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Communication from Malaysia

The following communication, dated 29 March 1995, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Malaysia with the request that it be circulated to all Members of the WTO.

The Government of Malaysia has, effective from 23 March 1995, modified the import licensing measure for polypropylene (HS Code 3902.10.300 and 3902.30.000) and polyethylene (HS Code 3901.10.000 and 3901.20.000) to one of automatic licensing. The automatic import licensing measure is for the purpose of data and statistical collection.

Licenses will be issued freely to all bona fide importers (traders and manufacturers) who are eligible to apply for the import license. Import licenses will be issued for imports on a most-favoured-nation (MFN) basis. The Ministry of International Trade and Industry is the authority responsible for issuing the import licenses. The automatic import licensing measure would be reviewed in April 1996.