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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

UNITED STATES

The following notification dated 20 July 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	United States
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	Aluminum Import Monitoring and Analysis System
3	Date of Publication	23 December 2020 21 May 2021
4	Date of entry into force	28 June 2021
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/23/2020-28166/aluminum-import-monitoring-and-analysis-system https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/05/21/2021-10747/aluminum-import-monitoring-and-analysis-system-effective-date-and-response-to-comments
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes. <i>(Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.)</i> <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; <i>(please answer question 15 and 16)</i>
8	List of products subject to licensing	https://www.trade.gov/aluminum-products-hts-codes
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: <input checked="" 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; (c) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices;

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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		(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: U.S. Department of Commerce Address: 1401 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20230 Website: www.trade.gov/aluminum Telephone: 202-482-1004 E-Mail: aluminum.license@trade.gov
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: U.S. Department of Commerce Address: 1401 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20230 Website: www.trade.gov/aluminum Telephone: 202-482-1004 E-Mail: aluminum.license@trade.gov
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	Indefinite
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	The Aluminum Import Monitoring and Analysis (AIM) system requires importers, customs brokers or their agents to apply for and obtain an import license for each entry of certain aluminum products into the United States through the AIM system website. To obtain a license, applicants are required to identify, among other information, the country or countries where the largest and the second largest volume of primary aluminum used in the manufacture of the imported aluminum product was smelted (subject to certain exceptions) and the country where the aluminum product was most recently cast. In addition, applicants must report their license numbers on their entry summary documentation, or electronic equivalent, to CBP. AIM will also release to the public certain import license data on an aggregate basis, as appropriate, on the public AIM monitor. The goal of the AIM system is to allow for the effective and timely monitoring of import surges of specific aluminum products. Modelled after the similar Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) system, the AIM system is established pursuant to the Secretary's authority under the Census Act, as amended (13 U.S.C. 301(a) and 302).

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15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	<p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Termination</p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension</p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).</p>
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)	