AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Notification under Article 5.1 to 5.4 of the Agreement[[1]](#footnote-2)

Hong Kong, China

The following notification dated 28 July 2022 is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Hong Kong, China.

|  | **Category** | **Notification details** | | |
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| **1** | **Notifying Member** | Hong Kong, China | | |
| **2** | **Title of new legislation/procedure** | Full implementation of E-Services for Import Licence for Rice | | |
| **3** | **Date of Publication** | 30 June 2022 | | |
| **4** | **Date of entry into force** | 30 June 2022 | | |
| **5** | **Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure** | <https://www.tid.gov.hk/english/import_export/nontextiles/nt_rice/rice022022.html> | | |
| **6** | **Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat** | [ ] Yes. (*Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.*)  [X] No. | | |
| **7** | **Type of notification** | [ ] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure[[2]](#footnote-3); (please answer question 8 to 14)  [X] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: G/LIC/N/3/HKG/25; (*please answer question 15 and 16*) | | |
| **8** | **List of products subject to licensing** | *Please provide the HS codes and detailed descriptions of the products. In case of a long list, please attach the list as an Annex in MS WORD document.* | | |
| **9** | **Nature of licensing** | Automatic: [ ]  Non-Automatic: [ ] | | |
| **10** | **Administrative purpose/measure being implemented** | (a) |  | Protect public morals; |
| (b) |  | 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) |  | Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *(please specify)* |
| **11** | **Administrative body(ies) for**  **submission of applications** | Ministry/authority and Department: [ ]  Address: [ ]  Website: [ ]  Telephone: [ ]  E-Mail: [ ] | | |
| **12** | **Contact point for information on eligibility** | Ministry/authority and Department: [ ]  Address: [ ]  Website: [ ]  Telephone: [ ]  E-Mail: [ ] | | |
| **13** | **Expected duration of licensing procedure** |  | | |
| **14** | **A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages** |  | | |
| **15** | **In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)** | |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **(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: Providing an alternative means for submission of applications for import licence for rice and receipt of application results. | | | | | |
| **16** | **Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the WTO official languages)** | With effect from 30 June 2022, traders can lodge e‑applications for import licence for rice via the Trade and Industry Department ("TID")'s website and receive the relevant application results or approved licences electronically. Notwithstanding the introduction of the above e-services, traders can continue to lodge the application in paper form and obtain the application results at TID in person as before. | | |

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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-2)
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-3)