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Final Provisions

Reservations

1. Reservations may not be entered in respect of any of the provisions of this Agreement without the consent of the other Members.

Domestic Legislation

2. (a) Each Member shall ensure, not later than the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement for it, the conformity of its laws, regulations and administrative procedures with the provisions of this Agreement.

(b) Each Member shall inform the Committee of any changes in its laws and regulations relevant to this Agreement and in the administration of such laws and regulations.

1.2 Coexistence of the Agreement and the 1979 Agreement

1. On 2 May 1995, the Committee on Import Licensing for the 1979 Agreement adopted a Decision on Avoidance of Procedural and Institutional Duplication proposed by the Preparatory Committee for the WTO and adopted also by the General Council and the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT 1947. The decision provided for notification and coordination procedures for the Tokyo Round and WTO Committees in order to avoid procedural and institutional duplication during the period of transition. These procedures covered (i) notification of measures subject to notification obligations both under the WTO Agreement and under the GATT 1947 or a Tokyo Round Agreement; (ii) circulation of such notification; (iii) coordination of activities between the Tokyo Round Committees and WTO Committees; and (iv) joint and/or consecutive meetings, as appropriate, between such Committees.¹

¹ GATT documents [LIC/M/36](#), paras. 7-8; and [PC/11 - L/7582](#).

² GATT document [LIC/25](#); BISD 42S/198.

4. At the time of accepting the WTO Agreement or a protocol of accession to the WTO Agreement, a number of developing country Members made notifications regarding delayed application of Articles 2.2(a)(ii) and (iii).

1.5 Procedures for notification and review

5. At its meeting on 12 October 1995, the Committee on Import Licensing agreed on procedures for notification under Articles 1.4(a) and 8.2(b) of the Licensing Agreement. ³

6. Pursuant to Articles 1.4(a) and 8.2(b) of the Agreement and procedures agreed by the Committee, all Members are required to notify their laws, regulations and administrative procedures relevant to import licensing and submit copies of any relevant publications or laws and

21 October 2015 to 20 October 2016, 25 notifications were submitted by the following 13 Members: Afghanistan; Bolivia; Brazil; Ecuador; the European Union; Macao, China; Paraguay; Philippines; the Russian Federation; Seychelles; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Tajikistan; and Thailand. It was the first time that Afghanistan; Seychelles; and Tajikistan had made a notification under these articles of the Agreement.¹³ From 21 October 2016 to 3 October 2017, 13 notifications were submitted by the following 11 Members: Brunei Darussalam; the European Union; Kazakhstan; Mauritius; the Republic of Moldova; South Africa; Switzerland; the Separate Customs Territory of Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen and Matsu; Thailand; Ukraine; and the United States. This was the first time that Brunei Darussalam, Kazakhstan and South Africa submitted such a notification.¹⁴