

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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COMMITTEE ON IMPORT LICENSING

Meetings of 13 December 1982 and 11 July 1983

Note from the Chairman

1. The Committee on Import Licensing held its seventh meeting on 13 December 1982 (LIC/M/7) and its eighth meeting on 11 July 1983. Both meetings dealt with the two standing items on the Committee's agenda, namely Information Available on Import Licensing Procedures, and Implementation and Operation of the Agreement.
2. The Committee considered the data on import licensing procedures made available by signatories in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Agreement, as well as the status of notifications made in response to the GATT Questionnaire on Import Licensing (L/5106/Rev.2).
3. At its seventh meeting, on 13 December 1982, the Committee discussed the licensing systems of individual signatories with reference to the requirements of the Agreement concerning transparency. A number of points were made regarding problems of compliance with Article 3(c) of the Agreement faced by one signatory. The Committee reverted to this matter at its eighth meeting, on 11 July 1983, and it urged that all efforts be made to find a satisfactory solution to the matter in the near future.
4. At its eighth meeting, the Committee elected Mr. Z. Jung (Czechoslovakia), Chairman, and Mr. A. Liontas (Greece), Vice-Chairman for 1983. The Committee also discussed arrangements for the second biennial review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement under Article 5.5, and it agreed that a section of its report for the period covered by the review would deal with the matters referred to in the Ministerial decision of November 1982 on MTN Agreements and Arrangements.
5. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for October 1983.