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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 28 July 2022 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	Full implementation of E-Services for Import Licence for Rice
3	Date of Publication	30 June 2022
4	Date of entry into force	30 June 2022
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	https://www.tid.gov.hk/english/import_export/nontextiles/nt_rice/ri ce022022.html
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 ² ; (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/25; (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 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 type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration;

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
		(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: []
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)	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension (c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures: <input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose; <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic; <input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing; <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants; <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form); <input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application; <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge; <input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures; <input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence; <input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); <input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: Providing an alternative means for submission of applications for import licence for rice and receipt of application results.
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	With effect from 30 June 2022, traders can lodge e-applications for import licence for rice via the Trade and Industry Department ("TID")'s website and receive the relevant application results or approved licences electronically. Notwithstanding the introduction of the above e-services, traders can continue to lodge the application in paper form and obtain the application results at TID in person as before.