

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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Committee on Import Licensing

DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 OCTOBER 1990

Chairman: Mr. D. Plunkett

1. The Committee on Import Licensing held its twenty-seventh meeting on 17 October 1990.

2. The agenda for the meeting was contained in GATT/AIR/3098. The Chairman informed the Committee that he intended to add one item to the agenda, which had been omitted by oversight: the Report of the Committee to the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The revised agenda was adopted.

A. Status of signatories and observers

3. The Chairman reported that there had been no changes in the status of signatories or observers since the last meeting.

B. Information available on Import Licensing Procedures

4. The Chairman reported that since the last meeting publications containing information on import licensing procedures had been received from the New Zealand (LIC/3/Add.26, 27 and 28). New replies to the GATT Import Licensing Questionnaire, issued in the L/5640/- series, had been received from Hungary (Add.12/Rev.1/Suppl.2), Canada (Add.10/Rev.3), Austria (Add.35/Corr.2), Australia (Add.13/Rev.5), South Africa (Add.17/Rev.3/Corr.1), India (Add.7/Rev.4), and Sweden (Add.14/Rev.4).

5. The Committee took note of the information contained in these documents.

C. Relationship of the Committee's work to the Uruguay Round

6. The Chairman recalled that, at its meeting on 2 February 1990, the Negotiating Group on MTN Agreements and Arrangements had established an informal group on Import Licensing. This group, which had met six times this year, had produced a negotiating text on improvement of the Agreement, contained in document MTN.GNG/NG8/W/83/Add.1/Rev.2, which was scheduled for discussion on 18 October 1990.

D. Report (1990) to the CONTRACTING PARTIES

7. The Committee agreed on the text of its Report (1990) to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/6746).

E. Other Business

12. The Committee agreed that the secretariat should arrange the Committee's meetings for 1991 to fit in with the schedule resulting from the Uruguay Round Ministerial meeting in December, after consulting with the Chairman.