AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

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

United States

The following notification dated 20 July 2021, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States.

|  | **Category** | **Notification details** | | |
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| **1** | **Notifying Member** | United States | | |
| **2** | **Title of new legislation/procedure** | **Aluminum Import Monitoring and Analysis System** | | |
| **3** | **Date of Publication** | 23 December 2020  21 May 2021 | | |
| **4** | **Date of entry into force** | 28 June 2021 | | |
| **5** | **Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure** | <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2020/12/23/2020-28166/aluminum-import-monitoring-and-analysis-system>  <https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/05/21/2021-10747/aluminum-import-monitoring-and-analysis-system-effective-date-and-response-to-comments> | | |
| **6** | **Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat** | Yes. (*Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.*)  No. | | |
| **7** | **Type of notification** | (a) New licensing regulation/procedure[[2]](#footnote-3); (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** | <https://www.trade.gov/aluminum-products-hts-codes> | | |
| **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: U.S. Department of Commerce  Address: 1401 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20230  Website: <www.trade.gov/aluminum>  Telephone: 202-482-1004  E-Mail: <aluminum.license@trade.gov> | | |
| **12** | **Contact point for information on eligibility** | Ministry/authority and Department: U.S. Department of Commerce  Address: 1401 Constitution Ave NW, Washington, DC 20230  Website: <www.trade.gov/aluminum>  Telephone: 202-482-1004  E-Mail: <aluminum.license@trade.gov> | | |
| **13** | **Expected duration of licensing procedure** | Indefinite | | |
| **14** | **A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages** | The Aluminum Import Monitoring and Analysis (AIM) system requires importers, customs brokers or their agents to apply for and obtain an import license for each entry of certain aluminum products into the United States through the AIM system website. To obtain a license, applicants are required to identify, among other information, the country or countries where the largest and the second largest volume of primary aluminum used in the manufacture of the imported aluminum product was smelted (subject to certain exceptions) and the country where the aluminum product was most recently cast. In addition, applicants must report their license numbers on their entry summary documentation, or electronic equivalent, to CBP. AIM will also release to the public certain import license data on an aggregate basis, as appropriate, on the public AIM monitor. The goal of the AIM system is to allow for the effective and timely monitoring of import surges of specific aluminum products. Modelled after the similar Steel Import Monitoring and Analysis (SIMA) system, the AIM system is established pursuant to the Secretary's authority under the Census Act, as amended (13 U.S.C. 301(a) and 302). | | |
| **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: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (please specify). | | | | |
| **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-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)