

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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REPORT (1983) OF THE COMMITTEE ON IMPORT LICENSING

1. This report, submitted under Article 5.5 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, sets out developments in the implementation and operation of the Agreement since the Committee's last report on 16 November 1982 (L/5411). In addition, in accordance with the procedures agreed to by the Council at its meeting of 20 April 1983 (C/M/167), it deals, in a separate section, with the matters on which the CONTRACTING PARTIES had agreed to focus in their decision on MTN Agreements and Arrangements adopted at the Ministerial Meeting in November 1982 (BISD 29S/18)

2. The Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures entered into force on 1 January 1980. As of 10 October 1983 there were twenty-three signatories to the Agreement: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, the European Economic Community, Finland, Hungary, India, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom on behalf of Hong Kong, United States and Yugoslavia. Argentina has signed the Agreement subject to ratification.

3. The following twenty-six contracting parties have observer status in the Committee on Import Licensing: Bangladesh, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Gabon, Ghana, Indonesia, Israel, Ivory Coast, Jamaica, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Malta, Nigeria, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Senegal, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey and Zaire. Tunisia and four non-contracting parties, Bulgaria, Ecuador, Mexico and Venezuela are also observers. Two international organizations, IMF and UNCTAD, have attended meetings of the Committee in an observer capacity.

Developments since the Committee's last report (L/5411)

4. The Committee has held its seventh, eighth and ninth meetings on 13 December 1982 (LIC/M/7 and L/5525), 11 July 1983 (LIC/M/8 and L/5525) and 6 October 1983 (LIC/M/9 and L/5552).

5. One developing country Party which had specific difficulties with the requirements of sub-paragraphs (d) and (e) of Article 2.2 of the Agreement notified the Committee that, as provided in footnote 3 to the Agreement, it would delay the application of these sub-paragraphs by two years from 6 October 1983, the date of entry into force of the Agreement for that Party.

