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IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

REPLIES TO QUESTIONS FROM THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE UNITED KINGDOM

The following submission, dated 5 August 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Kingdom.

Question 1

After close consideration of these notifications, the Russian Federation would like to put on the record of this meeting that we have some questions regarding one of these documents, namely G/LIC/N/2/GBR/1. The Russian Federation seeks the clarification from the United Kingdom on what goods are subject to automatic import licensing and non-automatic one.

Answer:

The United Kingdom (UK) thanks the Russian Federation for their question. The UK operates a system of import licences in order to monitor trade flows for certain agricultural products without limiting access to the UK market. This is an automatic licensing regime and the goods subject to it have been listed in the Annex in G/LIC/N/2/GBR/1 under the heading "Non-quota Import Licences".

The UK also operates a system of import licences in order to administer tariff rate quotas (TRQs) for certain agricultural products. This is a non-automatic licensing regime and the goods subject to it have been listed in the Annex in G/LIC/N/2/GBR/1 under the heading "Tariff Rate Quota Import Licences".

Question 2

In reference to 2 of the document G/LIC/N/2/GBR/ it says that "Some European Union law was retained in UK law by virtue of the European Union (Withdrawal) Act 2018 and the European Union (Withdrawal Agreement) Act 2020, with minor modifications to ensure operability". The Russian Federation is wondering when the United Kingdom is planning to notify these modifications.

Answer:

These modifications are notified in section 2 of the document G/LIC/N/2/GBR/1 under the "UK legislation" sub-heading.
