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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

HONG KONG, CHINA

The following notification dated 27 April 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Hong Kong, China.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Hong Kong, China
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	Centralised Explosives Licensing and Management System (CELIMS)
3	Date of Publication	1 April 2021
4	Date of entry into force	1 April 2021
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	https://celims.cedd.gov.hk/
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	[] Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) [X] No.
7	Type of notification	[] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure; (please answer question 8 to 14) [X] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: G/LIC/N/3/HKG/24; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	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.
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: [] Non-Automatic: []
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life or health; (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 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 applications	Ministry/authority and Department: [] Address: [] Website: [] Telephone: [] E-Mail: []

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.

	Category	Notification details
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: [] Address: [] Website: [] Telephone: [] E-Mail: []
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	
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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Introducing an online platform for licence application</p>
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the official WTO languages)	<p>The Civil Engineering and Development Department rolled out online application service under the Centralised Explosives Licensing and Management System (CELIMS) for approval of explosives in Hong Kong, China on 1 April 2021.</p> <p>CELIMS allows online submission of applications; self-printing of permits/licences/certificates; and enquiry of online application status.</p> <p>After the rollout of the new online application service, the paper mode application is maintained. Applicants may continue to submit applications for permit/licence/certificate in paper form having regard to their operational needs.</p>