

**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

Notification under Article 5

ARGENTINA

The following communication, dated 13 August 2004, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Argentina.

Pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, I have the pleasure of notifying herewith Resolutions No. 444/04 of the Ministry of Economy and Production (MEyP) and No. 177/04 of the Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SICyPyME)<sup>1</sup> concerning non-automatic import licences for goods classified under certain tariff lines corresponding to the household goods sector.

Notification on the Customs Clearance Procedure for Certain  
Import Operations for Entry for Consumption

(a) List of products subject to licensing procedures

Goods classified under MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature (NCM) tariff item numbers 7321.11.00, 8418.10.00, 8418.21.00 and 8450.11.00.<sup>2</sup>

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility

Undersecretariat of Trade Policy and Management of the Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises of the Ministry of Economy and Production.

<sup>1</sup> The legislation referred to in this document is available for consultation in the Secretariat (Market Access Division) (in Spanish only).

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SICyPyME) Resolution No. 177/04, tariff item numbers 7321.11.00, 8418.10.0 and 8418.21.00 were excluded from the application of non-automatic licensing.

(c) Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications

Imports Department of the National Foreign Trade Management Directorate, under the Undersecretariat of Trade Policy and Management of the Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises.

(d) Date and name of publication where the licensing procedures are published

Resolutions No. 444/04 of the Ministry of Economy and Production of 5 July 2004 (published in the Official Journal of 6 July 2004) and No. 177/04 of the Secretariat of Industry, Trade and Small- and Medium-Sized Enterprises of 21 July 2004 (published in the Official Journal of 22 July 2004).

(e) Indication of whether the licensing procedure is automatic or non-automatic according to definitions contained in Articles 2 and 3

The procedure is non-automatic.

(f) In the case of automatic import licensing procedures, their administrative purpose

There are no automatic procedures.

(g) In the case of non-automatic import licensing procedures, indication of the measure being implemented through the licensing procedure

The import licensing procedure for goods classified under certain tariff lines corresponding to the household goods sector aims to bring compliance by importers with essential safety requirements into line with a number of provisions established by the competent national authorities in relation to such requirements.

(h) Expected duration of the licensing procedure if this can be estimated with some probability, and if not, reason why this information cannot be provided

Up to sixty days from the date of submission of the application.

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