

REPORT (1992) 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 11 November 1991 (L/6932).

2. The Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures entered into force on 1 January 1980. As at 1 November 1992, there were 27 signatories to the Agreement: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Canada, Chile, the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic, Egypt, the European Communities, 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, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, 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 1992, on 29 April (LIC/M/30/Rev.1), and on 21 October (LIC/M/31)<sup>1</sup>. The Committee has held 31 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, 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.35 and Suppl.1, 36 and 37). In addition, 11 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.8). The current status of replies to the questionnaire by signatories (issued as addenda to L/5640) is annexed.

6. At its thirtieth meeting, the Committee took note of a communication received from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation informing the Director-General that the participation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics as an observer, inter alia, in the Committee on Import Licensing would be continued by the Russian Federation (LIC/18).

7. During the year, the Committee continued its discussion of the relationship of its work to the Uruguay Round. At its thirty-first meeting, the Committee noted that this agenda item had outlived its usefulness and agreed that, unless delegations specifically requested that it be added to the agenda, the subject should be deleted henceforth from the agenda of regular meetings.

ANNEXAGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURESStatus 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 and Corr.4	19.03.91
Australia	Add.13/Rev.6	28.10.92
Austria	Add.35/Rev.1	16.07.92
Canada	Add.10/Rev.4	22.06.92
Chile	Add.8/Rev.1 and Suppl.4	25.06.91
CSFR	Add.38/Rev.1	27.10.92
Egypt	Add.37 and Corr.1	24.10.86
European Communities	Add.21/Rev.1 and Suppl.1-3 and Rev.2 and Suppl.1-2	30.09.91
Finland	Add.6/Rev.2 and Suppl.1	28.04.92
Hong Kong	Add.36/Rev.6	09.10.92
Hungary	Add.12/Rev.1 and Suppl.2	27.04.90
India	Add.7/Rev.5	17.10.91
Japan	Add.28 and Suppl.1 and Corr.1	16.10.89
Mexico	Add.41 and Corr.1	20.10.87
New Zealand	Add.18/Rev.2	02.03.90
Nigeria	...	...
Norway	Add.2/Rev.3	14.10.92
Pakistan	Add.25 and 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.4	19.06.92
Sweden	Add.14/Rev.5	01.07.92
Switzerland	Add.19/Rev.1 and Suppl.2	21.10.92
United States	Add.40/Rev.3	19.06.92
Yugoslavia	Add.20/Rev.4	06.11.92