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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1-5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

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The following notification, dated 3 October 2013, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Israel.

1.	<p>(a) Title / number / date of the law or regulation establishing / changing the import licensing procedure:</p> <p>Free Import Order 5772-2012, Free Import Order (1st Amendment) 5772- 2012, Free Import Order (2nd Amendment) 5772-2012, Free Import Order (1st Amendment) 5773-2012, Free Import Order (2nd Amendment) 5773-2013 and Free Import Order (3rd Amendment) 5773-2013¹.</p> <p>(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.)):</p> <p>G/LIC/N/1/ISR/1 and G/LIC/N/2/ISR/1</p>
2.	<p>Information concerning the institution / change of import licensing procedure:</p> <p>(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></p> <p>First and Second Annexes of the Free Import Order 2012 are attached*</p>
	<p>(b) Contact point for information on eligibility</p> <p>Foreign Trade Administration, Ministry of Economy Address: 5 Bank Israel St. Jerusalem 91036 Telephone: (+972 2 6662659) Fax: (+972 2 6662677) E-mail address: alexandra.aronin@economy.gov.il Website http://www.moital.gov.il/NR/exeres/4839496D-02EA-465B-B260-D37F276EB1B9.htm</p> <p>Contact officer: <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mrs. Name: Alexandra Aronin</p>

¹ The Amendments are numbered according to the Hebrew Calendar.

* Available for consultation (Market Access Division)(English only).

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Free Import Order (1st Amendment) 5772-2012 – 08/07/2012

Free Import Order (2nd Amendment) 5772-2012 - 19/07/2012

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Free Import Order (2nd Amendment) 5773-2013 – 03/06/2013

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<p>(e)</p> <p>Indication of whether the licensing procedure is</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> automatic. If so please indicate: (f) the administrative purpose: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-automatic. If so please indicate: (g) the measure being implemented through the import licensing procedure: In the case of non-automatic licensing procedures, their administrative purpose :</p> <p>Israel applies non-automatic licensing procedures under the Free Import Order of 2012, mainly for reasons of safety, health, protection of the environment and security; or to comply with international (non-WTO) commitments, or for purposes of tariff quota administration. Annexes 1 and 2 to the Free Import Order, 2012 contain lists of items subject to import licensing principally for (food) safety and security reasons (Annex 1) or to specific standards and technical requirements in order to ensure safety, security, and environmental objectives (Annex 2).</p> <p>(h)</p> <p>Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, reason why this information cannot be provided</p> <p>Depending on the product, licences/approvals are issued free of charge by the Ministries of Industry, Trade and Labour; Agriculture; Health; Transportation, and Environment within 14-21 working days, but in most instances in less than seven days upon completion of all necessary documentation</p>	<p>3. Other relevant data or information: <i>(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.)</i></p>
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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).