 69 10 85 36 90 10 85 36 69 90
13	Air conditioners	84 15 10 00