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Committee on Import Licensing

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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURESNOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1-5.4 OF THE AGREEMENTⁱ

ARGENTINA

Addendum

The following notification, dated 16 July 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Argentina.

Pursuant to Article 5 of the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, Argentina hereby notifies the adoption of Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provisions Nos. 3/2020 and 5/2020, published in the Official Journal of the Argentine Republic on 12 and 18 March 2020, respectively, amending former Ministry of Production Resolution No. 523/2017, notified in document [G/LIC/N/2/ARG/28](#).

(a) List of products subject to import licensing procedures

Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provisions Nos. 9/2020 and 10/2020, published in the Official Journal of the Argentine Republic on 20 and 22 May 2020, respectively, replace the annexes to Secretariat for Trade Resolution No. 523/2017 and the amendments thereto, in order to update the universe of goods subject to automatic and non-automatic import licensing.

Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provisions Nos. 9/2020 and 10/2020 are available for consultation at:

<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/335000-339999/337775/norma.htm>
<https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/229569/20200520>

<http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/335000-339999/337892/norma.htm>
<https://www.boletinoficial.gob.ar/detalleAviso/primera/229692/20200522>.

(b) Contact point for information on eligibility

Undersecretariat for Foreign Trade Policy and Management, under the Ministry of Production Development.

Julio A. Roca 651, Ciudad Autónoma de Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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

The administrative body for submission of applications is the Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management, attached to the Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management, under the Ministry of Production Development.

Moreover, importers submitting applications for automatic import licences are required to use the Comprehensive Import Monitoring System¹, as approved by Joint General Resolution No. 4.185-E/2018 of the Federal Public Revenue Administration and the Secretariat for Trade, published in the Official Journal on 8 January 2018², and to provide the information specified in Annex I to former Ministry of Production Resolution No. 523/2017, as amended by Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 1/2020.

In order to formalize non-automatic licences in the Comprehensive Import Monitoring System, interested parties are required to:

1. Be duly enrolled on the register created under Resolution No. 442³ of 8 September 2016 of the former Ministry of Production or the Ministry that succeeds it.
2. Enter into the System the information specified in Annex I to Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 1/2020.
3. Enter into the system, for the MERCOSUR Common Nomenclature tariff heading of the goods to be imported, the information indicated in Annexes II to XIV to Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 1/2020 and the amendments thereto.

In the event that the requirements of the preceding Article are not duly met, the interested party must submit the requested information within TEN (10) working days of "Requerimiento Art. 4" ("Article 4 request") being displayed in the system.

If the deadline passes and a response from the interested party has not been received, the procedure will automatically be cancelled and its status reflected in the system as "Baja Art. 4" ("Article 4 cancellation").

For goods subject to non-automatic import licensing, the implementing authority may require the importer, at any point in the procedure, to provide any information and/or additional documents listed in Annex XV to the Resolution. It may also request the intervention of competent technical bodies, use background information from its own sources or those of third parties, and require, should it be deemed necessary, clarifications.

In order to comply with the provisions of Article 5 of Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 1/2020, the interested party must submit the requested information within TEN (10) working days of "Requerimiento Art. 5" ("Article 5 request") being displayed in the system. If the deadline passes and a response from the interested party has not been received, the procedure will automatically be cancelled and its status reflected in the system as "Baja Art. 6" ("Article 6 cancellation"). In the event that the interested party provides an incomplete response or one that does not fully correspond with the information requested, they will be sent a new request to be fulfilled within FIVE (5) working days of "Requerimiento adicional Art. 5" ("Article 5 additional request") being displayed, so that they can adapt, rectify and/or complete the documents and/or information accordingly. If the deadline passes and the interested party has failed to fully comply with the request, the procedure will be automatically cancelled and its status reflected in the system as "Baja Art. 6" ("Article 6 cancellation").

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

Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provisions Nos. 9/2020 and 10/2020, published in the Official Journal of the Argentine Republic on 20 and 22 May 2020, respectively, amending former Ministry of Production Resolution No. 523/2017.

¹ Further information is available at: <http://www.afip.gob.ar/simi>.

² The Resolution is available for consultation at: <http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/305000-309999/305596/norma.htm>.

³ The Resolution is available for consultation at: <http://servicios.infoleg.gob.ar/infolegInternet/anexos/265000-269999/265302/norma.htm>.

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

The system uses both types of procedure.

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

Statistical information.

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

The aim of the non-automatic licensing system is to establish an appropriate prior verification system for ensuring compliance with the conditions governing the importation of the goods, in accordance with the provisions of the Annexes to former Ministry of Production Resolution No. 523/2017 and the amendments thereto, former Secretariat for Trade Resolutions Nos. 898/2017, 5-E/2018, 170/2018, 507/2018 and 526/2018, Secretariat for Industry, the Knowledge Economy and Foreign Trade Management Resolution No. 1/2020, and Undersecretariat for Trade Policy and Management Provisions Nos. 3/2020, 5/2020, 9/2020 and 10/2020.

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

The system will remain in place for as long as the conditions that gave rise to its implementation persist.

ⁱ "Members which institute import licensing procedures or changes in these procedures shall notify the Committee of such within 60 days of publication [...]" (Article 5.1).