

Committee on Import Licensing

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

Note by the Secretariat

1. The sixth biennial review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement will be held in the autumn of 1991.
2. The first five biennial reviews of the implementation and operation of the Agreement under Article 5.5 were conducted by the Committee in November 1981, October 1983, October 1985, October 1987 and November 1989. The results of these reviews were incorporated in the minutes of the meetings (LIC/M/5, 9, 14/Rev.1, 20 and 25) and in the relevant basic documents by the secretariat (LIC/5, 7, 9 and Corr.1 and 2, 13, and 16 and Corr.1 and 2).
3. The secretariat will prepare a basic document which will consolidate all relevant information submitted by signatories on their import licensing procedures since the fifth biennial review, as well as any action taken by them under the Agreement, as contained in:
  - (a) publications used and texts available for consultation in the secretariat (listed in the LIC/3 series of documents);
  - (b) information regarding public notice (LIC/4/Rev.3);
  - (c) notifications made to the Committee under Article 5.4 (LIC/1 and Addenda);
  - (d) replies to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing Procedures (listed in L/5640/Rev.7);
  - (e) relevant statements made by signatories under item-by-item examinations of the implementation and operation of the Agreement in the course of the Committee's work and as reported in the minutes of the meetings (LIC/M/24 to 28).
4. The proposed basic document will follow the pattern of that prepared for the fifth biennial review (LIC/16).

5. Signatories are invited to communicate to the secretariat by 2 September 1991 any additional data they wish to have included in the basic document and to update the list of names of persons available to serve on panels that was contained in Section 7 of LIC/16 and Corr.1 and 2. The basic document will be issued by 1 October 1991. It will be revised as necessary following the review session to take into account any additional points raised.