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REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

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Supplement

In a communication dated 26 July 1993, the Permanent Mission of Malta has notified the following information in response to the Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures annexed to L/5640/Rev.9.

The following changes have been made to Malta's import licensing procedures during the period 1992 to date.

1. Amendments to the Importation (Control) Regulation 1969 were made by:

- Legal Notice 40 of 1992¹ (16.4.92) whereby all beverages containing any milk or milk products were made subject to licensing control with a view to providing protection to local fresh milk production;
- Legal Notice 52 of 1992¹ (12.6.92) (i) updating the regulations concerning the prohibition of importation of goods from countries against which sanctions have been imposed by the Security Council of the United Nations, and (ii) placing soft drinks not contained in glass bottles under licensing control for environment purposes;
- Legal Notice 72 of 1992¹ (31.7.92) further amending Legal Notice 52 insofar as that part regarding the ban on importation from certain countries is concerned; and
- Legal Notice 118 of 1992¹ (1.12.92) prohibiting the importation of duplicated or otherwise copied articles in violation of the Maltese copyrights law.

2. Consequent to the provisions of Legal Notice 52 of 1992, the ban on importation from Israel and South Africa has been lifted.

3. Pursuant to the provisions of Act No. IV of 1993¹ (published in February 1993), a number of products falling under thirteen tariff

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¹Available in English for reference in the Secretariat (Office No. 3013).

headings were liberalized with effect from 24 November 1992. These products, which have been removed from the "First Schedule" to the Local Manufacturers (Promotion) Act 1989, are no longer subject to the approval of the Minister responsible for Industry. The products now feature in the "Second Schedule" to the said Act and may be freely imported subject to payment of a levy.

4. During the period under review other products, such as corned beef in tins over 500g. and cement, which were previously imported under the Bulk-Buying system, have also been liberalized.