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Committee on Import Licensing

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Note by the Secretariat

1. This document and its addenda bring together the information available to the secretariat, as of 24 October 1980, about import licensing procedures of governments which are signatories of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures. It is circulated in order to provide a basis for the "systematic and regular examination of notifications" discussed by the Committee (LIC/M/2, paragraphs 27 to 29).

2. Information supplied by each signatory will be found in the following addenda:

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¹Number of pages in parentheses.

3. The addenda to this document reproduce information supplied pursuant to the Agreement and information supplied in answer to the GATT Questionnaire on import licensing procedures (L/3515).

4. At its meeting of April 1980 the Committee on Import Licensing agreed to the procedures proposed by the secretariat in LIC/W/1, subject to the points raised in the discussion (LIC/M/2, paragraphs 12 and 13). The information thus requested relates to

1. publication (Articles 1:4, 3(c) and 3(e)),
2. public notice (Article 3(d)), and
3. notifications relating to laws and regulations (Article 5:4).

5. The information circulated in reply to the GATT Questionnaire was issued as a document with a double symbol, COM.IND/W/55, COM/AG/W/72, and addenda and corrigenda. A consolidated document has been issued annually, the last one being L/4910, dated 21 December 1979, containing a tabulation of the replies to the questionnaire. The GATT questionnaire was designed to elicit information on import licensing and similar administrative procedures (such as technical visas, surveillance systems, minimum price arrangements and other administrative reviews effected as a prior condition for entry of imports). The questionnaire required an outline of each licensing system, and, in respect of each system:

1. the purpose and coverage of the licensing
2. the procedures
3. the eligibility of importers to apply for a licence
4. documentation and other requirements for application of licence
5. conditions of licensing
6. any other procedural requirements

6. The information, relating to each signatory to the Agreement, in the addenda to this document, is organized under the following headings:

1. Publication

This section gives (1) the names of publications used for purposes of Article 1.4, 3(c) and 3(e). (2) the titles of texts supplied in the national language which are available for consultation in the secretariat, c/o:

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2. Public Notice

This section sets out the way in which public notice is given in accordance with Article 3(d).

3. Notifications

This section reproduces the full text of the information supplied pursuant to the Agreement as well as the full text of the information circulated in reply to the GATT questionnaire on licensing. (It should be noted, however, that replies to the GATT Questionnaire have only been circulated in the English and French languages. Spanish speaking delegations are therefore requested to consult these texts in the English or French version of the addenda to the present document).