
Committee on Import Licensing

PREPARATIONS FOR THE FOURTH BIENNIAL REVIEW
OF THE IMPLEMENTATION AND OPERATION
OF THE AGREEMENT

Note by the Secretariat

1. The first three biennial reviews of the implementation and operation of the Agreement under Article 5.5 were conducted by the Committee in November 1981, October 1983 and October 1985 respectively. The results of these reviews were incorporated in the minutes of the meetings (LIC/M/5, LIC/M/9 and LIC/M/14/Rev.1)) and in the relevant basic documents by the secretariat (LIC/5, LIC/7, LIC/9 and Corrs.1 and 2).
2. It is suggested that the fourth biennial review to be held in autumn 1987 should follow the arrangements agreed by the Committee for the previous biennial review (LIC/W/28 and LIC/M/13) and should deal primarily with the items listed in the table of contents of LIC/9.
3. The secretariat will prepare a basic document which will consolidate all relevant information submitted by signatories on their import licensing procedures since the third biennial review, as well as on any action taken by them under the Agreement as contained in, for example:
 - (a) replies to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures (listed in L/5640/Rev.3);
 - (b) notifications made to the Committee under Article 5.4 (LIC/1 and Addenda);
 - (c) publications used and texts available for consultation in the secretariat (listed in the LIC/3 series of documents);
 - (d) information regarding public notice (LIC/4/Rev.3); and
 - (e) any relevant statements made by signatories under item-by-item examinations of the implementation and operation of the Agreement in the normal course of the Committee's work and as reported in the minutes of the meetings (LIC/M/14 to 17).
4. The proposed basic document will follow the layout of that prepared for the third biennial review (LIC/9). It is suggested that a new Section 8 should be added, entitled "Relationship of the Committee's work to the Uruguay Round".

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5. Signatories are invited to communicate to the secretariat any additional data they may wish to be included in the background document and to update the information listed in section 8.2 for the review by 1 July 1987 at the latest. The background document will be issued by 1 August 1987. It will be revised as required after the review session, to take into account any additional points raised during the review.