

## **OVERVIEW OF NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

### WHAT MUST BE NOTIFIED?

Article 1.4(a): Members are required to notify the Committee on Import Licensing ...

/ . . . . in which the information concerning import licensing procedures are published, and to make ... of these publications available to the Secretariat.

In cases where the publications are not in a WTO of cial language, Members shall provide, together with such publications, a summary of the noti cation in one of the WTO languages. Other Members may ask for a full translation if they so wish or seek any additional information on a bilateral basis. Any issues that cannot be solved on a bilateral basis may be brought to the attention of the Committee.

Article 7.3: The questionnaire covers import licensing and similar administrative procedures (which are understood to include technical visas, surveillance systems, minimum price arrangements and other administrative reviews). Members are required to provide information relating to purposes and coverage of licensing, laws, regulations and administrative orders under which licensing is maintained, procedures for application and granting licenses under restrictive and non-restrictive systems, allocation of quotas, period for processing of applications, license validity, administrative bodies to be approached, documentation requirements for application, eligibility of importers to apply for license, conditions of licensing and foreign exchange formalities.

<u>Article 8.2(b)</u>: Members are required to inform the Committee of any changes in their laws and regulations relevant to the Agreement and in the administration of such laws and regulations.

The rst noti cation under Article 8.2(b) by Members which were not Parties to the Tokyo Round Code shall contain the full text of relevant laws and regulations in effect on entry into force of the WTO Agreement for the Member concerned.

In cases where the legislation is not in a WTO of cial language, Members shall provide, together with such legislation, a summary of the notication in one of the WTO languages. Other Members may ask for a full translation if they so wish or seek any additional information on a bilateral basis. Any issues that cannot be solved on a bilateral basis may be brought to the attention of the Committee.

Article 5.5: Any Member which considers that another Member has not noti ed the institution of a licensing procedure or changes therein in accordance with Article 5.1-5.3, may bring the matter to the attention of such other Member, and if noti cation is not made promptly thereafter, such Member may itself notify the licensing procedure or the changes therein.

<u>Footnote 5 to Article 2.2:</u> Footnote 5 to Article 2.2 enables developing countries which were not parties to the Tokyo Round Code to delay, upon noti cation to the Committee, the application of the provisions of Art.2.2(a)(ii) and (a)(iii) linked to automatic licensing for a period of two years.

### WHICH MEMBERS MUST NOTIFY?

All WTO Members.

### WHEN TO NOTIFY?

1.4 ). The Committee, at its meeting on 12 October 1995, established a deadline of 12 January 1996 for the rst noti cation under this provision from current Members.

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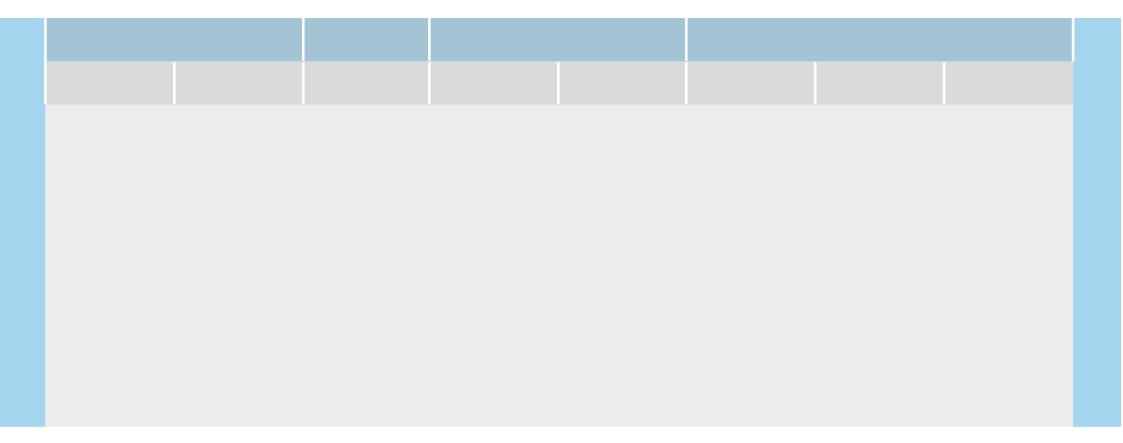
- ...  $\mathbf{F}$  .1- .4 Members are requested to notify within 60 days of publication.

#### **HOW TO NOTIFY?**<sup>1</sup>

Neither the Agreement nor the G/LIC/3 document provided any template for LIC noti cations. However, a noti cation form was agreed at the Import Licensing Committee meeting on 4 April 2019 for WTO Members to use on a voluntary basis, to notify under Article 5.1-5.4 of the Agreement. It is understood that the notifying Member has also completed its noti cation obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) of the Agreement regarding the relevant law/regulation/procedure noti ed for by lling this form in a full and complete manner. The template is contained in document G/LIC/28.

All noti cations, regardless of their subject content or the requirement under which they are being submitted, must be directed to the administrator of the Central Registry of Noti cations (CRN), as indicated in document <a href="https://www.even.com/wt/lnF/25/Rev.2">wt/lnF/25/Rev.2</a>. Noti cations may be submitted through online submission systems, as electronic attachments to emails, or on paper. As it may be practice, a copy of the noti cation may be sent to the Secretariat unit substantively handling the noti cation.

## LISTING OF THE NOTIFICATION OBLIGATIONS



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## IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

## PART 3

## RELEVANT DOCUMENT(S) CONCERNING GUIDELINES AND FORMATS

Procedures for notication and review under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures G/LIC/3.

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# PART 5

## TEXT OF THE AGREEMENT

Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures <u>LT/UR/A-1A/5</u>.