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DATA ON LICENSING SYSTEMS

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, at their twenty-eighth session in November 1972, decided, inter alia, that the data assembled on licensing systems should be kept up to date and that contracting parties should be invited to notify annually, by 30 September, any changes which should be made concerning the information contained in the consolidated document (see SR.28/6).

In GATT/AIR/1455, dated 10 May 1978, contracting parties were accordingly invited to communicate to the secretariat changes in their licensing systems.

This document contains a tabulation of the replies to the questionnaire on licensing systems.¹ It replaces Annexes I-III to L/4598 and includes information made available to the secretariat up to 15 November 1978.

Annex I: Questions referring to all licensing systems

Annex II: Questions referring to licensing systems used to administer import restrictions

Annex III: Questions referring to licensing systems not used to administer import restrictions (automatic licensing)

For the purpose of this tabulation, countries are grouped as follows:²

Table 1: Countries which have been the subject of examination in the Joint Working Group

Table 2: Other countries

¹The questionnaire is contained in L/3515. The replies have been issued as addenda to COM.IND/W/55 (COM.AG/W/72).

²Replies from Chile, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, Indonesia and Poland are not included in the tabulation, since these countries have indicated that they do not operate licensing systems in the sense of the questionnaire.

ANNEX I
Questions Referring to all Licensing Systems
Table 1

Ques-tion No.	Question	Australia	Austria	Canada	EEC and member States				Japan	Norway	Portugal	Sweden	Switzerland	United States
					EEC	Belgium	Denmark	France						
1	What licensing systems exist?	RL AL	RL AL	RL AL	(a) System of Import Authorization for products subject to Community quota. (b) System of import documents for liberalized products under Community supervision. (c) System of import certificate for a number of agricultural products.	RL AL	RL AL	SL AL	(a) Customs Import system AL (Q) to administer Qs. (b) Ministerial authorization (RL) (c) AL (d) Controlled customs regime.	RL AL	RL AL	(a) Import Quota system AL (Q) to administer Qs. (b) Import declaration system for goods free from Qs.	RL AL	RL AL
3	(i) Are applications refused for reasons other than failure to meet the ordinary criteria? (ii) Reasons for refusal given to the applicant? (iii) Right of appeal in case of refusal? to what bodies and what procedures?	No	No	No	(a) and (b) Left to discretion of member states (c) Import operations - complying with Community regns. are accepted ditto Not necessarily Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
10/	Information required in application	Usual inf.	Usual inf.	Usual inf.	(a) Liberalized products under supervision: usual inf. (b) Products under sub.: Left to discretion w.r.t. member states. (c) Import certif.: Usual inf.	Usual inf.	Usual inf.	Usual inf.	Usual inf.	Usual inf.	Usual inf.	Usual inf.	Usual inf.	Usual inf.

Usual information includes:

- name and address of applicant
- description of good, including trade name, tariff number
- country of origin and purchase
- e.i.f. price
- quantity of product

AL: Licensing system not used to administer import restrictions
- in some cases, value of imports during previous period
RL: Importing system to administer import restrictions
e: Answers by Italy under revision.

Question No.	Question	Australia	Austria	Canada	EEC and member States						United States			
					IEC	Benelux	Denmark	France	Germany	Ireland	Italy	United Kingdom		
10 (cont'd) supplied	Documents to be usually required	In some cases in dup. Marketing Board in some cases	In certain cases documentary supplier information	In some cases pro forma invoice	In some cases poss. restricted: e.g. copy of evidence of origin cert. of dispatch or arrival of goods and chattels from Irish manufacturers subject to a firm offer to submit Al-copy invoice and cert. of origin	Where import poss. restricted: e.g. copy of evidence of origin cert. of dispatch or arrival of goods and chattels from Irish manufacturers subject to a firm offer to submit Al-copy invoice and cert. of origin	In some cases poss. restricted: e.g. copy of evidence of origin cert. of dispatch or arrival of goods and chattels from Irish manufacturers subject to a firm offer to submit Al-copy invoice and cert. of origin	In some cases poss. restricted: e.g. copy of evidence of origin cert. of dispatch or arrival of goods and chattels from Irish manufacturers subject to a firm offer to submit Al-copy invoice and cert. of origin	In some cases poss. restricted: e.g. copy of evidence of origin cert. of dispatch or arrival of goods and chattels from Irish manufacturers subject to a firm offer to submit Al-copy invoice and cert. of origin	In some cases poss. restricted: e.g. copy of evidence of origin cert. of dispatch or arrival of goods and chattels from Irish manufacturers subject to a firm offer to submit Al-copy invoice and cert. of origin	In some cases poss. restricted: e.g. copy of evidence of origin cert. of dispatch or arrival of goods and chattels from Irish manufacturers subject to a firm offer to submit Al-copy invoice and cert. of origin	None as a rule	Yes in 10: Pro forma invoice generally sales contract or like	None
11	Documents required upon actual importation	Customs entry invoices. Import licence	Depends on customs procedures. Import licence and in some cases cert. of origin	Import (c) Import cert. None and customs document	Customs decl. invoice. Import licence (Cert. of origin in some cases)	Request for customs clearance. Import licence and shipping doc. Import licence	Import licence	Import licence	Import licence	Import licence	Import licence	Import approval or import declaration for liberalized items	e.g. endorsed invoice, normal docs. etc.	Import licence normal docs. customs etc.
12	Licensing fees?	No	Administrative fee S 15-S 20 according to import value	No prov. in Comm. reg.	No in NE Yes in BLEU P 10 or P 20 according to value	No	No	No	No	No	No	Ind. prod. 0.1% or c. 1% value. Some ag. prod. 1.5% of c.i.f. value	No	In general, yes
13	Deposit or advance payment?	No	No	No	No prov. in Comm. reg. except in the case of import cert. where deposit is reqd. to guarantee commitment to import - varies with product	No	No	No	No	No	No	No. In some cases a 10% refundable deposit is required when reserving a share of the quota to discourage frivolous application	No	No (except for sheep)

Question No.	Question	Australia	Austria	Canada	EEC and member States						United Kingdom	Japan	Norway	Portugal	Sweden	Switzerland	United States
					EEC	Benelux	Denmark	France	Germany	Ireland							
14	Period of validity of licence?	As specified therein, normally 6 mths.	Depends on products imported	(a) Products under 4 mths. quota: Left to discretion of non-member States. (b) Liberalized products under supervision: Determined in each case. (c) Import cert.: period varies according to product	1 year except for (over-seas seasonal products) 6 mths.	1 year except for (over-seas seasonal products) 6 mths.	6 mths. as a rule	RU, AL, 3 mths.	12 mths. as a rule	6 mths.	No set rules	4 mths. for import quota cases	For customs clearance	6-9 months.	From 2 weeks to twelve months.	Varies sometimes unlimited	Varies with product period for payment: 120 days. For both products.
	Possibility of extension?	Yes	Yes by 3 mths.	Yes by 6 mths.	Yes by 6 mths.	Yes by 6 mths.	Yes by 6 mths.	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Import quota cases.	For import approval, unlimited for ID	Import quota cases.	Automatic licensing up to one year.	Yes	No but may issue licence may be issued
15	Penalty for non-utilization of a licence?	No	No	No	Left to discretion of member States except in the case of import surcharge where proportion of deposit is forfeited if condition to import not fulfilled	No	No	No	No	No	No	No unused licences must be returned to Min.	No	No	No	No	For some categories licence utilization can be renewed in case of continuation allocation
16	Are licences transferable between importers?	No	No	No	Left to discretion of member States, except in the case of import surcharge where rights but no obligations, deriving from the surcharge, are transferable	No	Yes with assistance of a Central Trade Organization. If importer to whom licence is granted for re-export, in favour of a single transferee or ex-ports, or extracts	No	No	No	Only where the holder of the authorization has sold the goods to another importer (prior to customs clearance)	No	No	No	No	No	No, except in the case of crude oil.

Ques-tion No.	Question	EEC and member States										Japan	Norway	Portugal	Sweden	Switzerland	United States
		Australia	Austria	Canada	EEC	Luxembourg	Denmark	France	Germany	Ireland	Italy						
10	Other administrative procedures required prior to importation?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	In some cases no approval by Min. of Int. Trade and Ind. necessary prior to application for import approval	No	No	No	No	No
11	Does exchange automatically provided by the banking authorities for goods to be imported? Is a license required to obtain a foreign exchange?	Yes	Yes	Not applicable	Left to discretion of member States	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, in certain circumstances where a letter of credit is to be opened	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
12	Other administrative procedures required prior to importation?	No	No	No	(a) and (b) Customs procedure not yet finalized Import cert. at discretion of member State	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Ref. cert. must be presented to Commercial Bank. In imports for which the payment period exceeds one year, approval of the Bank of Portugal is necessary.	No	No	Yes for current payments	Yes	Yes
13	Foreign exchange always available?	Yes	Yes	Appl. to a bank in Australia	In EEC A "notice of foreign pay- ment must be given to the Bank once it is sent to exchange	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Simple formalities vary with value of products	None	Declaration form for import pay- ments ex- ceeding ISK 5,000 (10,000 in respect of the Nordic countries)	None	None	

ANNEX I
Questions referring to all licensing systems
TABLE 2

Question No.	Question	Brazil	Burundi	Cambodia	Chad	Cyprus	Finland	Gabon	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Israel	Ivory Coast	Kenya	RL AL
1	What licensing systems exist?	AL	Licensing system to administer foreign exchange No. Q8.	(a) RL (b) Licences of compensation for local import having realized exports of products of Chad	RL AL	RL covering - Global licences; - individual licences; - third other groups of licensing	RL (Import licence) AL (import certificate)	RL	AL	AL: rice only Licensing system for a range of products not under Q.R.	RL AL	RL AL	RL AL	RL AL	RL AL
8	(i) Are applications refused for reasons other than failure to meet the ordinary criteria? Brazil has no trade relations	No	No	No	No	If imports need be regulated to encourage local products	Reasons for refusals: - importer has exhausted his share; - application is for greater amount than market share; - imports entitled to import, of com. is regarded as undesirable; - imports shall take place in a period when they are not permitted.	No	No	No	No	No	No	Importers must have fulfilled their social tax and customs obligations and their operators' licence must be valid	No
	(ii) Reasons given to the applicant?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Min. and High Court of Justice	To Ministry of Commerce and Industry
	(iii) Right of appeal in case of refusal; To what bodies and what procedure?	Supreme Court	Council of State	Governor of Hong Kong	Council of State	Ministry of Commerce	Min. and High Court of Justice	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, right of appeal	

Question No.	Question	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Yugoslavia	Zaire	Zambia
1	What licensing systems exist?	HL/ AL/	RL AL	(a) Import Certificate (b) Prior permit to import [AL]	RL	(a) Import declaration system [AL] (b) Import Licensing system [AL]	HL AL
8	(1) Are applications refused for reasons other than failure to meet the ordinary criteria? (2) Quotas exhausted	Yes, if (a) foreign exchange availability is inadequate (b) quotas exhausted	Yes, if prices are considered too high or too low in relation to world market prices. Criteria e.g. - foreign exchange availability - national requirements	If required foreign exchange not available	No	Application refused for articles prohibited for import (reasons of public order and morality)	No, as a rule See: (a) If goods can be obtained by domestic products (b) If imports are brought in via route not approved for the particular category of goods
	(3) Reasons for refusal given to applicants?	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, in practice but not legally required
	(4) Rights of appeal in case of refusal?	No	No	Yes	Yes	No	
	To what bodies and what procedure?	Ministry of Commerce and Council of State	External Trade Service	Administrative Court			

In addition to these licensing systems Tunisia has:

- Prior import authorizations

This authorisation merely lengthens the validity of an import licence (normally six months) so as to allow the import of certain goods whose manufacture requires a long period.

- Import card:

This card is issued to manufacturers and allows them to import machinery spares to a value of D500 in a single year, through the postal reimbursement procedure.

- Import certificate:

This was introduced by Notice No. 116 of February 1972, establishing effective import liberalization.

It allows the import of a variety of articles that are entirely liberalized for import from all sources, without any quantitative restriction.

- annual import authorization:

This is merely an import licence valid for one year. It is granted to manufacturers to enable them to obtain the necessary supplier of raw materials and semi-manufactures.

Question No.	Question	Korea	Egypt	Madagascar	Malawi	Haiti	New Zealand	Nigeria	Pakistan	Peru	Rwanda	Sierra Leone	Singapore	South Africa	Spain	Sri Lanka
10	Information required in application	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information	Pro-forma invoices, certificate of regulation	Only newcomers have to submit applications and documents:	(a) Annual report - Annual Prod. Plan, List of inputs capital goods, Copy of notice published in official Gazette. (b) Vary dep. on prod. (c) Plant or animal health certificate, Chamber of Association document. - purchase receipts - Income tax assessment order	Usual information	Usual information plus at cost during previous year and - value of actual imports during previous year	Usual information plus at cost during previous year and - value of actual imports during previous year	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information
	Documents to be supplied	Offer sheet or contracting paper and other documents														
11	Import declaration upon actual importation							Customs licence and copy of licence, clearing documents, attached to the entry clearance document	Bill of entry; invoice bill of lading; valuation declaration form; whether actual importer; import licence; certificate of origin	Licence and customs papers	Licence, invoices, customs import document	Shipping document	Invoices, bills of lading, certificate of origin	Certificate of origin or legalized commercial invoice	Invoices, bills of lading, customs entries and insurance certificates	
12	Licensing fee?	No	No	No	No	No	No	6d in form or stamp	Yes	No	No	Yes	RP 2.20	\$310	Yes	No
	Amount?								Depending on value of imports						0.2% of value	

Question No.	Question	Brazil	Burundi	Cambodia	Chad	Cyprus	Finland	Gabon	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Ivory Coast	Israel	Kenya
10	Information required in application	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information and sales conditions	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information plus: economic purpose; means of transport	Usual information	Usual information and netted place from which products will be consigned, date of consignment
	Documents to be supplied	Catalogues or price lists and in some cases proof of authenticity of prices	Suppliers or pro-forma invoice, and in some cases proof of authenticity of prices	Seven copies of the licence pro-forma bills	Invoice	Proof of offer							Pro-forma invoices in some cases: catalogues and/or samples	
11	Documents required upon actual importation	Import decl. commercial invoice, bill of lading, import licence	Final invoice of supplier and insurer transport documents	Customs document	Customs document	Reg. forms, invoices, foreign currency decl., import licence, in some cases special import permit	Reg. forms, invoices, cert. of origin, insurance policy, import licence, report declaration by the bank	Invoice, bills of lading, cert. of origin, customs clearance permit	Delivery order, invoice, cert. of origin, insurance policy, import licence, declaration by the bank	Only import licence			Suppliers invoice, bill of lading	
12	Licensing fee	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	No
	Amount	0.3% of f.o.b. value	FBN 25 (US\$0.287 per l.c.)	From 79 to 75 according to value	From FBN 5-36G depending on value							1/25 of f.o.b. value		

Question No.	Question	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Yugoslavia	Zaire	Zambia
10	Information required in application	Usual information	Usual information	Usual information*	- Reasons why import is requested - Description of the foreign exchange; - Market situation - Proof of independentability of import- ing the specific product	Usual information and nature and amount and import route by which importer will bring in goods	Usual information and amount and import route by which importer will bring in goods
	Documents to be supplied	Five copy set of pro-forma invoices and other documents	Specification and 3 Pro-forma invoices for verification of price	Invoices	No prescribed forms	None except for analyses report in case of textiles; pro-forma invoice in case of import licences	Import licence or declaration, Zamian certified invoice, carriers advice, note of arrival of the goods
11	Documents required upon importation	Customs document, invoice, bill of lading, import document, AEW for imports of EEC cents.	Import licence, invoice, bill of origin, bill of lading, insurance policy, customs declaration, price conformity certificate	Invoices, certificate of origin, bill of lading, a form AVI for SEC goods	Admin. tax	Statistical charge	No
12	Licensing fees	No, but forms have to be purchased	No	No	Din. 6.00	3% of c.i.f. value	No
	Amount	Between D. 0.10G and 0.15G					

Question No.	Question	Brazil	Burundi	Cambodia	Chad	Cyprus	Finland	Gabon	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Israel	Ivory Coast	Kenya
13	Deposit or advance payment?	No	No, for most products. Mo. as a rule. Excl. US Aid Gas, For Lux. Excls 100% of value		No	No	No	No	Yes in certain cases prior deposit 21-140% ad val on the product	No	No	No	No	No
14	Period of validity of licence?	180 days	(a) 8 months as a rule (b) 6 months from African countries	6 months for countries in Europe/ Africa/ America Jpn. Asia	6 months for non-seasonal goods. For machinery, plant and equipment longer period	1-6 months	4 months for non-seasonal goods. For machinery, plant and equipment longer period	As a rule 6 months for loading plus 3 months for transport	Unusually 6 months but 6 weeks for meat, frozen meat and frozen poultry	6 months	8 months	6 months	6 months	4 months
	Possibility of extension?	Yes, if need for utilization is provided	Yes, in except. cases	Yes, only in except. cases	Yes, automatically per 6 m. more	Yes, if licence presented before expiry date	Yes, normally for 6 months for meat, frozen meat and frozen poultry	Yes	Yes, for 6 months for meat, frozen meat and frozen poultry	Yes	Yes	Yes, for 6 months in except. cases	Only in except. cases	
15	Penalty for non-utilization of a licence?	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
16	Are licences transferable between importers? Conditions?	Yes	No	No	No	No	10	No	Yes: Exception: licences issued under the allocation system	No	No	No	No	No

Question No.	Question	Korea	Kuwait	Radagascar	Malawi	Malta	New Zealand	Nigeria	Pakistan	Peru	Rwanda	Sierra Leone	Singapore	South Africa	Spain	Sri Lanka
13	Deposit or advance payment?	Yes advance deposit from 30-150% of c.i.f. value	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
14	Period of validity of licence?	6 months	1 year	The period of validity of a licence is six months for shipment; it can be extended in duly justified cases	Maximum period is 6 months if no other date specified	6 months for imports and 3 months for exports	Until the end of year of issue	(a) 1 year varies dep. on product (b) spare parts of machinery 12 months (c) 120 days	7 months	12 months	6 months	Until 31.3 of year following date of issue	6 months	6 months	6 months	6 months
	Possibility of extension?	Yes			Yes	Yes	Yes, in exc. circumstances	Yes, by endorsement on licence - by 3 months	Yes	Yes	Yes, if goods arrive after licence expired	Yes, by submitting new app. with fee of \$410	Yes	Normally not	Yes	Yes in case of loan financed imports, Other lics. in excep. circs.
15	Penalty for non-utilization of a licence?	No	No	No penalty. Licence automatically nullified and reallocated to issuing authority	No	Only in cases except. cases	No	No, but non-use may prejudice future applications	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No, but issued further licence may be curtailed or restricted in such case
16	Are licences transferable between importers?	No		No	Strictly no	No	No	No, except those under bonus scheme	No	No	No	No, except for quota lics. in special cases	No	No	No	No

Question No.	Question	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Yugoslavia	Zaire	Zambia
13	Deposit or advance payment?	In prn. no	Yes (a) 30 per cent for products on liberalised list I. (b) 15 per cent for products on liberalised list II.	No	No	No	No
14	Period of validity of licence?	6 months	6 months	Varies (1 year normal)	6 months in principle	(a) From Africa b. m. (b) From outside Africa 6 m.	
	Possibility of extension	In some cases	Yes, up to 6 months	Yes, by two further periods	Yes	Yes	Yes, by 3 months
15	Penalty for non-utilization of a licence?	No But non-utilization may be taken into account when new applies. are considered	Yes all or part of the deposit goes to the Treasury	No	No	No	No
16	Are licences transferable between importers? Conditions?	No	No	No	No	No	No

Question No.	Question	Brazil	Burundi	Cambodia	Chad	Cyprus	Finland	Gabon	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Israel	Ivory Coast	Kenya
18	Other administrative procedures required prior to importation?	No	No	Only if pro-restr. comply with certain standards	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
19	Foreign exchange automatically provided by the banking authors for goods to be imported? Is a licence required to obtain foreign exchange? Foreign exchange always available? Formalities involved	Yes Yes Yes See above	Yes Yes Yes See above	Yes, approval of licence is authority to obtain foreign exch. Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Central Bank issues notices to banks	Yes Yes Yes Foreign exchange granted by Bank of Finland upon application	Yes Yes Yes None	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes Yes Yes Yes	Yes, if licence accompanied by a Foreign Exchange Allocation Licence Foreign Exchange Allocation Licence issued by Central Bank through Min. of Commerce and Ind.	

Question No.	Question	Ivory Coast	Rwanda	Niger	New Zealand	Nigeria	Pakistan	Peru	Ruanda	Sierra Leone	Singapore	South Africa	Spain	Sri Lanka
18	Other administrative procedures required prior to importation?	No	No	None	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Some procedures before licence is issued
19	Foreign exchange automatically provided by the banking authority for goods to be imported? Is a licence required to obtain foreign exchange? Foreign exchange always available?	Yes	Provided when Foreign Exchange Regulations are satisfied in every respect	Yes, for goods which have been imported on presentation of doc. proof of importation	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Applicants or importers apply to the Banks	No other formalities	Importer hands "bank copy" to trade bank which makes payment overseas against valid import licence	Foreign exc. allocation made when letters of credit opened by importers after issue of import licence	Prod. of Letter of credit and final invoice and the customs document providing that goods have been imported	Invoice and copy of import permit must be produced to prove import.	Completion of application form at a commercial bank	Foreign exchange supplied by bank which communicates to the Bank of Spain the particulars of foreign exchange used and licence						

Question No.	Question	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Yugoslavia	Zaire	Zambia
18	"Other administrative procedures required prior to importation?"	No	No	No	No (Exception: food products; approval of vet. licence)	Imports subject to verification, textiles subject to special analysis	No
19	Foreign exchange automatically provided by the banking authorities for goods to be imported?	Yes	Yes	Yes Yes: if licence relates to assignment of foreign exchange quota or global foreign exchange quota. If not, licence above does not include automatic right to obtain foreign exchange	Yes Yes	Yes Yes: if licence relates to assignment of foreign exchange quota or global foreign exchange quota. If not, licence above does not include automatic right to obtain foreign exchange	Yes

Is a licence required to obtain foreign exchange?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Foreign exchange always available?	Yes. Before licence issued they are transmitted to Central Bank for endorsement. Then foreign exchange available	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Formalities involved	Bank formalities	Applicants approach Central Bank through their own bank	Shipping document, definitive invoice, Certificate of Superintendent Co. Declaration for consumption where payment made on arrival	Opening of a letter of credit. Foreign exch. made available by comm. banks on proof that goods have entered Zambia. Nec: Zambian certified invoice, customers bill of entry.		

ANNEX II
Licensing Systems to Administer Import Restrictions
Table I

Question No.	Question	Australia	Austria	Canada	SIC and Member States								United States	
					SEC	Senslux	Denmark	France	Germany	Ireland	Italy ¹	United Kingdom	Japan	
2, 3	Systems? Product coverage*	RL	RL	RL	RL (Import authorization)	RL	(a) RL (b) RA (c) "Regime"							
	Goods from which countries?	Range of non-quota licensing applies to fixed products, resistors and some second-hand vehicles, other goods machinery and parts. Quotas currently applies in respect of some footwear and parts of footwear. CHU passenger motor vehicles, tricycles and rasper, domestic chest freezers, double-edged safety razor blades and sheets and plates of iron or steel.	All countries	Certain agricultural products, some textile and clothing products; narcotics and drugs; explosives; and radioactive materials	(a) Certain products: 1. Proven State-leading countries and Japan 2. Few products from all origins	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	2/	Subject to certain dairy products, petroleum, narcotic stimulants, depressants, psychotropic drugs and wild bird feathers
	Non-quota licensing applies to fixed resistors and some second-hand vehicles, other goods machinery and parts. Quotas currently applies in respect of some footwear and parts of footwear. CHU passenger motor vehicles, tricycles and rasper, domestic chest freezers, double-edged safety razor blades and sheets and plates of iron or steel.	All countries	Certain agricultural products, some textile and clothing products; narcotics and drugs; explosives; and radioactive materials	(a) Certain products: 1. Proven State-leading countries and Japan 2. Few products from all origins	(a) Range of products: 1. Textiles, rubbers, types and fibers 2. Other products	(a) Range of products: 1. Textiles, rubbers, types and fibers 2. Other products	(a) Range of products: 1. Textiles, rubbers, types and fibers 2. Other products	(a) Range of products: 1. Textiles, rubbers, types and fibers 2. Other products	(a) Range of products: 1. Textiles, rubbers, types and fibers 2. Other products	(a) Range of products: 1. Textiles, rubbers, types and fibers 2. Other products	(a) Range of products: 1. Textiles, rubbers, types and fibers 2. Other products	(a) Range of products: 1. Textiles, rubbers, types and fibers 2. Other products	Certain dairy products, industrial products and some agricultural products from most State-trading countries	
	All countries	All countries	All countries	All countries	All countries	All countries	All countries	All countries	All countries	All countries	All countries	All countries	All countries	Re-export system
4	Is the licensing statutorily required?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No, except for wild bird feathers and certain drugs
	Is designation of products left to administrative discretion?	Yes (Minister or his delegates or Govt.)	No	No (not products of the European Communities in case of dismantling of the market. Council may consider any measures)	The Council of the European Communities	Min. of Commerce	Yes after authorisation by the Govt. (Board of Commerce or National Agricultural Market Board, depending on products involved.)							

* For details of EEC - positions subject to restriction in each of the countries, see Revised Consolidated Table of Import Restrictions (Annex I to document COM(AG)W/G7, COM(AG)W/G4).

1 In the Controlled Customs Regime products are imported without licence but only within limits of a quota directly administered by the Customs.

EEC and member States											
Question No.	Question	Australia	Austria	Canada	EEC	Benelux	Denmark	France	Ireland	Italy ¹	United Kingdom
5 (cont'd)	- May the Govt. abolish the system without legislative approval?	Yes	No	No (as in case of actor gasoline)	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
6(a)	Is information concerning allocation of Quotas published? Where? to whom?	Announced by ministerial press statement, foreign followed trade law, detailed by Bureau of Customs notice.	General principles published in Austrian statement, foreign available to interested traders.	Global amount available to all concerned Importers	Inform. Notices from Office Licen- cing Office concerned are circulated to press and importers	Yes. Info. publ. in Off. Journal.	Yes, conditions rule in "Bundesanzeiger"	Yes, in official gazette a weekly bulletin and news-papers and circu-lated	In circu-lars and the press and not-ices to import-ers published in the weekly Journal of the Departments of Trade and Industry	Yes, in official gazette and trade and global quotas sub-mitted to import-ers and trade organs	Yes, in Federal Register. Inf. on quota level published
Overall account published?	Yes. Value or quantity of quotas is published according to importation plans	Yes	N.A.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
Amount per country?	Quotas are not normally allocated on a country basis	Set always	Yes, under trade agreements.	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, for State-trading countries only	N.A.	N.A.	Yes	Yes
Amount per importer?	Details of allocation of quotas to individual importers are not published	No	No	No	No	No	Yes (max. amount per importer)	N.A.	N.A.	No	No
(b) (1) Quota period	Usually one year	Yearly	Quarterly, semi-annually, annually	Yearly	Global quotas on 6-month basis.	Yearly	Varies 3-12 months	Usually yearly	Ind. prod.: agric. prod.: varies	Yearly	Yearly
											Usually yearly for certain prod. half-yearly, quarterly or shorter period

In the Controlled Duties regime products are imported without limits of a quota directly administered by the Customs.

Question No.		Australia		Austria		Canada		EEC and Member States		Ireland		Italy		United Kingdom		Japan		Norway		Portugal		Sweden		Switzerland		United States	
Question	No.	REC	Belgium	Demark	France	Denmark	EEC	Benelux	EEC	France	Ireland	Italy	United Kingdom	Japan	Norway	Portugal	Sweden	Switzerland	United States								
6(b) (cont'd)	(iii) License period more than 6 months different to quota period?	Up to 6 months	Not necessarily varies with product	4 or 5 months	One year	Varies depending on agreements (bilateral unions)	5 months	H.A.	12 months	Import quota cert. & 4th import approval 5 month	Various	6-9 months in general, longer period for some Arctic products.	Various with product														
	(iii) Max application necessary?	No	Either license or extension	Yes	Extension or variation does not affect amount of new licence for the following period:	Possibility of extension of licence	Yes	Possibility of extension of licence	Yes	Import quota cert. & 4th import approval 5 month	From 90 days up to one year in certain cases	Extention possible	No special allocation	No special allocation	No special allocation	No special allocation	No special allocation	No special allocation									
(c)	(i) Licenses issued partly or only to domestic producers?	No specific allocation	No quota	No	Licences can also be granted to domestic producers	In some cases partly	In some cases partly	No specific allocation	No specific allocation	No specific allocation	No specific allocation	No specific allocation	No specific allocation	No specific allocation	No specific allocation	No specific allocation	No specific allocation	No specific allocation	No specific allocation								
	(ii) Measures taken to ensure use of licences?	No	If not used performance is taken into consideration	No.A.	Unused licences are redistributed	No. but if not performed is diverted on to other licence	Not necessary	No	No, but reservation of unused quota is possible	No	Unused licence must be returned to the Ministry of Commerce or the Minister of Agriculture	For daily production, certified by sales contract or the like, in some cases, licences must be returned to the licensing authority	No	Usually no	No, except for wild bird feathers	No	No	No	No	No							
	(iii) Are unused allocations added to succeeding periods?	No	Prolongation possible	Varies with product	No	No	No	No	No, except where limited carry-over is permitted under an agreement with the supplying country	No	A portion of supply in successive periods	A portion of supply in successive periods	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No							

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Question No.	Question	Australia	Austria	Canada	EEC and member States							United Kingdom:	United States
					EEC	Belgium	Denmark	France	Germany, F.R.	Ireland	Italy ¹		
6 (c) (cont'd)	(iv) Are names of licensees made known upon request to Govts. of exporting countries?	No	No	No	Left to discretion of member State	No	Customs authority keeps list of licensed at disposal of anyone concerned	No	No	They are published	No	Not as a rule. Ex. possible	No
	(v) If not, for what reasons?				This information is considered confidential between licencors and government	Trade secrets	Confidential nature	Confidential nature	Confidential nature	Confidential nature	Business secret required by law	Business legislation conc. official secrecy	Yes
(d)	Time for submission of applications since opening of quotas?				Varies with general principle of secretariat in administration	Any time within quota period	Varies in first-come case of small quotas.	Varies	Within 30 days	No general rule	1-2 mths	No time limit	At least 30 days
	Normally twenty-one days				App. for licence can be submitted at any time	In simultaneous application can be submitted at any time within the prescribed period.	Not less than 3 yrs. for app. for quotas. Other apps. no limit.	Varies	Within 30 days	Within 30 days	In general. Applications may quota be filed at any time in the quota period	Within 30 to 60 days	Within 30 to 60 days
(e)	Minimum and maximum length of time for processing applications				Min: 24 hrs. Less than three weeks as a minimum rule. Max: 3 wks. in cases where there are large numbers of importers	Usually 1-5 working days	No rule	Min: 1 day. Max: 3 wks.	Varies	About 1 month	Min: 3 days. Max: 3 weeks	1-3 days	1-10 days
	Less than one week				Max: 3 weeks except in unusual case	Varies	1-5 wks. as a rule. Max: 3 yrs. after time-limit for submission of app.	Min: 1 day. Max: 3 wks.	Varies	No time limit	Min: 1 day. Max: 2 weeks	Within 30 days	Within 30 days
(f)	Time between granting or licence and opening of the period of importation				Licence may be used immediately	Not specified	Licence may be used immediately	No time limit	Varies	Varies	Licence may be used immediately	Not relevant	One
	Number of admin. organs considering applications?	Usually one	One. (But sometimes two)	Varies according to date of application for licence	Determined by member States	One organ	Licence issued by min. of commerce. App. in case of grain etc. considered by min. of agr.	Customs authority passes app. to ministry	One	One as a rule (ex. for some prod.)	One as a rule. Ind. prod. One agr. prod. Min. of agr. issues lic. Several cities participate	Usually one	One
	Imp. ex-cess with product A\$200,000			Submitted to Foreign Trade Adm. Board		One			One	One	Ind. prod. One agr. prod. Min. of agr. issues lic. National Marketing Board	One	One
	How many organs does applicant have to approach?	One	One	One		One			One	One	Ind. prod. One agr. prod. Min. of agr. issues lic. National Marketing Board	One	One

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Question No.	Question	EEC and Member States										United States			
		EEC	Belgium	Denmark	EEC	France	Germany, F.R.	Ireland	Italy ¹	United Kingdom	Japan	Norway	Portugal	Sweden	Switzerland
6 (cont'd)	(h) (i) If demand for past performance cannot be satisfied, on what basis is allocation made?	Past performance	Past performance	Within share allotted to other member states are free to choose first come or simultaneous exst.	Past performance	Past performance	Past come or simultaneous exst.	Avg. cons.	Depends on prod. in propn.	Criteria: no set rule. Criteria: past performance, equal share plus amount.	Past performance, equal share plus amount.				
	(ii) Is there a maximum amount per applicant?	No	No												
	(iii) Provisions for newcomers?	Not usually	Reserve kept for newcomers												
	(iv) Examination of apps. simultaneously or on receipt?	On receipt	On receipt	On receipt	On receipt	On receipt	On receipt	On receipt	Depends on case	In case of machinery or quota, others; otherwise simultaneously	In general, receipt upon receipt				
	(5)	Import licences required in cases of bilateral quotas or export restraint arrangements? If so, are they issued automatically?	N.A.	N.A.	In some cases	Dual control, import permit on automatic endorsement upon presentation of export permit	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	(i)	If no licences are required, means of supervision of importing country?	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	Statistical notificat.	Customs statistics	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.

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Question No.	Question	Australia	Austria	Canada	EEC	Belgium	Denmark	France	Germany F.R.	Ireland	Italy ¹	United Kingdom	EEC and member States	Japan	Norway	Portugal	Sweden	Switzerland	United States
6 (k) (cont'd)	Are there products for which licences are issued on condition that goods should be re-exported?	No	N.A.	only in exceptional circumstances	No	Yes, but these licences are not written customs orf against duty quotas	only in case of exception cases	No	Yes, such licence exempt goods from quota restrns.	Yes, then licences are freely issued and quota restrns. are not counted against quota levels	Yes, then licences are freely issued and quota restrns. are not counted against quota levels	Yes, staple food, starch, milk products. Then licence issued in excess of quota	No	Only in exceptional cases	No	N.A.	As a rule any indiv. on legal entity due. in Switzerland. Add criteria in feathers some cases and petroleum; criteria for basic permit or be prof. engaged in e.g. past imports, trade or spec. prod. needs	Anyone eligible in cases	
9 (a)	Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence	Any person firm, inst. restr. eligible.	All Canadian citizens and companies	Any individual may refuse lic. or legal entity to persons not established in its territory, until such time as a Community import document is introduced	Importer must be domiciled in Denmark and ref. in Register and INSEE	Anyone domiciled in Denmark who has the right to engage in the activities for which imports are wanted	All residents	Applicant must be resident of the United Kingdom or other	Persons must be Norwegian inhabitants, limited to importers with register-number record of estd in State of Norway the EEC.	Any firm, person, instn., domestic in Sweden eligible	Any firm, All persons, person, instn., firms, apply	As a rule, any indiv. on legal entity due. in Switzerland. Add criteria in feathers some cases and petroleum; criteria for basic permit or be prof. engaged in e.g. past imports, trade or spec. prod. needs	Cf. above	No	No	No	No	No	No
	System of registration of persons or firms permitted to engage in importation of authorized importers?	N.A.	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes, regular importers enroled in a schedule with Min. of Ext.	No	No	No	Yes, for some sectors of activities	No	No	No	No	No	No
Registration fee?	Published list of authorized importers?	N.A.	No	No	No	No	No	No	Enrolment is unrestricted	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
17(a)	Are any other conditions attached to the issue of a licence?	No (except in No, but as a special censored rule)	No (except in some cases of expired and utilized licences issued outside quota as yet)	No (except in some cases of expired and utilized licences issued outside quota as yet)	In some cases licences pledged to apply mark price com. paid down in Govt. policy	No, but exhausted licences must be returned	No	No	No (except in case of condition of re-export.)	No	No	No	A general condition grant for goods must be taken or made through a foreign exchange bank	In some cases grants must be taken or made through a foreign exchange bank	No	No	No	No	No

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ANNEX II
Licensing to Administer Import Restrictions

Table 2

Question No.	Question	Chad	Cyprus	Finland	Gaborone	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Israel	Ivory Coast	Kenya
2, 3	Systems Product coverage Goods from which countries?	RL	A few items from all countries and some products of socialist countries which are not freely licensable	RL Systems covering (a) Global licensing (-12 EBN items most of them agro.)	(^{"Import Lic."} for products subject to quota - Global lic. (-12 EBN items most of them agro.)	RL - Some products on list "A" and some agro. and ind. prod.)	RL - Products on list "B" (certain machines and spare parts)	RL Range of agr. products, some other goods	RL Range of agr. products, certain types of spare parts and equipment, Certain kinds of paper (no quotas)	RL	RL Products under quotas produced by infant industries in Kenya

Question No.	Question	Korea	Kuwait	Madagascar	Malawi	Haiti	New Zealand	Nigeria	Pakistan	Peru	Sierra Leone	Singapore	South Africa	Spain	Sri Lanka	
2,3	Systems? Product coverage goods from which countries?	RL About 40% or SITC items	A1 Ministry of Commerce may limit or restrict the granting of licences for any product	For controlled items, formal applications to licences to either import or export are submitted to the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Tourism for consideration and approval	RL Licence issued according to previous imports	RL (no) quotas)	RL	RL for products on "prohibited list", "Cash cum Bonus list"	2 RL systems (a) Trace sector only for imports for Loreto and San Martin (b) all goods from socialist countries (c) Ag. prod.	RL Specific import licence for imports not covered by general open licence	RL (a) Global quotas for goods which fulfil the following conditions: (i) they must come from OECD countries (principally all NL countries and territories which participate in GATT); (ii) goods under quota must have been included in a decision published by the Ministry of Trade	2 RL systems (a) Global quotas for goods which fulfil the following conditions: (i) they must come from a country not a member of OECD or associated thereto; (ii) they must not come under the free import global quota or state-trading systems; (iii) they must be used products	RL 5 products	All countries	All countries	All countries
														All countries	All countries	
														All countries	All countries	
														All countries	All countries	

Question No.	Question	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Yugoslavia	Zambia
2.3 (cont'd)	Special Product coverage goods from which countries?	RL for all goods which are not liberalised	RL Goods on "Import Quota List"	RL	RL I.C. issued on indiv. request for import of mill. equipment, certain food- stuffs, certain cat. of equip- ment NO quotas. Other Prod. imported under (a) Global foreign exch. quota, (b) commodity and foreign exch. quota.	RL (No quota system at present)

ANNEX II
Table 2 (cont'd)

Question No.	Question	Chad	Cyprus	Finland	Gabon	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Ivory Coast	Kenya
5	Is the licensing statutory required?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Is designation of products left to administrative discretion?	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes		
	May the Government abolish the system without legislative approval?	Yes		No	Yes	No	No	Yes		
6 (e)	Is information concerning allocation of quotas published? Where? To whom? Overall amount published?	The quotas of foreign exchange available to importers are communicated to the Chamber of Commerce	In press notices. Goods subject to quotas published in Government Gazette	Official Publication of the Licensing Office	All regulations communicated to Chamber of Commerce and published in official gazette	Yes in Chamber of Commerce and Economic Press	Yes in the press			
	Amount per country?									
	Amount per importer?									
	(i) Quota period	1 year	1 year	Yearly	Yes to all authorized importers	Yes	Yes and amount of quota for each com.	n.a.		
	(ii) License period where different to quota period		6 months	6 months	Yes to all authorized importers	Yes	Yes	3 months		
	(iii) New application necessary?	No			Yes to all authorized importers	Yes	Yes	6 months		
	(i) Are licenses issued partly or only to domestic producers?	Yes, in case of flour	No specific allocation	No specific allocation	Possibility of extension:	Yes	Yes	5 months		
	(ii) Measures taken to ensure use of licences?	-	No	Central exercised on firm-by-firm basis	Central exercised on firm-by-firm basis	Yes	Yes	4 months		
					(a) Allocation for 6 months only permits checking of actual use of licence. (b) Requirement that lic. shall be returned to Lic. Off.	No	Yes	6 months		

Question No.	Question	Korea	Kuwait	Madagascar	Malawi	Malta	New Zealand	Nigeria	Pakistan	Peru	Sri Lanka	Spain	Sri Lanka
5	Is the licensing statutorily required?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	By regulation	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
	Is designation of products left to admin. discretion?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Product designed in regulations
	Is the Govt. to abolish the system without legislative approval?	No		No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	
6 (a)	Is information concerning allocation of quota published? Where? To whom?	Yes, in semi-annual notice by Min. and other publications		The overall import programme is publ. in the Official Gazette and is subdivided on the basis of the headings of the Customs Tariff. They supply those with which Madagascar has broken off diplomatic relations	It has not been found necessary to allocate quotas except for tea under global quotas	Yes, for new quotas in Govt. Gazette	Yes, import licensing schedule publ. each yr.	Quotas not operated. Inf. re licences published in Official Gazette and newspapers	Provisions not for imp. regulations publ. in semi-annual notice	(c) Yes	In Official Gazette	In notices to press, Chamber of Commerce, banks, embassies	In Government Gazette
	Overall amount published?	n.a.								(a) Yes	No	No	Yes, in Government Gazette
	Amount per country?	n.a.								(b) Yes	No	No	Yes, in Government Gazette
	Amount per importers?	No								(c) No	No	No	Yes, in Government Gazette
6 (b)	(i) Quota period									(d) No	No	No	No
	(ii) Licence period where different to quota period									(e) No	No	No	No
	(iii) New application necessary?									(f) No	No	No	No
(c)	(i) Are licences issued partly or only to domestic producers?									(g) No	No	No	No
	(ii) Measures taken to ensure use of licences?									(h) None	No	No	No
										(i) System of control to be introduced	Ministry receives duplicates of import lic. issued	Ministry receives duplicates of import lic. issued	Yes, control by submission of doc. (invoices, bill of lading etc.)

Question No.	Question	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Yugoslavia ¹	Zambia
5 (cont'd)	Is the licensing statutorily required?	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Is designation of products left to administrative discretion?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	May the Government abolish the system without legislative approval?	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
6 (a)	Is information concerning allocation of quotas published? Where? To whom?	In notices to importers, Official Gazette	Yes, in Official Gazette	Yes, in notices to importers published in the press	Information concerning commodity and foreign exchange quotas in Official Gazette. Not for products imported under licences	No quotas exist
	Over-all amount published?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes (commodity and foreign exchange quotas) n.a.	
	Amount per country?	Yes	No	1 year	May be shorter in case of seasonal restrictions	
	(i) Quota period	Yearly for global quotas (calendar year)	Twice a year	6 months	Possibility of extension by 2 periods of 3 months	Certain domestic products are favoured to a small extent
6 (b)	(ii) Licence period where different to quota period	6 months	6 months	6 months	No specific allocation	Certain domestic producers are favoured to a small extent
	(iii) New application necessary?	Extension possible. New application possible	Licences are allocated only to national producers.	No specific allocation	No specific measures	
	(i) Are licences issued partly or only to domestic producers?	No special measure. A copy of the licence used is returned to the "SERVICE AFFAIRES" in the Directorate of Foreign Economic Relations (DREF).	No deposit system	No	No special measures	
	(ii) Measures taken to ensure use of licences?					

¹Answers concerning quotas relate to the global foreign exchange quota and to commodity and foreign exchange quota.

Question No.	Question	Chad	Cyprus	Finland	Gabon	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Israel	Ivory Coast	Kenya
6 (cont'd)	(iii) Are unused allocations added to succeeding period?	No	No	No but may be divided among other importers during period of validity	No, balance used again during same period	Unused quotas reallocated	Not as a rule				
	(iv) Are names of licences made known upon request to governments of exporting countries?	No	No	Details about allocated licences are published	Yes	Yes	No				Is possible
	(v) If not, for what reasons?	Chamber of Commerce has no complete list of importers at its disposal		Internal matter							
(d)	Time for submission of applications since opening of quotas?	After 1 April	A reasonable period	Sub. possible before or during licence period	Application may be made immediately after programme is made available	At any time until quotas/allocations filled	4-6 weeks				
(e)	Minimum and maximum length of time for processing applications?	Max: 3 days	Min: 1 day Max: 30 days	1-14 days	20-40 days	Normally within 5 hours	1-2 months				
(f)	Time between granting of licence and opening of the period of importation?	For	Reasonable time	Import may take place immediately	Max: 6 months	Normally 3 to 4 days	2 weeks				
(g)	Number of admin. organs considering application?	One	One	One as a rule in certain cases	Two	One	One				One
	How many organs does applicant have to approach?	One	One	Approval of other organs needed See above	Two	One	One				One

Ques-tion No.	Question	Korea	Kuwait	Madagascar	Malawi	Malta	New Zealand	Nigeria	Pakistan	Peru	Saint Leone	Singapore	South Africa	Spain	Sri Lanka
6 (cont'd)	(iii) Are unused allocations added to succeeding period?			Unused portion is reallocated to the issuing authority	N/A	Not as a rule	No	No, but extension possible (3 months)	No	No	No	No	No	No	
	(iv) Are names of licences made known upon request to governments of exporting countries?			Yes, upon request but not as a rule	No	No	Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No but they are published in weekly Bulletin Spanish Trade Information of Min. of Trade
	(v) If not, for what reason?			Yes											Allocations are treated on confidential basis in order to avoid unfair competition
	(d) Time for submission of applications since opening of quotas?			Applications can be submitted as soon as the quotas are opened	2-3 weeks	No set period	N/A	(a) Licensable List; within 3 months (b) Cash-cum-Bonus List; within 5½ months	1 month	When an item is first subject to quota:	14 days for submission of doc.	20 days	No regu.	Within quota period no restriction for allocation	

Question No. . .	Question . . .	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Yugoslavia	Zambia
- 6 (cont'd)	(a) Are unused allocations added to succeeding period?	No		No	(a) Commodity and foreign exchange quota: No (b) Global foreign exchange quota: Possible. Licences: Are limited in time. No extension. No case reported	
	(b) Are names or licences made known upon request to governments of exporting countries?			Yes		
	(c) If not, for what reason?		Trade secret			
	(d) Time for submission of applications since opening of quotas?	Varies. As a rule from date of issue of notice till exhaustion of quota	Applications generally have to be submitted in February and August. This may vary in exceptional cases	Appl. may be submitted in first days of the year, even before opening of quotas	No time-limit for appl. for lic.	N.A. (No quotas exist)
	(e) Minimum and maximum length of time for processing applications?	Vary	No time-limit	Max: 24 hours	24 hours and 1 month	Min: 1 day Max: 1 month
	(f) Time between granting of licence and opening of the period of importation?	No time-lag in principle	Period of imp. runs from date of issue of licence	Min: 3 months	No time-limit. It is assumed that imports will take place in calendar year, from 1 January to 31 December	Import may take place immediately
	(g) Number of admin. organs considering application?	Only one	One (in some cases more than one)	One as a rule (more in case of certain imports, e.g. ammunition, explosives, etc.)	Always more than one	One (except for agricultural products, game animals and trophies)
	How many organs does applicant have to approach?	One	One	One	One as a rule	One

Question No.	Question	Chad	Cyprus	Finland	Gabon	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Israel	Ivory Coast	Kenya
6(h) (cont'd)	(i) If demand for licences cannot be satisfied, on what basis is allocation made?	Applies. Are produced products partially, i.e., joint ventures or foreign currency. These are dependent on various criteria	Past performance on percentage basis	Past performance	Latest annual turnover fig. of imports; dist. net-work; investment; salaries paid	Past performance	Advance on next allocation may be allowed.	Past performance	In annual import programme alloc. of shares is made to importers. Based on criteria: past perf.; turnover; FIC; investments; sales centres outside capital, etc.	Past performance on basis of price-wise restrictions	Past performance or on the basis of price-wise restrictions
	(ii) Is there a maximum amount per applicant?		No	Quota based on past performance	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes Newcomers quota are allotted	Yes Newcomers quota are allotted
	(iii) Provisions for newcomers?	5% of quota of each product reserved for newcomers	Small percentage reserved for newcomers	About 10% of quotas reserved for newcomers	5% of the whole programme reserved for newcomers	Yes	No	Yes	Examination of annual import share simultaneously. Exam. of app. for lic. on receipt	Examination of annual import share simultaneously. Exam. of app. for lic. on receipt	Examination of annual import share simultaneously. Exam. of app. for lic. on receipt
	(iv) Examination of apps. simultaneously or on receipt?	On receipt	On receipt as a rule, sometimes simultaneously	On receipt except if appl. filed before lic. period	Simultaneously after deadline	On receipt	On receipt	On receipt	On receipt	On receipt	On receipt
	Import licence required in cases of bilateral quotas or export restraints arrangements? If so, are they issued automatically?	Compensation licence is only case of export lim.	n.a.	Yes	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	(i) If no licences are required, means of supervision of importing country?	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
	(ii) Are there products for which licences are issued on condition that goods should be re-exported	No	Yes in case trade or prod. regulated by international agreements	No	No	Yes	Yes in addition to licences for domestic consumption	No	Very few cases	No	No

Question No.	Question	Korea	Kuwait	Madagascar	Malawi	Malta	New Zealand	Nigeria	Pakistan	Peru	Sierra Leone	Singapore	South Africa	Spain	Sri Lanka
(i)	Import licence required in cases of bilateral quotas or export restraints arrangements? If so, are they issued automatically?			Licences are required for all imports, regardless of origin or of the purpose for which they are needed	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	n.a.	Yes in case of items on Licensable List	(b) Yes (c) Has not arisen	Yes	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	n.a.
(j)	If no licences are required, means of supervision of importing country?			The Department of Quotas and Excise does the supervisory work	No	In case of coffee imports Coffee Certificate issued by export country NSC.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Yes	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	No	n.a.
(k)	Are there products for which licences are issued on condition that goods should be re-exported?			Products for re-export are admitted into the country under the temporary admission regime and do not require import licences	No	n.a.	Yes, goods imported on temporary basis	No	Only in cases of advance licences for raw material	Yes	No	Yes, in the case of temporary imports or processing traffic	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

Question No.	Question	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Yugoslavia	Zambia
6(h) (cont'd)	(i) If demand for licences cannot be satisfied, on what basis is allocation made?	First come basis. Criteria: size of undertaking, priority to import signif. for national economy; category of activities (priority to farmers and manufacturers);	All applicants are served on equity basis	n.a. All applications are granted if foreign exchange available	(a) Licences: application considered individually on receipt. (b) Exchange quotas are established by organ concerned	
	(ii) Is there a maximum amount per applicant?	Yes, 25% of total volume		Yes		
	(iii) Provisions for newcomers?	Treated like other importers	On receipt	On receipt		
	(iv) Examination of apps. simultaneously or on receipt?	Simultaneously or receipt in certain cases				
(i)	Import licence required in cases of bilateral quotas or export restraints arrangements? If so, are they issued automatically?	Yes	Yes	N.A.	Normal licence required	N.A.
	If no licences are required, means of supervision of importing country?	N.A.	Only if goods needed urgently	Not necessarily		
(j)	Are there products for which licences are issued on condition that goods should be re-exported?	No	Yes (farm rate fails, aux. materials, equipment, pack. material)	No	Yes, some products resulting from the processing of imported material	No

Question No.	Question	Chad	Cyprus	Finland	Gabon	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Israel	Ivory Coast	Kenya
9(a)	Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence?	Anyone	All permanent residents and any body corporate and member of Chamber of Commerce if having a registered place of business in Cyprus	All persons, firms, institutions, who are engaged in business activities in rest. sector	Any person, firm, institution	Registered importers	All registered persons, firms, institutions	Anyone registered	Anyone registered	All persons, firms, and institutions established and registered in Kenya	
	System of registration of persons or firms permitted to engage in importations?	Commercial register	No	No	Yes, for import. importers	Yes	Yes	Yes, importers subject to approval for registration by Min. of Comm. and Ind.	Yes	Yes, importers subject to approval for registration by Min. of Comm. and Ind.	
	Registration fees?	No (except stamp)	No	No	Yes, (a) reg. fee Dr. 150-500 (b) Annual subscription Dr 60-5,000	No	Yes	No	No	No	
	Published list of authorized importers?	No	No					No	No	No	
17(a)	Are any other conditions attached to the issue of a licence?	No	No	Depending on other legislation in force	No	No	No	No	No	No	

Question No.	Korea	Kuwait	Madagascar	Malawi	Malta	New Zealand	Nigeria	Pakistan	Peru	Sierra Leone	Singapore	South Africa	Spain	Sri Lanka
9(a)	Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence?	- Kuwaiti individuals - Kuwait co. if all partners have Kuwait nationality - Share comp. and companies of limited liabilities where Kuwaiti own not less than 51% of total capital	Only approved importers may apply for licences. In order to be approved: (1) their status vis-a-vis the tax authorities of Madagascar, as regards both direct and indirect taxation, must be in order. (2) they must belong to one of the following categories: State enterprises and companies whose activities are in the national interest; Industrial, agricultural or mining companies and groups of craftsmen. Groups of national importers. Companies specializing in the importation of certain products, etc.	Any firm, person or institution able to organization domiciled in New Zealand prove past performance. In a few cases, all importers eligible	As a rule only importers able to organization prove past performance. In a few cases, all importers eligible	Importers must be registered for the items for which they hold category entitlement:	(b) Only persons in Loreto and San Martin (c) Peruvian Agr. Services is only auth. importer	Importers must be registered for the items for which they hold category entitlement:	Everybody	Only importers with past performance	All persons, firms and institutions	All moral or physical persons	All moral or physical persons	All registered persons, firms, institutions
	System of registration of persons or firms permitted to engage in importation?	Yes, Commercial Register Kuwaiti Chamber of Commerce and Ind.	Yes, for importation of particular commodities	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	Yes, with Import Control Department
	Registration fee?	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No
	Published list of authorized importers?													Import Control Act permits inclusion of special cond.
17(a)	Are any other conditions attached to the issue of a licence?	No	No	No	No	n.a.	No (only those printed on reverse side of lic.)	No	No	No	No	No	No	

Question No.	Question	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Yugoslavia	Zambia
9(a)	Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence	Anyone engaged in commercial industrial or agricultural activity	older of importers certificate	No person, firm, institution. In case of imports of commercial nature, importers certificate required	Only a working organization may submit applic.	All persons, firms, institutions
	System of registration of persons or firms permitted to engage in importation?	Importers must obtain Customs Code number and submit a number of documents	Yes	No	Yes, with courts	
	Registration fee:	No	No		Yes	
	Published list of authorized importers:		No	No		
17(a)	Are any other conditions attached to the issue of a licence	An importer can obtain an import licence only subject to prior fulfillment of his tax obligations	No	No	No	No, except that goods need to be imported via the route specified in the licence

ANNEX III
Licensing Systems Not Used to Administer Import Restrictions

Table 1

Question No.	Question	Canada	EEC and member States						Norway	Portugal	Sweden	Switzerland
			EEC	Belgium	Denmark	France	Ireland	Italy				
2.3	Product coverage Goods from which countries? for reasons of health or safety)	AL	(a) All products liberalized subject to Community supervision	AL	(a) Range of goods for industrial processing from all countries Japan and Hong Kong not subject to RL At present two products of which one imported from one contracting party to GATT agricultural products only (b) System of import certificate for a number of agricultural products All third countries	(a) AL for exceptional cases (special agreements) (b) General system for State-trading companies (c) In Blue List I Imported from countries in country List II	All Range of binder products from State- trading companies	(a) Customs Licence (all liberalized products) General authorization piece (b) AL lists of clothing and footwear according to geographical zones	Open General Import ID (import declaration) all liberalized products from State-trading countries	AL (a) Shall Range of industrial products from State-trading countries (b) AL for certain products from most countries (exception: value not exceeding ECU 5,000)	Subject to few agricultur- al products are: some products from most countries Japan South Korea and Taiwan (b) Range of agricultural products from all countries other than EEC and EFTA countries (excl. Portugal) and some products of iron or steel from all countries	All countries except in case of certain textiles
4	Purpose of licensing?		Control of quality and sanitary standards	Regarding (a)/(b) (b) Import Certificate: Statistical purposes (no restrictive effect)	Tentative liberalization	Surveillance	To obtain surveillance to move over to a licence system	To obtain detailed statistical information on import trends after liberalization	Statistical purpose and to obtain foreign exchange necessary for payment of imports	Supervise imports of these goods in order to make possible rapid action if necessary	Yes	
5	Is licensing statutorily required?	Yes	(a) Yes (b) Export certificate: Yes, basic regulations laid down by Council of Ministers	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, but legal basis varies from product to product	Yes	

Question No.	Question	Canada	EEC and member States						Japan	Norway	Portugal	Sweden	Switzerland
			EEC	Belgium	Denmark	France	Germany	Ireland					
7.1)	Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence	All Canadian citizens and companies	(a) Member State may refuse licence to persons not established in its territory. (b) Cert. issued to any interested party so requesting, wherever established in the Community	Any individual or legal entity domiciled in Denmark and who has the right to engage in trade in the EEC and IHS	Importer must be registered in principle in the Register of IHS	Any importer may apply	Importer must be registered in principle in the Register of IHS	Any importer may apply	Applicant must be resident in the United Kingdom or other member state of the EEC	Norwegian inhabitants, firms registered in Norway	Any firm, institution may apply	All persons, firms domiciled in Sweden eligible	Any individual and legal entity domiciled in Switzerland
7.2)	System of registration of persons or firms permitted to engage in importation?	No							No	No	No	No	C.f. above
7.3)	Registration fee?	No							No	No	No	No	
	Published list of authorized importers?	No							No	No	No	No	
7.4)	Are any other conditions attached to the issue of rule a licence?	No as a uniform procedure as yet	a) No b) No	No (but expired and utilized licences must be returned to Lic. Office)	No	No	No	Yes, in a few cases	No	No	No	No	A general condition: payments for goods must be made through a foreign exchange bank

ANNEX III
Licensing Systems not used to Administer Import Restrictions

Table 2

Question	Questions	Burundi	Cambodia	Cyprus	Gabon	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Israel	Ivory Coast	Korea
2, 3 Systems?	AL	Lic. System to administer foreign exchange	Lic. System without limita- tion of value up to the value of credit which is available	AL (import AL certificate)	- Most products not under QR	Lic. System - for a range of products not under QR	AL	AL	AL	AL	AL
Product coverage? Goods from which countries?	Most products	Imports from Europe (exc. those under RL)	All products	All products	Imports from cert. countries (e.g. petrel, sugar from Eastern Europe	8.5% of imports in 1970 covering goods from cert. countries (e.g. petrel, sugar from Eastern Europe	All countries	All countries	All items which are not restricted or prohibited (720 out of 1322 SITC)	All countries (exc. Rhodes, and some social countries)	All countries
All countries	All countries	All products	All products	All countries	Liberally	(a) OECD specified goods from all countries; All goods from Indonesia	Specified goods from all countries; All goods from Indonesia	All countries	All countries	All countries	All countries
4 Purpose of Licensing?	To evaluate real value - to make poss. right use of taxes - to avoid commercial practices	To administer foreign exchange and for reasons of price policy	To keep volume of imports within poss. or payments	To regulate imports	To check control of the account imports of foreign exchange payments actually made	Reasons of XX, XXI, XXII	Reasons of XX, XXI, XXII	(a) to examine effect of imports on local produc. of goods which have been lib.	(b) Source of intm. regarding level of home demand		
5 Is licensing statutorily required?	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May administration change products subject to licensing?	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
May the Govt. abolish the system without legislative approval?	Yes				Yes	No	No	No	No	No	No
7(a) How far in advance of importation must application for a license be made?	Varies	Before import enters commitment with foreign supplier	Granting of lic. may take one week	As a rule before commitment	At least 4 working days before clearance	Before customs clearance	Lic. obtained within 2 weeks	At least 15 days	No		

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Question No.	Kuwait	Madagascar	Malawi	Malta	Pakistan	Peru	Rwanda	Sierra Leone	Singapore	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Zaire	Zambia
2.5	System of General Import lic. coverage? Goods from which countries?	System of General Import lic. valid for one year to Kuwait merchants and individuals	Besides an open general licence for all products in ind. on "Bonus List" issued and trade change in sectors on surrender of bonus or bonus vouchers listed as freely licensed or seasonally licensed freely and all goods from Socialist countries	All licences for items on "Bonus List" issued and trade change in sectors on surrender of bonus or bonus vouchers listed as freely licensed or seasonally licensed freely and all goods from Socialist countries	All products in ind. for all goods all countries "Global lic." for petrol and certain other products	All products in ind. for all goods all countries "Global lic." for petrol and certain other products	All products in ind. for all goods all countries "Global lic." for petrol and certain other products	All products in ind. for all goods all countries "Global lic." for petrol and certain other products	All products in ind. for all goods all countries "Global lic." for petrol and certain other products	All products in ind. for all goods all countries "Global lic." for petrol and certain other products	All products in ind. for all goods all countries "Global lic." for petrol and certain other products	All products in ind. for all goods all countries "Global lic." for petrol and certain other products	All products in ind. for all goods all countries "Global lic." for petrol and certain other products	All products in ind. for all goods all countries "Global lic." for petrol and certain other products
4	Purpose of Licensing?	Statistical and import control in order to protect domestic industry	See answer to 1	(a) To reduce outflow of capital resulting from import of goods flat-tariff (b) Varies depending on prod. for statist. purposes	(a) To reduce outflow of capital resulting from import of goods flat-tariff (b) Varies depending on prod. for statist. purposes	(a) Besides general lic. for all goods not involving lic. doc. (b) All in form of specific lic.	All liberalized products 84% of customs tariff heading	OECD or assimilated countries	All countries	All lib. prod.	All countries	All prod. except a few items under restrictions	All countries	Control of foreign exchange

Question No.	Question	Kuwait	Hadjadcar	Kalavi	Malta	Pakistan	Peru	Rwanda	Sierra Leone	Singapore	Spain	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Zaire	Zambia
5	Is licensing authority required?	Yes	Yes for all imported products		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
	Is designation of products left to administrative discretion?	Yes	Yes, Government may legislate by way of decrees		Yes	Yes	No		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	May the Government abolish the system without legislative approval?				No	No		No			Yes	Yes	No	No	No	
7(a)	How far in advance of importation must application for lic. be made?	Licence valid for one year	Application for licences must be made prior to every importation	Before final confirmation of shipment are made with suppliers	Preferably before placing of orders for goods and confirmation of shipment abroad	Appl. received Fridays, passed on to banks next Friday	1 month	Before placing orders as a rule	(a) and (b)	Importation procedures begin with the issuing of licence	No time limit, i.e. obtained within short time					

Question No.	Question	Brazil	Burundi	Cambodia	Cyprus	Gabon	Greece	Hong Kong	Ireland	Israel	Ivory Coast	Kenya	Korea
7 (cont'd)	Can a licence be granted immediately on request?	Yes	In exceptional cases, Rule: within 3 days	Only in exceptional cases which do not require "granting of official" foreign exchange	Yes	Yes	Yes	Only under very exceptional circumstances	No	No	No	Yes	Yes
(b)	Limitations to the period of the year during which application for licence and/or importation may be made?	No	One as a rule	One for seasonal or regulated imports	No	No	No	One (Commercial Bank)	One	One	Competent authority, signed by Min. of Finance	No	No
(c)	How many administrative organs consider application for licence?	One	One as a rule	One or more, dep. on product	No	No	No	One (Commercial Bank)	One	One	One or more, dep. on product	One	One
(d)	How many organs must applicant approach?	One	One (Central Bank)	Various	One	One	One	One	One	One	One or more, dep. on product	One	One
8 (b)	Eligibility of importers to apply for a licence	Any person, firm, institution	Approved importers only	All permanent residents, any body, corporate or incorporate or being member of Chamber of Commerce and Industry and having a registered place of business in Cyprus	All permanent residents, any body, corporate or incorporate or being member of Chamber of Commerce and Industry and having a registered place of business in Cyprus	All permanent residents, any body, corporate or incorporate or being member of Chamber of Commerce and Industry and having a registered place of business in Cyprus	All permanent residents, any body, corporate or incorporate or being member of Chamber of Commerce and Industry and having a registered place of business in Cyprus	All registered persons, firms and institutions established and registered in Kenya	All registered persons, firms and institutions established and registered in Kenya	All registered persons, firms and institutions established and registered in Kenya	All registered persons, firms and institutions established and registered in Kenya	Yes	Yes
9 (b)	System of registration of persons or firms permitted to engage in importation?	No but importers must be inscribed in Special Cadastre to obtain customs clearance	Yes	Yes in Commercial Register of Cambodia	Yes in Register of Chamber of Commerce	Yes in Register of Chamber of Commerce	Yes in Register of Chamber of Commerce	Yes importers subject to approval for registration by Ministry of Commerce and Industry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

^{1/}For imports of frozen meat, frozen poultry and agricultural pesticides, importers must obtain a Dealer's Licence, Dangerous Goods Licence or similar licence before they can import arms and ammunition, telecommunications equipment, explosives, automatic machines, radio-active substances and irradiating apparatus, celluloid film scrap and acetic acid.

Question No.	Question	Brazil	Barundi	Cambodia	Cyprus	Gabon	Greece	Hong Kong	Iceland	Israel	Ivory Coast	Kenya	Korea
9 (cont'd) (b) Registration fee? Published list of authors and importers?	No						Yes and annual subscription	No fees are charged for import licences but a fee is charged for Dealers Licence etc., which are usually valid for one year.					

Question No.	Question	Brazil	Burundi	Cambodia	Cyprus	Colombia	Croatia	Hong Kong	Iceland	Israel	Ivory Coast	Egypt	Korea
17(b)	Are there any other conditions attached to the issue of a licence?	No	No	Yes [in case of some prod. agreement of tech. serv. inc. health agric. army police]	Depending on other legislation in force	No	Yes, they differ in respect of different commodities	No	No	No	No	No	No

Question No.	Question	Rwanda	Russia	Madagascar	Malawi	Malta	Pakistan	Peru	Rwanda	Saint Leone	Singapore	Spain	Tunisia	Turkey	Upper Volta	Zaire	Zambia
17(b)	Are there any conditions attached to the issue of a licence?		n.a.	Rarely	No (only those printed on reverse side of licence)	(b) No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No	No (except importers certificate)	No	No, except that Goods need to be imported via the route specified in the licence

