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Committee on Import Licensing

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**REPLIES FROM ECUADOR TO QUESTIONS POSED BY THE EUROPEAN UNION
REGARDING THE NOTIFICATION IN DOCUMENT G/LIC/N/1/ECU/5**

The following notification, dated 3 March 2015, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Ecuador.

1. Regarding COMEX Resolution No. 98 providing for the allocation of annual import quotas for HYDROCHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (HCFCs) the EU would be grateful to receive further clarifications about the annual quota volume attributed to imports, as well as the criteria for pre-import controls pursuant to COMEX Resolution Nos. 45 and 73.

COMEX Resolution No. 98 establishes the annual quota volumes for imports of HYDROCHLOROFLUOROCARBONS (HCFCs) into Ecuador up to the year 2040¹, when there will be no import quota for this type of controlled ozone-depleting substance.

Pre-import controls of HYDROCHLOROFLUOROCARBONS are based on the country's commitment under Decision IX/8, adopted at the Ninth Meeting of the Parties held in Montreal in September 1997. Article 7 of the Montreal Protocol was amended at this meeting to request all Parties to implement a system for licensing the import and export of new, used and recycled controlled substances listed in Annexes A, B and C.

Pursuant to the Montreal Protocol, COMEX Resolution Nos. 45 and 73 incorporated, in the list of products subject to pre-import controls in Ecuador, 12 HYDROCHLOROFLUOROCARBON (HCFC) products, in accordance with Ecuador's timetable for the phasing out and elimination of ozone-depleting substances. Prior control also applies to exports of such substances.

2. Regarding COMEX Resolution Nos. 81, 89 and 95 the EU would like to be informed about the criteria applied to qualify for an import licence for the products concerned or that automatic licensing procedures are envisaged.

Resolution No. 81 was in force until 31 December 2012.

COMEX Resolution No. 89 establishes import licences for heavy goods vehicles and seeks to ensure compliance with the provisions on maximum permissible weights and dimensions (Law on Roads and Highways and its implementing regulations, Chapter IV on the use and maintenance of public roads and highways and Chapter V on vehicle weights and dimensions, and the relevant regulations of the Ministry in charge of transport). This Resolution governs the application of non-automatic licensing procedures.

Pursuant to COMEX Resolution No. 95, import licences are granted subject to compliance with the General Regulations governing type-approval for public and commercial transport, established by the National Commission on Road Transport, Transit and Safety. No provision has been made for automatic licensing procedures.

¹ The initial import quota volume was 23,489.95 kg ODP (Ozone Depleting Potential) for 2013. The volume allocated will be adjusted periodically until it reaches 0.00 kg ODP in 2040.