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IMPORT LICENSING SYSTEM OF INDONESIA

QUESTIONS FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION TO INDONESIA REGARDING ITS NEWLY INTRODUCED IMPORT PROCEDURES FOR TYRES

The following communication, dated 18 April 2017, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the European Union.

Reference is made to the Regulation No. 77/M-DAG/PER/11/2016 on Tyre Imports issued by the Minister for Trade. This piece of legislation effectively revokes Regulation No. 78/2015, which had removed previous similar barriers. It reintroduces restrictive measures on imports of tyres from 1 January 2017.

The EU would like to ask Indonesia to provide clarifications on this measure and on its implementation, in accordance with the provisions of the Import Licensing Agreement. In particular:

1. Could Indonesia clarify why this regulation has not been notified to the WTO in accordance with Articles 1.4 and 5 of the Import Licensing Agreement? Does Indonesia have any plan to submit the due notification in the near future?
 2. Article 2 of Regulation No 77/2016 states: "Import of Tyres is restricted". Could Indonesia clarify the rationale of this article?
 3. Could Indonesia clarify what does "restricted" mean and what form "restrictions" take pursuant to Article 2? For instance, what type of licensing applies? Please describe the means applied to restrict imports of tyres.
 4. Could Indonesia present in writing each step to be followed by the importers for importing tyres into Indonesia? What are the procedures for the submission of applications, the eligibility of applicants, and the period for processing applications?
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