

## REPORT (1991) 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 30 October 1990 (L/6746).
2. The Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures entered into force on 1 January 1980. As of 1 November 1991, there were 27 signatories to the Agreement: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, the European Economic Community, Finland, Hong Kong, Hungary, India, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, Poland, Romania, Singapore, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, the United States and Yugoslavia. Argentina has signed the Agreement subject to ratification.
3. The following 30 governments have observer status in the Committee on Import Licensing: Bangladesh, Bolivia, Brazil, Bulgaria, China, Colombia, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Gabon, Ghana, Indonesia, Israel, Jamaica, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, Malta, Nicaragua, Peru, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Venezuela and Zaire. Two international organizations, IMF and UNCTAD, attend meetings of the Committee in an observer capacity.

### Developments since the Committee's last report

4. Two meetings of the Committee have been held during 1991, on 26 March (LIC/M/28 and L/6842), and on 29 October (LIC/M/29<sup>1</sup> and L/6930). The Committee has held 29 regular meetings since the Agreement came into force.<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>To be issued shortly.

<sup>2</sup>A note on a special meeting of the Committee held in April 1985 concerning the implementation of the Agreement with respect to developing countries is contained in document LIC/8.

5. During the reporting period, signatories communicated regularly to the Committee, in accordance with Article 5.4 of the Agreement, changes in their laws and regulations and in the administration of such laws and regulations relevant to the Agreement (LIC/1/Add.44-51). Copies of publications containing information on new rules concerning import licensing procedures or lists of products subject to licensing requirements were made available to the secretariat as and when published (LIC/3/Add.29-34). In addition, 13 signatories have brought up to date the data supplied by them in response to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures (annexed to L/5640/Rev.7). The current status of replies to the questionnaire by signatories (issued as addenda to L/5640) is annexed.

6. At its twenty-ninth meeting, the Committee undertook its sixth biennial review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement.

7. During the year, the Committee continued its discussion of the relationship of its work to the Uruguay Round.

ANNEX

AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

Status of Replies to GATT Questionnaire by Signatories

<u>Signatory</u>	<u>Document no.</u>	<u>Date of most recent reply</u>
Argentina	L/5640/Add.27/Corr.4	19.03.91
Australia	Add.13/Rev.5	09.10.90
Austria	Add.35/Corr.3	25.01.91
Canada	Add.10/Rev.3	02.07.90
Chile	Add.8/Rev.1/Suppl.4	25.06.91
Czechoslovakia	Add.38	27.01.87
Egypt	Add.37/Corr.1	24.10.86
EEC	Add.21/Rev.2/Suppl.2	30.09.91
Finland	Add.6/Rev.2	08.11.90
Hong Kong	Add.36/Rev.5	16.10.91
Hungary	Add.12/Rev.1/Suppl.2	27.04.90
India	Add.7/Rev.5	17.10.91
Japan	Add.28/Suppl.1/Corr.1	16.10.89
Mexico	Add.41/Corr.1	20.10.87
New Zealand	Add.18/Rev.2	02.03.90
Nigeria	...	...
Norway	Add.2/Rev.2	18.10.91
Pakistan	Add.25/Suppl.1	13.11.86
Philippines	Add.26/Rev.3	14.10.91
Poland	Add.39/Rev.1	23.09.88
Romania	Add.32/Rev.1	21.11.89
Singapore	Add.33/Rev.2	31.10.90
South Africa	Add.17/Rev.3/Corr.1	08.10.90
Sweden	Add.14/Rev.4	15.10.90
Switzerland	Add.19/Rev.1/Suppl.1	18.10.91
United States	Add.40/Rev.2	15.03.91
Yugoslavia	Add.20/Rev.3	25.02.91