AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Article 5.1 to 5.4 of the Agreement[[1]](#footnote-1)

Kingdom of Bahrain

The following notification, of which the first draft was received on 15 October 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Kingdom of Bahrain.

|  | **Category** | **Notification details** |
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| **1** | **Notifying Member** | Kingdom of Bahrain |
| **2** | **Title of new legislation/procedure** | Kingdom of Bahrain Technical Regulations for White Portland Cement |
| **3** | **Date of Publication** | 14 April 2016 |
| **4** | **Date of entry into force** | 15 October 2016 |
| **5** | **Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure** | Legislation and Legal Opinion Commission website: <http://www.legalaffairs.gov.bh>Ministerial Order No. 42 of 2016 With Respect to White Portland Cement Technical Requirements: <http://www.legalaffairs.gov.bh/Media/LegalPDF/RICT4216.pdf> |
| **6** | **Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat** | [X] Yes. (*Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.*)[ ] No. |
| **7** | **Type of notification** | [X] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure[[2]](#footnote-2); (please answer question 8 to 14)[ ] (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** |

| **S.N.** | **Product Description** | **H.S. Code (8 Digits – 2017 Edition)** |
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| ***White Portland Cement*** |
| 1 | White cement, whether or not artificially coloured | 25232100 |

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| **9** | **Nature of licensing** | Automatic: [ ]Non-Automatic: [X] |
| **10** | **Administrative purpose/measure being implemented** | (a) | [ ]  | Protect public morals; |
| (b) | [x]  | Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment; |
| (c) | [ ]  | Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; |
| (d) | [ ]  | Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; |
| (e) | [ ]  | Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (*i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.)* |
| (f) | [ ]  | Quota (including TRQ) administration; |
| (g) | [ ]  | Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; |
| (h) | [x]  | Other: Improving Quality and Performance. |
| **11** | **Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications**  | Ministry/authority and Department: Ministry of Works, Municipalities Affairs and Urban Planning/Materials Engineering DirectorateAddress: Building: 1221, Road: 4226, Block: 342, ManamaWebsite: [https://www.works.gov.bh](https://www.works.gov.bh/)Telephone: 17545797 |
| **12** | **Contact point for information on eligibility** | Ministry/authority and Department: Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Tourism/Testing and Metrology DirectorateAddress: Manama – Sea Front - Financial Harbour Gate – 3rd Floor, Road Number: 4626Website: <http://www.moic.gov.bh>Telephone: +97317574871E-Mail: bsmd@moic.gov.bh |
| **13** | **Expected duration of licensing procedure** | Ongoing |
| **14** | **A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages**  | To adopt import requirements for white Portland cement, and determines conformity assessment procedures that suppliers must comply with during the presentation and placement of white Portland cement onto the market in the Kingdom of Bahrain and also this has been done to ensure safety. |
| **15** | **In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)** |

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| **(a)** | [ ]  | **Termination** |
| **(b)** | [ ]  | **Suspension** |
| **(c)** | [ ]  | **Modification of specific details in existing** **procedures:** |
| [ ]  | Product coverage; |
| [ ]  | Administrative purpose; |
| [ ]  | Automatic or Non-automatic; |
| [ ]  | Duration of licensing; |
| [ ]  | Change the nature of quantity/value restriction; |
| [ ]  | Eligibility of applicants; |
| [ ]  | Contact information on eligibility; |
| [ ]  | Administrative body(ies) for submission of application; |
| [ ]  | Documentation requirements (including application form); |
| [ ]  | Period for Application; |
| [ ]  | Administrative body(ies) to issue licence; |
| [ ]  | Processing time for issuing licence; |
| [ ]  | Licence fee/administrative charge; |
| [ ]  | Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions; |
| [ ]  | Appeal regulations/procedures; |
| [ ]  | Validity of licence; |
| [ ]  | Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.); |
| [ ]  | Foreign exchange requirements; |
| [ ]  | Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify). |

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

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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. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
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. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)