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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 AGREEMENT¹

KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA

The following notification dated 7 February 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	Amendment of Import Licensing Procedures and Guide
3	Date of Publication	27 December 2019
4	Date of entry into force	26 January 2020
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	https://www.uqn.gov.sa/articles/1577302797444215100/ (IL Procedures) https://www.uqn.gov.sa/articles/1577302806334216100/ (IL Guide)
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) <input type="checkbox"/> No.
7	Type of notification	<input type="checkbox"/> (a) New licensing regulation/procedure ² ; (please answer question 8 to 14) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: WT/ACC/SAU/49 and WT/ACC/SAU/53; (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: <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Automatic: <input type="checkbox"/>
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;

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.

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		(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>i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.</i>) (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: _____ (<i>please specify</i>)
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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (<i>please specify</i>).
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	The updated Import licensing procedures and guide Issued by Minister of Commerce and Investment decisions No. 106 and No. 107 of 7.4.1441H (27 December 2019) aim to help the business sector, especially small and medium enterprises through removing import

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		<p>barriers and raising the transparency level for obtaining import licenses as well as regulating the importing process. The previous Import licensing guide was outdated, as many Government bodies either merged under new body, cancelled or newly established; and thus the procedures and the guide had to be modernized.</p> <p>The basic changes between the old procedures and guide Issued by Council of Ministers decrees No. 84 of 1.4.1421H (3 July 2000), No. 88 of 6.4.1423H (16 June 2002) and the updated ones, are as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New structure, more user friendly. • Introduction of new categories of goods that are subject to import licensing requirements in accordance with WTO agreement on import licensing procedures. • Defined categories of goods tied to the responsible entities, for more organization. • Clear requirements to ease the process of issuing the licenses. • Submitting the requests through electronic means (websites and emails), for many categories of goods. <p>In case of non-approval of an import license, easy and more flexible ways for appeal.</p>