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Committee on Import Licensing

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

TONGA

The following notification dated 16 August 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Tonga.

1 PLANT QUARANTINE ACT [CAP.19.06]

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Tonga
2	Title of new legislation/ procedure	Plant Quarantine Act [CAP.19.06]
3	Date of Publication	31 August 1982
4	Date of entry into force	31 August 1982
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	Plant Quarantine Act (ago.gov.to)
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No.
7	Type of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> (a) New licensing regulation/procedure ² ; (please answer question 8 to 14) <input type="checkbox"/> (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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Plant- Plant material- Plant pest- Soil- Living culture and other organisms- Noxious weeds- Garbage- Insects
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Automatic: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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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10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input checked="" 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>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: Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Forest and Fisheries/Quarantine Division Address: Ma'ufanga Website: www.mafff.gov.to Telephone: (+676) 7401112 E-Mail: ceo@mafff.gov.to
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Forest and Fisheries/Quarantine Division Address: Ma'ufanga Website: http://mafff.we.bs/ Telephone: (+676) 7401111/7401115 E-Mail: siutonit@gmail.com
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	Ongoing
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	This Act revises the law relating to the quarantine of plants.
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 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 type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (<i>please specify</i>).

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16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	
