Committee on Import Licensing

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Note by the Secretariat
HUNGARY

Hungary has made a communication to the Committee on Import Licensing which was distributed as LIC/1/Add.11 dated 5 November 1980.

1. Publications
   1.1 Names of publications
      1.1.1 Decrees of the Minister of Foreign Trade
      1.1.2 Instructions of the Minister of Foreign Trade
      1.1.3 Annexes to Instruction of the Minister of Foreign Trade
      1.1.4 Bulletin on Import Licensing Procedures
      1.1.5 Directory of Hungarian Foreign Trade Companies
   1.2 Copies of publications received
      1.2.1 Decree No 3/1977/VII.23/KKM of the Minister of Foreign Trade
      1.2.2 Decree No 1/1980.N.25/KKM of the Minister of Foreign Trade
      1.2.3 Instruction No 10/1977/KKE of the Minister of Foreign Trade
      1.2.4 Annex to Instruction No 23/1970/KKE 25/KKM of the Minister of Foreign Trade: On the Closer Determination of the Sphere of Foreign Trade Activities of Companies
      1.2.5 Bulletin of Import Licensing Procedures [Budapest 1980]
      1.2.6 Directory of Hungarian Foreign Trade Companies 1980 (in English)

2. Public Notice
   Not applicable

3. Notifications
   3.1 LIC/1/Add.11 reads as follows:
Ad. Articles 1-4

(a) The legal rules in force in Hungary relating to import licensing procedures are contained in Decree No. 3/1977/VII.23./KKM, of the Minister of Foreign Trade, as amended by Decree No. 1/1980.IV.25./KKM of the Minister of Foreign Trade and in Instruction No. 10/1977/KKE 14/14/KKM of the Minister of Foreign Trade. (Attached hereto I am sending you the unified texts of the Decrees and that of the Instruction in Hungarian.)

I also attach a copy of the Bulletin on import licensing procedures in Hungarian, issued by the Licensing Department of the Ministry of Foreign Trade.

(b) The eligibility of companies for the submission of licensing applications is determined by Instruction No. 23/1970/KKE 25/KKM of the Minister of Foreign Trade, entitled "On the Closer Determination of the Sphere of Foreign Trade Activities of Companies". Enclosed in my letter, I am sending you a copy of the above-mentioned Instruction and its annex containing the names of all Hungarian companies having the right for the submission of import licensing applications. The annex also indicates the denominations of products whereto the right for the submission of application is relating. I am also providing a copy of the Directory of Hungarian Foreign Trade Companies, published by the Hungarian Chamber of Commerce in English, giving information on the product nomenclature of Hungarian foreign trade companies, according to SITC.

Ad. Article 3(c)

Out of the import quotas notified at the time of Hungary's accession to the GATT, in 1980 Hungary maintains import quotas on consumer goods only. The list of import quotas was published in No. 6 of 1980 "Külkereskedelmi Ertesítő" (Official Journal of the Ministry of Foreign Trade). In the enclosure, I am sending the text of the publication in Hungarian and a translation in English.

Ad. Article 3(d)

Import quotas mentioned under Ad. Article 3(c), are not allocated among supplying countries.

Ad. Article 3(e)

There is no specific opening date for the submission of licensing applications.

Ad. Article 5(4)(a)

The Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures was promulgated in Hungary and incorporated into the Hungarian legal system by Decree No. 6/1980./III.1. of the Council of Ministers.

1These publications are available for reference in the Technical and Other Barriers to Trade Division, Room 1073, Centre William Rappard.