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REVISION OF INFORMATION ON PUBLIC NOTICE

Note by the Secretariat

As agreed at the Committee meeting on 29 October 1991, the secretariat is preparing a revision of document LIC/4/Rev.3 concerning information on public notice as provided for in Article 3(d) of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures.

The information available in documents LIC/4/Rev.3 of 10 August 1983 and Rev.3/Add.1 of 1 October 1991 is annexed to this note. Parties are invited to inform the secretariat (Mrs. N. Perera, tel: 739 50 92) by 30 March 1992 of any changes they wish to make. The updated information will be issued as document LIC/4/Rev.4 shortly thereafter.

Article 3(d) of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures provides that "in the case of quotas allocated among supplying countries, the Party applying the restrictions shall promptly inform all other Parties having an interest in supplying the product concerned of the shares in the quota currently allocated, by quantity or value, to the various supplying countries and shall give public notice thereof".

At the meeting of the Committee held in April 1980, there was general agreement that delegations should indicate the way in which public notice is given (LIC/M/2, paragraphs 12 to 14).

The following information on this subject was provided by delegations, and in many cases has not been updated since 1983:

1. Argentina

   Official Gazette

2. Australia

   Bureau of Customs Notices
   Commonwealth of Australia Gazette

3. Austria

   Austrian Federal Law Gazette

4. Canada

   Canada Gazette
   Press releases
   Importer notices

5. Chile

   Diario Oficial de la República de Chile (Official Gazette)

6. Czechoslovakia

   Not applicable

7. Egypt

   Not applicable.

8. European Economic Community

Official Journal of the European Communities, L series

8.1 Belgium

Not applicable

8.2 Denmark

Notices from the Licensing Office of the Ministry of Industry

8.3 France

Journal Officiel

8.4 Germany

Bundesanzeiger

8.5 Greece

Official Journal

8.6 Ireland

Iris Oifigiul (Official Gazette)
National Daily Newspapers

8.7 Italy

Official Gazette
Ministerial circulars to quasi-State organs and professional associations
Weekly bulletin of the National External Trade Institute (ICE)

8.8 Luxembourg

Mémorial du Grand-Duché de Luxembourg

8.9 Netherlands

Staatsblad
Staatscourant

8.10 Portugal

Not applicable

8.11 Spain

Not applicable

8.12 United Kingdom

Notices to Importers in "British Business"
Press notices and announcements in Parliament

9. Finland

Communications from the Import and Export Permits Office
Import System of Finland

10. Hong Kong

Not applicable

11. Hungary

Not applicable

12. India

Not applicable

13. Japan

Not applicable

14. Mexico

Not applicable

15. New Zealand

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16. Nigeria

Not applicable

17. Norway

Not applicable

18. Pakistan

Import Policy Order in the Gazette of Pakistan Extraordinary

19. Philippines

Not applicable

20. Poland

Not applicable

21. Romania

Not applicable

22. Singapore

Not applicable

23. South Africa

Not applicable

24. Sweden

Circulars of the Board of Commerce
Circulars of the National Agricultural Board
Official Gazette

25. Switzerland

Recueil des lois fédérales (RO)
Notices to the importers and countries concerned

26. United States

Part 3 of the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States

27. Yugoslavia

Not applicable