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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 AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>**

UNITED KINGDOM

The following notification dated 2 February 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

|    | Category  | Notification details  |
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| 1  | Notifying Member  | United Kingdom  |
| 2  | Title of new legislation/procedure                                  | UK Open General Import Licence  |
| 3  | Date of Publication   | 31 December 2020  |
| 4  | Date of entry into force  | 31 December 2020  |
| 5  | Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure   | <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-controls">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-controls</a>   |
| 6  | Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat | [ ] Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.)<br>[X] No  |
| 7  | Type of notification  | [X] (a) New licensing procedure <sup>2</sup> ; (please answer question 8 to 14)<br>[ ] (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                               | Ex chapter 93<br>9705000030<br>9705000090<br>9706000090   |
| 9  | Nature of licensing   | Automatic: [ ]<br>Non-Automatic: [X]  |
| 10 | Administrative purpose/measure being implemented                    | (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals;<br>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment;<br>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance;<br>(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices;<br>(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.) |

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> "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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|    |  | (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration;<br>(g) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security;<br>(h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify)   |
| 11 | <b>Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications</b>                       | Ministry/authority and Department: Import Licensing Branch,<br>Department for International Trade<br>Website: <a href="http://www.ilb.trade.gov.uk">www.ilb.trade.gov.uk</a><br>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:enquiries.ilb@trade.gov.uk">enquiries.ilb@trade.gov.uk</a>   |
| 12 | <b>Contact point for information on eligibility</b>                                  | Ministry/authority and Department: Import Licensing Branch,<br>Department for International Trade<br>E-Mail: <a href="mailto:enquiries.ilb@trade.gov.uk">enquiries.ilb@trade.gov.uk</a>  |
| 13 | <b>Expected duration of licensing procedure</b>                                      | Ongoing.   |
| 14 | <b>A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages</b>            | Imports of firearms, their component parts and ammunition can only be imported by those with domestic authority to possess them. Commercial imports can only take place using UK Registered Firearms Dealers.<br>Guidance available at:<br><a href="http://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-controls">www.gov.uk/guidance/import-controls</a>  |
| 15 | <b>In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)</b>                | (a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Termination</b><br>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suspension</b><br>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form);<br><input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.);<br><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify). |
| 16 | <b>Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)</b> |  |