At its meeting on 12 June 1985, the Committee agreed to the arrangements for the third biennial review, under Article 5.5 of the Agreement, proposed in document LIC/W/28 (LIC/M/13, paragraph 17).

The secretariat has prepared the present document which consolidates all relevant information submitted by signatories on their import licensing procedures as well as on any action taken by them under the Agreement. This document follows the layout of the document for the first and second biennial reviews (LIC/5 and LIC/7) and contains a systematic guide by way of references to data available to the Committee on 1 August 1985 and included in:

(a) replies to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures (listed in L/5640/Rev.1);
(b) notifications made to the Committee under Article 5.4 (LIC/1 and Addenda);
(c) publications used and texts available for consultation in the secretariat (listed in LIC/3, LIC/3/Corr.1 and 2 and LIC/3/Add.1 to 12);
(d) information regarding public notice (LIC/4/Rev.2), and
(e) any relevant statements made by signatories under item-by-item examinations of the implementation and operation of the Agreement in the normal course of the Committee's work and as reported in the minutes of meetings (LIC/M/9 to LIC/M/13).
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Turkey
Venezuela
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2 For procedures relating to the participation of observers, see LIC/M/2, paragraphs 3, 4 and Annex.
2. INFORMATION

2.1 Publication

Articles 1.4, 3(c) and 3(e) of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures provide that Parties shall publish certain information, Article 1.4 also providing explicitly that copies of the relevant publications shall be made available to the GATT secretariat. At the meeting of the Committee on Import Licensing held in April 1980 there was general agreement that, if delegations were not able to notify the full text of their laws and regulations in an official GATT language, they should supply national publications containing these texts to the GATT secretariat (LIC/M/2, paragraphs 12 to 14).

2.1.1 Names of publications used

Argentina
LIC/3/Add.4; Part I, paragraph 1.1

Australia
LIC/3/Corr.1; Part I, paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3

Austria
LIC/3; Part I, paragraph 2.1

Canada
LIC/3; Part I, paragraph 3.1

Chile
LIC/3; Part I, paragraph 4.1

Czechoslovakia
LIC/3/Add.4; Part I, paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2

Egypt

European Economic Community
LIC/3/Corr.1; Part I, paragraph 5.1

Belgium
LIC/3/Corr.2; Part I, paragraphs 5.2.1 and 5.2.2

Denmark
LIC/3/Corr.1; Part I, paragraph 5.3.1

France
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Finland
LIC/3/Corr.3; Part I, paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2

Hungary
LIC/3/Corr.2; Part I, paragraphs 7.1 to 7.4

India
LIC/3; Part I paragraphs 8.1 and 8.2

Japan
LIC/3/Corr.1; Part I, paragraphs 9.1 to 9.3

New Zealand
LIC/3; Part I, paragraphs 10.1 to 10.3

Norway
LIC/3; Part I, paragraph 11.1

Pakistan
LIC/3/Add.3; Part I, paragraph 1.1

Philippines
LIC/3/Add.4; Part I, paragraph 3.1 and 3.2

Romania
LIC/3; Part I, paragraph 12.1

South Africa
LIC/3; Part I, paragraph 13.1

Sweden
LIC/3; Part I, paragraphs 14.1 and 14.2

Switzerland
LIC/3/Add.3; Part I, paragraph 2.1

United Kingdom on behalf of Hong Kong
LIC/3/Add.4; Part I, paragraph 4.1 and 4.2
United States
LIC/3; Part I, paragraphs 15.1 to 15.6

Yugoslavia
LIC/3; Part I, paragraph 16.1

2.1.2 Copies of publications available in the secretariat

Argentina
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2
LIC/3/Add.4; Part II, paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2

Australia
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 2.1 to 2.6
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LIC/3/Add.4; Part II, paragraphs 2.1 to 2.3
LIC/3/Add.6; paragraph 1.1

Austria

Canada
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 3.1 to 3.21
LIC/3/Add.1; paragraphs 1.1 and 1.2
LIC/3/Add.2; paragraphs 2.1 to 2.12
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LIC/3/Add.9; paragraphs 1.1 to 1.6
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LIC/3/Add.11; paragraphs 1.1 to 1.9
LIC/3/Add.12; paragraphs 1.1 to 1.3

Chile
LIC/3/Add.7; paragraph 2.1
LIC/3/Add.8; paragraph 2.1

Czechoslovakia
LIC/3/Add.6; paragraphs 3.1 to 3.8

Egypt

European Economic Community
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 5.1.1 to 5.1.4 and 5.1.6 to 5.1.9
LIC/3/Add.1; paragraph 2.1
LIC/3/Add.5; paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2

Belgium
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 5.2.1 and 5.2.2
LIC/3/Add.4; Part II, paragraphs 4.1.1 to 4.1.11
LIC/3/Add.6; paragraphs 4.1.1 to 4.1.6
LIC/3/Add.7; paragraph 3.1.1
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LIC/3/Add.11; paragraphs 2.1.1 to 2.1.3
LIC/3/Add.12; paragraphs 2.1.1 and 2.1.2

France
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 5.4.1 to 5.4.18

Germany
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 5.5.1 and 5.5.2

Greece
LIC/3/Add.2; paragraphs 3.1.1 and 3.1.2

Ireland
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 5.6.1 to 5.6.5

Italy
LIC/3; Part II, paragraph 5.7.1

Luxembourg
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 5.8.1 and 5.8.2
LIC/3/Add.9; paragraphs 2.2.1 to 2.2.4

Netherlands
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LIC/3/Add.4; Part II, paragraphs 4.3.1 to 4.3.7

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LIC/3/Add.6; paragraph 5.1
LIC/3/Add.7; paragraph 4.1

Hungary
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 7.1 to 7.6
LIC/3/Add.3; Part II, paragraph 3.1
LIC/3/Add.6; paragraphs 6.1 and 6.2

India
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 8.1 to 8.4
LIC/3/Add.3; Part II, paragraphs 4.1 and 4.2
LIC/3/Add.6; paragraphs 7.1 to 7.3
LIC/3/Add.8; paragraphs 4.1 to 4.3
LIC/3/Add.10; paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3
LIC/3/Add.12; paragraphs 3.1 to 3.3

Japan
LIC/3/Add.3; Part II, paragraphs 5.1 to 5.3

New Zealand
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 10.1 to 10.9
LIC/3/Add.2; paragraphs 5.1 to 5.5
LIC/3/Add.4; Part II, paragraphs 5.1 to 5.2
LIC/3/Add.5; paragraphs 3.1 to 3.5
LIC/3/Add.6; paragraphs 8.1 to 8.3
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LIC/3/Add.9; paragraph 4.1
LIC/3/Add.12; paragraph 5.1

Philippines
LIC/3/Add.3; Part II, paragraphs 7.1 to 7.39
LIC/3/Add.5; paragraphs 4.1 to 4.26
LIC/3/Add.6; paragraphs 9.1 to 9.7

Romania
LIC/3; Part II, paragraphs 12.1 to 12.3

South Africa
LIC/3; Part II, paragraph 13.1
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Sweden
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LIC/3/Add.8; paragraphs 6.1 to 6.4
LIC/3/Add.9; paragraphs 6.1 to 6.5
LIC/3/Add.10; paragraphs 6.3 to 6.5
LIC/3/Add.11; paragraphs 4.1 to 4.7
LIC/3/Add.12; paragraph 6.1 to 6.9
2.2 Public Notice

The Committee noted Article 3(d) which reads as follows "in the case of quotas allocated amongst supplying countries, the Party applying the restrictions shall promptly inform all other Parties having an interest in supplying the product concerned of the shares in the quota currently allocated, by quantity or value, to the various supplying countries and shall give public notice thereof."

This section gives references to the document containing information on public notice (LIC/4/Rev.3).

Argentina
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 1

Australia
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 2

Austria
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 3

Canada
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 4

Chile
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 5

Czechoslovakia
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 6

Egypt
European Economic Community
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 7

Belgium
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 7.1

Denmark
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 7.2

France
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 7.3

Germany, Fed. Rep. of
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 7.4

Greece
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 7.5

Ireland
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 7.6

Italy
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 7.7

Luxembourg
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 7.8

Netherlands
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 7.9

United Kingdom
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 7.10

Finland
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 8

Hungary
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 9

India
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 10

Japan
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 11

New Zealand
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 12

Norway
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 13

Pakistan
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 14

Philippines
LIC/4/Rev.3; paragraph 15
2.3 Notifications relating to the relevant laws and regulations

Article 5 paragraph 4 of the Agreement provides in paragraph (a) that "each government accepting or acceding to this Agreement shall ensure, no later than the date of entry into force of this Agreement for it, the conformity of its laws, regulations and administrative procedures with the provisions of this Agreement" and in paragraph (b) that "each Party shall inform the Committee of any changes in its laws and regulations relevant to this Agreement and in the administration of such laws and regulations"

Signatories have been invited as in other Committees to notify the full text of relevant laws and regulations in an official GATT language for translation and circulation to the Committee. The Committee agreed that, if this was not practicable for certain delegations, as a first step they should submit publications containing the full text of these laws and regulations in the national language (LIC/M/2, paragraphs 12-14). Texts of laws and regulations supplied only in the national language are listed in Section 2.1.2 above.

Notifications circulated under the above-mentioned provisions are reproduced in LIC/1 and Addenda, as follows:

Argentina
LIC/1

Australia
LIC/1/Add.23

Austria
LIC/1/Add.8

Canada
LIC/1/Add.22
Chile
LIC/1/Add.5 and Corr. 1; LIC/1/Add.10; LIC/1/Add.26

Czechoslovakia
LIC/1/Add.28

Egypt
LIC/1/Add.33

European Economic Community
LIC/Add.3; LIC/1/Add.18; LIC/1/Add.31

Belgium
LIC/1/Add.17/Rev.1

Denmark
LIC/1/Add.7 and Suppl.1

France
LIC/1/Add.13

Germany, Fed. Rep. of
LIC/1/Add.9; LIC/1/Add.34

Greece

Ireland
LIC/1/Add.13

Italy

Luxembourg
LIC/1/Add.12

Netherlands

United Kingdom
LIC/1/Add.12

Finland
LIC/1/Add.4 and Suppl.1

Hungary
LIC/1/Add.11

India
LIC/1/Add.6; paragraph 4

Japan
LIC/1/Add.24

New Zealand
LIC/1/Add.16

Norway
LIC/1/Add.21
3. ADMINISTRATION OF AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING

3.1 General

Article 2, paragraph 1 of the Agreement defines automatic import licensing as "import licensing where approval of the application is freely granted," Article 2, paragraph 2(a) going on to provide that "automatic licensing procedures shall not be administered in a manner so as to have restricting effects on imports subject to automatic licensing." Generally, information concerning the administration of automatic licensing procedures can be found under the following headings in the replies to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures:

| 1. Purposes of maintaining automatic import licensing procedures |
| Article 2.2(b) | No. 4 |
| 2. Product coverage |
| Article 1.4 | No. 2 |
| 3. Eligibility of importers to apply for automatic licences |
| Article 2.2(c) and Article 1.4 | No. 9(b) |
| 4. Period of submission and processing of applications |
| Article 2.2(d) and Article 2.2(e) | Nos 7(a), 7(b), 7(c) |
5. Administrative body to be approached

   Article 1.6 No. 7(d)

6. Refusal of applications

   Article 1.7 No. 8

7. Application forms and other documents required on application

   Article 1.5 No. 10

8. Availability of foreign exchange for imports

   Article 1.9 No. 19

This section gives references to information notified in each signatory's replies to the Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures. Reference is also made to any statements made by signatories on their implementation of the provisions of the Agreement on automatic import licensing, in the normal course of the Committee's work and as reported in the minutes of the meetings, since the second biennial review (LIC/M/9-13).

3.2 Information on individual procedures

Argentina


See also LIC/M/9; paragraph 25 and LIC/M/10; paragraphs 5-6.

Australia

No automatic licensing procedures.

L/5640/Add.13 of 16 November 1984 contains Australia's replies to the GATT Questionnaire.

Austria

Licensing used for statistical purposes.


Canada

(a) Import permits for controlled and restricted drugs.


(b) Import permits for explosives.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.10 of 16 November 1984, pages 1-3.  


(c) Import permits for radioactive materials (prescribed substances).

Relevant information is contained in L/5126/Rev.1 of 25 February 1983, pages 10-12.

(d) "Permit to Import" required for regulated plants and plant parts.


(e) Import permit for live animals, animal products, birds and veterinary biologics.


(f) Import licences and orders to regulate imports of natural gas.


(g) Licensing on dry casin subject to global import surveillance.

Relevant information is contained in L/5126/Rev.1 of 25 February 1983, pages 44-46.

(h) Individual open general licensing for sugar and coffee.


(i) General import licensing and individual import licensing for whale-products and by-products.


(j) Open general licensing for endangered species.


Chile

Import certificate used for statistical purposes.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.8/Rev.1 of 19 July 1985.

Czechoslovakia

No automatic licensing procedures.

Czechoslovakia has responded to the GATT Questionnaire in document L/5301 of 24 March 1982.
Egypt

Egypt has not responded to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures.

European Economic Community

(a) Import document for surveillance of liberalized products.


(b) Import certificate applicable to a number of agricultural products for statistical purposes.

Relevant information is contained in COM.IND/W/55-COM.AC/W/72/Add.59 of 16 December 1977.

Benelux Economic Union

Licensing used for the application of certain regulations or administrative provisions.


Denmark

Unrestricted licensing used as a tentative liberalization.

Relevant information is contained in L/5169/Add.1 of 30 October 1961.

France

Automatic import declaration.

Relevant information is contained in COM.IND/W/55-COM.AG/W/72/Add.59 of 16 December 1977 (additional information in Add.56/Rev.1 of 30 December 1976).

Germany, Federal Republic of

Automatic licensing for imports from State-trading countries.


Greece

Automatic import licensing for certain products in List A.

Relevant information is contained in COM.IND/W/55-COM.AG/W/72/Add.28 of 23 July 1971.
Ireland

System of national surveillance.

Relevant information is contained in COM.IND/W/55-COM.AG/W/72/Add.59 of 16 December 1977.

Italy

Automatic licensing; Controlled customs system; Statistical control system.

Relevant information is contained in COM.IND/W/55-COM.AG/W/72/Add.59 of 16 December 1977 (additional information in Add.56/Rev.1 of 30 December 1976).

United Kingdom

Open General Import Licence.


Finland

Automatic Licensing.

Relevant information is contained in L/5130/Suppl.1 and Rev.1 of 6 September 1983 and 11 January 1984, and L/5640/Add.6 of 8 October 1984.

Hungary

No automatic licensing procedures.

Hungary has responded to the GATT Questionnaire in document L/5194 of 9 October 1981 and L/5640/Add.12 of 16 November 1984.

India

Open General Licence.


Japan

No automatic licensing procedures.

Japan has responded to the GATT Questionnaire in document L/5168 of 23 July 1984.

New Zealand

No automatic licensing procedures.

New Zealand has responded to the GATT Questionnaire in document L/5640/Add.18 of 21 June 1985.
Norway

(a) Licences required for surveillance purposes for the importation of a number of textile products.

Relevant information is contained in L/5374 of 22 October 1982 and L/5640/Add.2 of 16 July 1984.

(b) Liberal licensing of certain agricultural imports.

Relevant information is contained in L/5374 of 22 October 1982 and L/5640/Add.2 of 16 July 1984.

Pakistan

Automatic import licensing of items not included in the Negative List.

Relevant information is contained in L/5250/Rev.1 of 16 December 1983.

See also LIC/M/9, paragraph 5.

Philippines

Licence certificates for imports of designated goods.


Romania

Licenses issued for keeping under observation the application of the provisions of Foreign Trade Plan.

Relevant information is contained in L/5110 of 24 February 1981.

Singapore

All goods can be imported freely unless licence is required (currently for refined white sugar, rice and air conditioners not exceeding 9,000 K.Cal/hr.)

Relevant information is contained in L/5639 of 19 April 1984.

South Africa

No automatic licensing procedures.

South Africa has responded to the GATT Questionnaire in L/5640/Add.17 of 6 June 1985.

Sweden

(a) Licensing used to supervise imports within CCCN Chapters 1-24.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.14 of 16 November 1984, pages 1-5.
(b) Licensing used for surveillance purposes.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.14 of 16 November 1984, pages 1-5.

Switzerland

(a) Automatic licensing; "Three phrases" system for certain products within Chapters 1-24.


(b) Automatic Import Licensing for certain products within Chapters 25-99.


United Kingdom on behalf of Hong-Kong

Import licensing control of designated goods.

Relevant information is contained in L/5109/Rev.1 of 18 February 1983 and L/5640/Add.4 and Corr.1 of 3 October 1984 and 18 February 1985, respectively.

United States

No automatic licensing procedures.


Yugoslavia

No automatic licensing procedures.

Yugoslavia has responded to the GATT Questionnaire in document L/5640/Add.20 of 22 July 1985.

4. ADMINISTRATION OF NON-AUTOMATIC IMPORT LICENSING

4.1 General

The introduction to Article 3 defines non-automatic licensing as "import licensing procedures not falling under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Article 2" (which deal with automatic licensing), paragraph (a) going on to provide that "procedures adopted, and practices applied, in connection with the issuance of
licences for the administration of quotas and other import restrictions shall not have trade restrictive effects on imports additional to those caused by the imposition of the restriction."

Generally, information concerning the administration of non-automatic licensing procedures can be found under the following headings of the replies to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures:

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This section gives references to information contained in each signatory's replies to the Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures. Reference is also made to any statements made by signatories on their implementation of the provisions of the Agreement on non-automatic import licensing, in the normal course of the Committee's work and as reported in the minutes of the meetings since the second biennial review (LIC/M/9-13).
4.2 Information on individual procedures

Argentina

No non-automatic licensing procedures.


Australia

(a) Import licensing in respect of designated industrial goods in order to restrict the quantity of goods imported, to assist local industry.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.13 of 16 November 1984.

(b) Import Licensing used to control the importation of narcotics and certain psychotropic substances.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.13 of 16 November 1984.

Austria

(a) Import Licences for products subject to quantitative restrictions.


(b) Other

Importation of textiles (MFA)
Import licences of the Monopoly Administration (L/1949/Add.21)
Importation of coffee (International Coffee Agreement, 1983)
Importation of Sugar (International Sugar Agreement)

These licensing procedures are mentioned but no details are given.

Canada

(a) Import licensing of narcotics.


(b) Import control of grains.


(c) Licences for import control of certain heavy fuel oils.

Relevant information is contained in L/5126/Rev.1 of 25 February 1983, pages 24-27.

(d) Individual import licensing of clothing and handbags to administer bilateral export restraint arrangements.
Relevant information is contained in L/5126/Rev.1 of 25 February 1983, pages 32-34, in conjunction with L/5640/Add.10 of 16 November 1984, Annex I.

(e) Individual import licensing of textiles to administer bilateral export restraint arrangements.

Relevant information is contained in L/5126/Rev.1 of 25 February 1983, pages 36-38, in conjunction with L/5640/Add.10 of 16 November 1984, Annex II.

(f) Individual import licensing for footwear products to restrict the quantity of imports in accordance with Article XIX action.

Relevant information is contained in L/5126/Rev.1 of 25 February 1983, pages 40-43, in conjunction with L/5640/Add.10 of 16 November 1984, pages 4-5.

(g) Individual import licensing of dairy products

(i) subject to global quotas
(ii) subject to discretionary licensing


(h) Individual import licensing of turkey, eggs and chicken to administer import restrictions.


Chile

No non-automatic licensing procedures.

Chile has responded to the GATT Questionnaire in L/5640/Add.8/Rev.1 of 19 July 1985.

Czechoslovakia

(a) Veterinary licence required for importation of all live animals and animal products.

Relevant information is contained in L/5301 of 24 March 1982.

(b) Import licence for plants and vegetable products.

Relevant information is contained in L/5301 of 24 March 1982.

(c) Licences for imports of narcotics.

Relevant information is contained in L/5301 of 24 March 1982.

(d) Importation of arms, ammunition and explosives is regulated by internal provisions. These provisions are not published and information relating to their implementation is not furnished for reasons of protection of essential security interests. Reference in L/5301 of 24 March 1982, page 7.
Egypt

Egypt has not responded to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures.

European Economic Community

Import authorizations for products subject to Community quotas.


Benelux Economic Union

Import licensing of designated goods to administer import restrictions.


Denmark

Import licensing of designated goods to administer quantitative restrictions.

Relevant information is contained in L/5169/Add.1 of 30 October 1981.

France

Import licensing for products under quota restrictions.

Relevant information is contained in COM.IND/W/55-COM.AG/W/72/Add.59 of 16 December 1977.

Germany, Federal Republic of

Licensing to restrict the quantity of imports.


Greece

Import licensing of designated goods.

Relevant information is contained in COM.IND/W/55-COM.AC/W/72/Add.28 of 23 July 1971.

Ireland

Licensing to administer annual quotas.

Relevant information is contained in COM.IND/W/55-COM.AG/W/72/Add.59 of 16 December 1977.
Italy

Import licensing of designated goods used to administer quantitative import restrictions.

Relevant information is contained in COM.AG/W/72/Add.59 of 16 December 1977.

United Kingdom

Individual import licences for goods originating from the sources indicated.


Finland

Global licensing for the administration of quotas.
Individual (discretionary) licensing.

Relevant information is contained in L/5130/Suppl.1 of 10 September 1983 and Rev.1 of 11 January 1984 and L/5640/Add.6 of 8 October 1984.

Hungary

Import Licensing to administer import quotas for consumer goods.

Relevant information is contained in L/5194 of 9 October 1981 and L/5640/Add.12 of 16 November 1984.

India

Import licenses or customs clearance permits for all imports unless exempted. Automatic licences and supplementary licences to administer import restrictions.


See also LIC/M/9, paragraph 15, LIC/M/10, paragraph 20 and LIC/M/12, paragraph 18.

Japan

Certificate of import quota allocation required for designated items in the import quota system.

Relevant information is contained in L/5168 of 20 July 1981.

See also LIC/M/9, paragraphs 8-14; LIC/M/10, paragraphs 12-29; LIC/M/11, paragraphs 12-18; LIC/M/12, paragraphs 8-14.
New Zealand

(a) Basic licences to administer restrictions on imports of designated goods, based on the amount of qualifying licences held in the previous period.

(b) Special licences issued to meet specific requirements for item codes with a "special" allocation or above the basic allocation in other item codes.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.18 of 21 June 1985.

Norway

(a) Import licensing of certain categories of textile products, mainly ready-made clothes, subject to a global quota system implemented under Article XIX of GATT.

(b) Licensing on imports of refined sugar.

(c) Licensing on certain imports from bilateral agreements countries.

(d) Import licensing of designates agricultural goods to regulate imports on a quantitative basis.

Relevant information is contained in L/5374 of 22 October 1982 and L/5640/Add.2 of 16 July 1984.

Pakistan

Licenses for items covered under Part A (subject to quantitative restrictions, i.e. linked with past import or with actual capacity of the individual industrial consumers), Part B (subject to specified sources under credit, loan and barter or U.S. PL480 subject to availability of funds) and Part C (importable through public-sector agencies only) of the Restricted List.

Relevant information is contained in L/5250/Rev.1 of 16 December 1983.

See also LIC/M/9, paragraph 5.

Philippines

Discretionary licensing to administer imports of designated goods.


Romania

Romania has responded to the GATT Questionnaire in document L/5110 of 24 February 1981.

Licences issued for the administration of eventual restrictions which may be imposed with a view to equilibrating the balance-of-payments, protecting public health, for national defence and State security.

At present these licences are not applied.
Singapore

Licences are used to effect quotas and other controls of import of refined white sugar, rice and air conditioners not exceeding 9,000 K.cal/hr. originating from Albania, Laos, East Germany, Viet Nam and Mongolia.

Relevant information is contained in L/5639 of 19 April 1984.

South Africa

General licences and specific licences to monitor imports of certain sensitive commodities.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.17 of 6 June 1985.

Sweden

(a) Import licensing of designated goods within CCCN Chapters 1-24 to administer import restrictions.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.14 of 16 November 1984.

(b) Import licensing to supervise import restriction on designated goods under CCCN Chapters 25-99.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.14 of 16 November 1984.

Switzerland

(a) Import licensing to administer quantitative restrictions; "take-over" system; "three phases" system for products within Chapter 1-24.

Relevant information is contained in L/5223 of 9 November 1981.

(b) Import Licensing of designated goods subject to quantitative restrictions (narcotic drugs, full-length feature films).

Relevant information is contained in L/5223 of 9 November 1981.

United Kingdom on behalf of Hong Kong

Import licensing to administer rice import control scheme.

Relevant information is contained in L/5109/Rev.1 of 18 February 1983, L/5640/Add.4 and Corr.1 of 3 October 1984 and 18 February 1985, respectively.

United States

(a) Import permits for plants and plant products required to protect against introduction of plant pests and disease.

Relevant information is contained in L/5131 of 6 April 1981.

(b) Import licensing to administer quantitatives restrictions on certain dairy products.
Relevant information is contained in L/5131 of 6 April 1981.

(c) Import permits for livestock and poultry required to protect against introduction of animal disease or pests.

Relevant information is contained in L/5131 of 6 April 1981.

(d) Import licensing to administer imports of natural gas and petroleum products.

Relevant information is contained in L/5131 of 6 April 1981.

(e) Import licensing to administer imports of fish and wildlife (including endangered species).

Relevant information is contained in L/5131 of 6 April 1981.

(f) Import licensing to administer quantitative restrictions on controlled drugs and to maintain a monitoring system.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.5 of 4 October 1985.

(g) Import licensing to administer packaging and labelling requirements for distilled spirits (beverages); wine and malt beverage.

Relevant information is contained in L/5131/Add.1 of 23 July 1981.

(h) Permit system to control authorized importation of distilled spirits for industrial purposes.

Relevant information is contained in L/5131/Add.1 of 23 July 1981.

(i) Licensing system to administer imports of firearms and ammunition.

Relevant information is contained in L/5131/Add.1 of 23 July 1981.

(j) A system of registration and permits to administer importation of ares, ammunition and implements of war.

Relevant information is contained in L/5231/Add.1 of 23 July 1981.

(k) Licensing system to administer imports of explosives.

Relevant information is contained in L/5131/Add.1 of 23 July 1981.

(l) Import licensing of nuclear facilities and materials.

Relevant information is contained in L/5131/Add.2 of 15 October 1981.

(m) Licensing to control imports of biological products.

Relevant information contained in L/5131/Add.2 of 15 October 1981.

(n) Licensing of imports of sugar for re-export or polyhydric alcohol production to allow these items to enter exempt from the import quota.
Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.5 of 4 October 1984.

See LIC/M/10, paragraphs 21-25; LIC/M/11, paragraphs 19-22; LIC/M/12, paragraphs 15-17 and LIC/M/13, paragraphs 18-20.

Yugoslavia

Import licensing to administer imports of designated goods.

Relevant information is contained in L/5640/Add.20 of 22 July 1985.

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT WITH RESPECT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

At its ninth meeting, the committee decided to arrange for informal consultations with interested parties to examine what obstacles might exist to their joining the Agreement. These were conducted on a bilateral basis between the Chairman of the Committee and various non-signatory countries and in an informal meeting between signatories and non-signatories on 1 October 1984. The results of these consultations were reported in LIC/M/10, paragraphs 26-27; LIC/M/11, paragraphs 23-28.

In response to the invitation addressed to all committees or councils regarding the MTN Agreements and Arrangements (L/5756) the Committee held a special meeting on 17 April 1985 to address the issues of obstacles to acceptance which contracting parties may have faced and also the adequacy and effectiveness of the Agreement. Non-signatory contracting parties were invited to participate and express their views in the discussion. Regarding obstacles to accession the Committee reached inter alia, the following conclusions at its special meeting (MDF/12, paragraph 26):

- Membership needed to be extended: however, the right formula for attracting new members had to be found. Some felt this could be accomplished by increasing the flexibility of some specific provisions of the Agreement itself and/or the way in which it was implemented. Others warned that too much flexibility might undermine the minimum standard of discipline embodied in the Code. They felt that increased transparency of the Agreement's provisions and implementation was a preferable path and that the Committee's current work programme was a step in that direction.

- There was a need for more information from and discussion with interested non-signatories concerning specific problems they have with particular provisions of the Agreement. An appropriate means of accomplishing this was to provide more general information to prospective signatories concerning the Agreement and to grant better directed, more specific technical assistance.

A report of the meeting appears in document LIC/8.

One developing country signatory, upon acceding to the Agreement, informed the Committee that his government would delay application of Article 2.2, sub-paragraphs (d) and (e) for two years in accordance with the provisions of footnote 3 to the Agreement. (LIC/M/9, paragraphs 3-4).

One other developing country signed the Agreement on 20 June 1984; the Agreement entered into force in that country on 20 July 1984, in conformity with Article 5.3 of the Argument (LIC/M/11; paragraph 3).
6. COMMITTEE ON IMPORT LICENSING

Since the entry into force of the Agreement, the Committee has held thirteen meetings in January, April, December 1980; April, November 1981; May, December 1982; July, October 1983; June, October 1984; and March, June 1985. Minutes of these meetings are contained in LIC/M/1 to 13.

7. WORK PROGRAMME OF THE COMMITTEE

At its eleventh meeting, the Committee adopted as part of its regular agenda, a work programme to help the Committee reach a common understanding on the meaning of certain provisions of the Agreement formulated in vague terms (LIC/M/11, paragraphs 29-34). Discussions concerning the work programme, and a report on the progress made thus far appear respectively in LIC/M/12, paragraphs 20-27; LIC/M/13, paragraphs 3-16 and LIC/W/25/Rev.2.

8. CONSULTATION AND DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

8.1 Procedures

Article 4 paragraph 2 provides that "consultations and the settlement of disputes with respect to any matter affecting the operation of this Agreement, shall be subject to the procedures of Articles XXIII of the GATT". Statements made on the interpretation of this provision are referred to in LIC/M/1, paragraph 7.

No representation under this provision has been brought to the attention of the Committee during the period under consideration.

8.2 Panelists

At the second meeting of the Committee on Import Licensing held on 29 April 1980, the Chairman noted that a number of delegations had designated persons to be available to serve on panels and that, as had been agreed at the first meeting, any such notifications were being made without prejudice to any decision that the Committee might take as to the appropriate mechanism to be used for dispute settlement (LIC/M/1, paragraph 7 and LIC/M/2, paragraph 26).

The list of names of persons available to serve on panels which have been communicated to the Committee are as follows:

Chile
Mr. F. Morales

European Economic Community
Belgium
Mr. J.D. Devadder
Denmark
Mr. O. Bruun-Pedersen
France
Mr. Garapon
Italy
Mr. S. Fanella
Netherlands
Mr. F. Weiss
United Kingdom
Mr. H.C. Greenwood
Mr. W.M. Mckinnon
Finland
Mrs B. Widing

India
Mr. A. Ramachandran
Shri Takhat Ram

Norway
Mr. H. Boyum
Mr. A. Thorvik
Mr. A. Sivertsen

Romania
Mr. G. Luca

United Kingdom on behalf of Hong Kong
Mr. A. Woo

United States
Ms. F. Lizer
Ms. D. Dwoskin

The delegation of New Zealand has informed the Committee that it will indicate the names of experts available to serve on panels in the near future.

The delegations of Austria and Switzerland have indicated that they are in principle prepared to secure experts for panels. Should the participation of their experts in a specific panel be required, their authorities would then upon request endeavour to make available an appropriate person.

9. FINAL PROVISIONS

9.1 Accession and Withdrawal

9.1.1 Procedures for Accession of Non-Contracting Parties have been discussed on several occasions. A proposal is before the Committee (LIC/M/3, paragraphs 7 and 8 Annex).

9.1.2 Withdrawal

No signatory has withdrawn from the Agreement in the period under review.

9.2 Reservations, Amendments, and Non-Application

No signatory has entered a reservation under Article 5.2.

No amendments to the Agreement have been made under Article 5.6.

Article 5.8 providing for non-application of the Agreement between signatories has not been invoked by any of the signatories.