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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

COLOMBIA

The following notification, dated 13 March 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Colombia.

1.	a.	Title / number / date of the law or regulation establishing/changing the import licensing procedure: Decree 2261 of 2 November 2012 ¹
	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.):) The procedures being changed under Decree 2261 of 2012 are contained in documents G/LIC/N/3/COL/8 and G/LIC/N/3/COL/9.
2.	Information concerning the institution/change of import licensing procedure:	
	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>) Goods classified under the following subheadings of Colombia's Customs Tariff: 8429.11.00.00, 8429.19.00.00, 8429.51.00.00, 8429.52.00.00, 8429.59.00.00, 8431.41.00.00, 8431.42.00.00 and 8905.10.00.00.
	b.	Contact point for information on eligibility <i>Ministerio de Comercio, Industria y Turismo (MinCIT) – Dirección de Comercio Exterior (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism (MinCIT) – Foreign Trade Directorate)</i> Address: Calle 28 No. 13 A – 15 Piso 16 Telephone: (+57) 1 606-7676 Fax: (+57) 1 606-7521 Email address: lfuentes@mincomercio.gov.co Website: https://www.mincomercio.gov.co/index.php Contact officer: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mr. Name: Mr. Luis Fernando Fuentes

¹ Available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division) (in Spanish only).

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: 2 November 2012

Source of publication (Official gazette/journal/website):

Official Journal No. 48602

e. Indication of whether the licensing procedure is

☐ **automatic.** If so please indicate: **f. the administrative purpose:** ☐

☒ **non-automatic.** If so please indicate: **g. the measure being implemented through the import licensing procedure:**

The import of machinery and its parts, classified under tariff subheadings 8429.11.00.00, 8429.19.00.00, 8429.51.00.00, 8429.52.00.00, 8429.59.00.00, 8431.41.00.00, 8431.42.00.00 and 8905.10.00.00, will be subject to a prior licensing regime (non-automatic licence) in order to register and control heavy machinery imported into the country for use in mining and to discourage illegal activity in this sector of the economy.

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

Two days, once all the requirements stipulated in Decree 2261 of 2012 have been met. The MinCIT Imports Committee does not consider applications that are submitted without satisfying all of the requirements.

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.)*

Decree 2261 of 2012 sets out measures to regulate, register and control the import of machinery classifiable under subheadings 8429.11.00.00, 8429.19.00.00, 8429.51.00.00, 8429.52.00.00, 8429.59.00.00, 8431.41.00.00, 8431.42.00.00 and 8905.10.00.00 of the Customs Tariff. It also establishes other provisions to control the use of heavy machinery and chemical inputs that may be used in mining activities without the authorizations or requirements laid down in the law.

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