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REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

ARGENTINA

Corrigendum

Reply No. 1 on page 1

Replace the text by the following:

"1.1 Under M.E. Decision No. 1150/77¹ every importer must communicate his import needs in the form of a sworn declaration to the Department of Trade which grants the corresponding authorization. The latter does not constitute an import licence within the meaning of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures.

1.2 Decree 360/82 replaced Decrees 4/68 and 117/68 on the expiry of their periods of validity.² Like the earlier decrees, Decree 360/82 stipulates that imports of carbon steel sheets and plates and of bars of alloy steel falling within Chapter 73 of the import tariff (NADI) must be authorized by the Directorate-General for Military Manufactures. After obtaining authorization from that Directorate-General, the importer must fulfil the requirements of M.E. Decision No. 1150 mentioned above."

Reply No. 2 on page 1

Amend the text to read:

"Under Decree 360/82, import licences for carbon steel sheets and plates and bars of alloy steel and high carbon steel are granted by the Directorate-General for Military Manufactures."

Reply No. 5 on page 1

Amend the text to read:

"As indicated in point 2, imports of carbon steel sheets and of alloy steel bars are governed by Decree 360/82. The procedure is mandatory; however, the Executive is empowered to abolish it."

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²L/5278, Reply No. 1

Add the following text to reply No. 5:

"Changes were made to the system since the last communication on the régime established by M.E. Decision No. 1150/77: due to balance-of-payments difficulties emergency measures were imposed by S.C. Decision No. 33 of 28 July 1982 in respect of foreign trade.

S.C. Decision No. 33/82 stipulates that a detailed study must be made of sworn declarations of import needs, taking into account the degree of essentiality of the goods declared, and establishes a restrictive list of goods considered to be particularly non-essential for which a special study has to be made.

This decision was applicable until 20 August 1982, but was extended until 30 September 1982 by S.C. Decision No. 52/82 and subsequently, by S.C. Decision No. 172/82, until 31 December 1982."