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## TARIFFS AND TRADE

Committee on Import Licensing

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### INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

#### Addendum

#### HONG KONG

The following communication under Article 5.4 of the Agreement, has been received from the delegation of Hong Kong.

1. In accordance with Article 5.4(b) of the Agreement on Import Licensing, I am instructed by my authorities to report to the Committee the following changes in Hong Kong's import licensing regulations:

- (a) With effect from 25 February 1991, the Agricultural Pesticides Ordinance (Chapter 133 of the Laws of Hong Kong) has been amended such that the term "pesticide" has a broad meaning and covers all chemical and biological pesticides in whatever forms and for whatever uses. All pesticides within the meaning of the amended Ordinance are now subject to licensing control.
- (b) A Special Export and Import Licensing (Textiles) Scheme has been introduced with effect from 1 August 1991. The Scheme covers the import into and/or export from Hong Kong of finished (including semi-finished) piece-knitted garments and knit-to-shape panels, for eventual exportation to the United States in the form of finished piece-knitted garments.
- (c) The ban on imports of iron, steel and gold coins from South Africa has been lifted with effect from 9 August 1991.

2. In relation to these revisions,<sup>1</sup> I enclose pursuant to Article 1.4, a copy each of the following documents:

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<sup>1</sup>Available in English for consultation in the secretariat (office no. 3013).

- (a) A circular letter dated 10 July 1991 informing the trade of the amendments to the Agricultural Pesticides Ordinance, and a copy of the relevant gazette notice.
  - (b) A circular letter dated 27 July 1991 informing the trade of the introduction of the Special Export and Import Licensing (Textiles) Scheme and a copy of the relevant gazette notice.
  - (c) A circular letter dated 9 August 1991 informing the trade of the lifting of the ban on imports of iron, steel and gold coins from South Africa, and a copy of the relevant gazette notice.
3. The information relevant to this change of licensing requirements will be incorporated into Hong Kong's next annual reply<sup>1</sup> to the Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures.

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