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QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE NOTIFICATION PROVIDED
BY MEXICO¹ OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 12.6 OF AGREEMENT

The following communication, dated 23 November 1995, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Korea.

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1. Article 75 of the Foreign Trade Act provides that safeguard measures shall be determined by the Federal Executive, subject to the provisions of international treaties and conventions, while Article 70 of the Regulations under the Act provides for the order of applicable laws as "the Act, the Treaties to which Mexico is a Party and the Regulations". Given this, is it correct to understand that international treaties are also applicable to other "titles" and "chapters" which do not specifically refer to international treaties as do the two Articles above?
 2. Article 45 of the Act stipulates: "Safeguard measures may consist of specific or ad valorem duties, licences or maximum quotas". What is the meaning of "licences" here? How will they actually be operated once they are introduced?
 3. According to Article 77 of the Act, safeguard measures may be applied for more than four years where a longer period is justified. Does this mean the first measure may be enforced for more than four years without an extension?

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