

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Group on Quantitative Restrictions
and Other Non-Tariff Measures

LAYOUT FOR INFORMATION ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

Note by the secretariat

1. With respect to Stage I of the Group's work, i.e. compilation of an adequate information basis, it is recalled that it should have available for each contracting party, a comprehensive list of products subject to quantitative restrictions that it maintains and, for each item on this list:

- (a) a full description of the products and tariff lines (or parts of tariff lines) affected;
- (b) the type of restriction; and
- (c) an indication of:
 - (i) the grounds on which the measure is maintained; and
 - (ii) relevant GATT provisions.

It is also recalled that "the secretariat will present the information to the Group in a document which is comprehensive in regard to product and country coverage" (GATT/AIR/1900, paragraphs 2 and 3).

2. At the Group's meeting on 10 March 1983 it was suggested, in this connection, "that a product-by-product and country-by-country presentation like that of the Joint Working Group might be used with appropriate adaptations, one being cross-references for particular products to other documents. By that technique duplication would be avoided, while at the same time providing the Group sufficient flexibility to carry out its mandate in the further stages of work" (NTM/2 paragraph 14). In this connexion, delegations had particularly in mind documentation on agricultural products (including that of the Committee on Trade in Agriculture), on textile products and on balance-of-payments restrictions.

3. The secretariat has considered the matter and has come to the conclusion that the Joint Working Group presentation would need to be modified for present purposes, in particular because it would be very difficult to incorporate the data required by the Group in the layout and because the revision of the layout as and when further data is obtained would be very time consuming. The secretariat, therefore, has the

intention of using the attached revised format.¹ Modifications can be made relatively easily in this presentation as further information is obtained. The main difference between this format and the Joint Working Group presentation is that information is presented product by product in the new format while the Joint Working Group table is a matrix which can be read either country-by-country or product-by-product. This advantage of the Joint Working Group tables would, however, be much less evident if the tables were to be extended to many more countries as the present exercise requires. Moreover, the use of modern text processing techniques (which cannot be applied to the Joint Working Group format) will enable the Secretariat to re-arrange the data should the Group require this, e.g. to produce country-by-country tables.

¹Information contained in the attached sample tables is purely illustrative of the approach used. The tables actually produced will be based on information to be submitted to the Group by delegations and will e.g. refer to documentation to be submitted to the Committee on Trade in Agricultural Products.

QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS FORMAT

Notes

"Tariff position" column

"Ex" indicates that only part of the product group or tariff line is affected. If no details appear in this column, this indicates that the whole 4-digit CCCN product group is subject to the restriction indicated.

"Product/DGC interest" column

An asterisk in this column indicates that the four-figure CCCN heading has been identified as being of export interest to developing countries (NTM/W/4). As in similar GATT documents, the information in this column is presented in the official language in which it is received by the secretariat.

"Measure" column

The following symbols are used:

AL	Automatic licensing
BQ	Bilateral quota
DL	Discretionary licensing - includes cases where global quotas may have been established, but not published (see definition of GQ)
GQ	Global quota - where restriction applies to goods of most, if not all, countries and where the amount of the quota is published
L	Licensing (method unspecified)
LL	Liberal licensing - where maintaining countries consider their licensing régime to be a purely formal requirement involving no restriction
LS	Licence suspended
MP	Minimum price system
P	Prohibition or embargo, with the possible exception of purchases for government use
Q	Quota, unspecified (see definition of BQ, GQ, DL)
QC	Quota allocated by country

R	Restriction, unspecified
R(East)	Restriction (unspecified) applied to most, if not all, of the State-trading countries in Eastern Europe
SR	Seasonal restriction
ST	State trading
VER	"Voluntary" export restraint operated by the country affected
Z	Other restrictions, specified in corresponding footnotes

Countries affected are indicated by their standard, three-letter abbreviation, after the symbol for the measure.

"GATT documents" column

This refers to other GATT documents containing information on the measure in question; the first-named document is the principal source of information.

"Comments" column

This column includes information relating to the grounds on which the measure is maintained, and relevant GATT provisions. As in similar GATT documents, the information in this column is presented in the official language in which it is received by the secretariat.

Country Pays País	Tariff position Position tarifaire Partida del arancel	Product/DGC interest (*) Produit/intérêt PVD (*) Producto/interés PMA (*)	Measure Mesure Medida	GATT documents Documents GATT Documentos GATT	Comments Observations Observaciones
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Austria	040f	Milk and cream, fresh, not concentrated or sweetened <u>Lait et crème de lait, frais, non concentrés ni sucrés</u> <u>Leche y nata, frescas, sin concentrar ni azucarar</u>	DL	L/5415	
Barbados	Ex	milk, fresh	ST	L/3213/Add.6	
Brazil			LS	BOP/223/Add.2	Article XVIII:B
Finland			DL	L/5415	
Israel			L	BOP/230	balance-of-payments exception of the General Agreement
Japan	Ex	sterilized or frozen milk and cream with fatty content 13% or more	G0	L/5415	
Malta	Ex	fresh milk and cream, yoghurt, rikotta	P	COM.IND/W/55- COM.AG/W/72/ Add.12/Corr.4	

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
0401 (cont.)					
Norway			DL	L/5415	
Portugal			ST	L/5415	
South Africa			L	L/3786/Add.13	
Sri Lanka	Ex	infants milk foods, full cream milk powder (partial monopoly)	ST	BOP/215	Article XVIII:B
Suisse	10	lait	Q	L/5415	importations limitées aux approvisionnements traditionnels des zones franches au Canton de Genève
	20	crème de lait	AL	L/5415	
Tanzania			L	KEN UGA L/3212/Add.7	
United States	11.20/25	fluid milk and cream, fresh or sour, containing over 5.5 but not over 45% butterfat	QC	L/5415	

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Austria	0402 *	<p>Milk and cream, preserved, concentrated or sweetened <u>Lait et crème de lait, conservés, concentrés ou sucrés</u> <u>Leche y nata, conservadas, concentradas o azucaradas</u></p>	DL DL	COM.TD/W/338/Rev.1 L/5415	
Austria	A	dried milk	DL	COM.TD/W/338/Rev.1	
Austria	B	milk, other than dried, and cream, preserved, concentrated or sweetened	DL	L/5415	
Barbados	Ex	milk, evaporated, condensed, dry	ST	L/3213/Add.6	
Brazil			LS	BOP/223/Add.2	Article XVIII:B
Canada	Ex 4300-1	condensed milk	DL	L/5415	
Ex 4305-1	powdered milk	DL	COM.TD/W/338/Rev.1 L/5415		
Ex 4500-1	milk foods, n.o.p.	DL	COM.TD/W/338/Rev.1 L/5415		
Ex 71100-1	other goods, n.e.s.	DL	COM.TD/W/338/Rev.1 L/5415		
Finland	Ex	milk and cream	GQ	L/5415	
Ex	whey, milk and cream, preserved, concentrated or sweetened	DL	L/5415		