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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 AGREEMENT¹**

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

The following notification, dated 9 December 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Dominican Republic.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying member	Dominican Republic
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	Decree No. 553-22, establishing the Regulations on the rules of procedure for agricultural imports under the tariff rate quotas in the Dominican Republic's World Trade Organization (WTO) Schedule XXIII of tariff concessions
3	Publication date	30 September 2022
4	Date of entry into force	30 September 2022
5	Website link/ Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	www.consultoria.gov.do
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat?	[*] Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) [] No.
7	Type of notification	[*] (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	<i>Please provide the HS codes and detailed descriptions of the products. In case of a long list, please attach the list as an Annex in MS WORD document.</i> Chicken meat (0207.11, 0207.12 and 0207.14); Milk powder (0402.10, 0402.21 and 0402.29); Garlic (0703.20); Onion (0703.10); Beans (0713.31, 0713.32 and 0713.33); Corn (1005); Rice (1006); Sugar (1701)
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: [*] Non-automatic: [*]

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.

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10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of public morals; b) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions, etc.); f) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of application;	Ministry/authority and Department: Commission for Agricultural Imports. Chaired by the Ministry of Agriculture/Department of Import Licensing for Agricultural Products Address: Autopista Duarte Km. 6 1/2, Los Jardines del Norte, CP 10602, Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional Website: www.agricultura.gob.do Telephone: +1809-227-6188; +1809-547-3888 Email: info.importacion@agricultura.gob.do ; info@otca.gob.do
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department Commission for Agricultural Imports. Chaired by the Ministry of Agriculture/Department of Import Licensing for Agricultural Products Address: Autopista Duarte Km. 6 1/2, Los Jardines del Norte, CP 10602, Santo Domingo, Distrito Nacional Website: www.agricultura.gob.do ; www.otca.gob.do Telephone: +1809-227-6188; +1809-547-3888 Email: info.importacion@agricultura.gob.do ; info@otca.gob.do
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	Ongoing
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	<p>The aim of the Regulations is to govern the import policy applicable to tariff rate quotas (TRQ) under the Dominican Republic's WTO Schedule XXIII of tariff concessions, for garlic, rice, chicken meat, onion, beans, milk powder and corn. To that end, it establishes a system of non-automatic import licenses for the adjudication of TRQ for those products, with the exception of corn, which is governed by the automatic licensing system.</p> <p>The competent body for the allocation and administration of TRQ is the Commission for Agricultural Imports. The Ministry of Agriculture is the institution responsible for implementing the Regulations.</p> <p>The Commission for Agricultural Imports must publish a call for applications for the allocation of TRQ on the website of the Ministry of Agriculture, by 1 October of each year at the latest. The period for submitting applications for WTO TRQ shall expire 15 working days after the date indicated upon publication of the convening notice. Prior registration in the Registry of Agricultural Importers is needed to apply for these TRQ (G/LIC/N/2/DOM/1) and to submit an application for the quantities of TRQ to the Department of Import Licensing for Agricultural Products of the Ministry of Agriculture, with the duly completed WTO application form for TRQ. The Regulations provide for a period of one year, from the time of publication, for the user to apply for the allocation of shares of TRQ, even if the applicant is not registered in the Registry of Agricultural Importers.</p> <p>The volumes of WTO TRQ shall be allocated on the basis of:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> End use of the product concerned and the line of business of the applicants. Historical record of the total imports of agricultural goods made by the applicant during the sixty (60) months prior to the cut-off date established in Article 11 of these Regulations. Quantities requested by the applicants. Quantities available for traditional importers and new importers, by type of product.

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		<p>The Commission shall publish the allocation of import volumes on the website of the Ministry of Agriculture by 15 January at the latest. This publication must include the opening and closing dates of each quota in the calendar year. The Directorate General of Customs shall assign an electronic code to each applicant through the Integrated Customs Management System. These codes shall be issued within five working days of the publication of the allocation.</p> <p>With the aim of guaranteeing that the quotas allocated are used, the beneficiary must provide written notice of the total or partial non-use of the allocated quota by 31 August of each year, at the latest. Beneficiaries not using their allocation and not providing prior notice of this shall be penalized by the non-allocation of a quota for the product in question for the subsequent calendar year. The Commission for Agricultural Imports shall reassign the quotas returned under the same allocation method.</p>
15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	<p>a) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination</p> <p>b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension</p> <p>c) <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).</p>
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	