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Committee on Import Licensing

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

PHILIPPINES

The following notification, originally received on 3 November 2022, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Philippines.

	Category			Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Philippines		
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	MARINA Circular No.121 - Policy Guidelines in the Regulation of High-Speed Craft		
3	Date of Publication	29 July 1997		
4	Date of entry into force	15 August 1997		
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	https://marina.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/mc121.pdf		
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	[X] Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.)[] No.		
7	Type of notification	 [X] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure²; (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	High-speed craft		
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: []		
		Non-Automatic: [X]		
10	Administrative	(a)		Protect public morals;
	purpose/measure being implemented	(b)		Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment;
		(c)		Collect trade statistics or market surveillance;
		(d)		Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices;
		(e)		Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.)
		(f)		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) Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security;			
		(h) Other: to restrict the quantity or value of import of the high-speed craft			
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	Ministry/authority and Department: Maritime Industry Authority Address: A. Bonifacio Drive corner 20th St. and Railroad St. South Harbor Port Area. Manila, Philippines Website: https://marina.gov.ph/ Telephone: [+63 2 8525 7890] E-Mail: mroncr@marina.gov.ph/dss@marina.gov.ph			
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: Maritime Industry Authority Address: A. Bonifacio Drive corner 20th St. and Railroad St. South Harbor Port Area. Manila, Philippines Website: https://marina.gov.ph/ Telephone: [+63 2 8525 7890] E-Mail: mroncr@marina.gov.ph/dss@marina.gov.ph			
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	Ongoing			
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	The Memorandum Circular serves to provide policy guidelines in the regulation of high-speed craft in the domestic shipping trade within the purview of the mandate vested with the MARINA. The Circular applies to all persons, corporations, firms and entities engaged in the operation of high-speed craft in the domestic marine transportation, for compensation, commercial or public use, involving the carriage of passengers and cargoes between various ports and places in the Philippines.			
15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new	(a) Termination			
	change(s)	(b) Suspension (c) Modification of specific details in existing			
		(c) Modification of specific details in existing procedures:			
		Product coverage;			
		☐ Administrative purpose; ☐ Automatic or Non-automatic;			
		Duration of licensing;			
		☐ Change the nature of quantity/value restriction;			
		☐ Eligibility of applicants;			
		Contact information on eligibility;			
		☐ Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; ☐ Documentation requirements (including application form);			
		Period for Application;			
		Administrative body(ies) to issue licence;			
		☐ Processing time for issuing licence;			
		Licence fee/administrative charge;			
		Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions;			
		☐ Appeal regulations/procedures; ☐ Validity of licence;			
		Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.);			
		Foreign exchange requirements;			
		Other: (please specify).			
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)				