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REPORT (1999) OF THE COMMITTEE ON SAFEGUARDS

I. GENERAL

1. This report is submitted in accordance with Article 13.1(a) of the Agreement on Safeguards, which requires the Committee on Safeguards to report annually to the Council for Trade in Goods on the general implementation of the Agreement. The report covers the period since the Committee's last annual report (G/L/272), i.e., 6 November 1998-22 October 1999.
2. During the period under review, the Committee held two regular meetings, on 23 April 1999 (G/SG/M/13) and 22 October 1999 (G/SG/M/14).
3. Observer governments in the General Council of the WTO have observer status in the Committee. Pursuant to their Agreements with the WTO, the IMF and the World Bank have observer status in the Committee as well. UNCTAD has observer status in the Committee through a Committee decision.
4. Both the OECD and the ACP Group have requested regular observer status in the Committee. At its regular meetings in 1998, the Committee decided to invite the OECD to attend Committee meetings on an *ad hoc* basis, subject to objection by a Member in particular cases. At the same time, the Committee also decided to invite the ACP Group to attend its meetings on an *ad hoc* basis, pending the outcome of horizontal consultations with respect to the ACP Group's request for observership in various WTO bodies. The Committee continued this practice during the reporting period.
5. At its regular meeting of 23 April 1999, the Committee elected Mr. Hamish McCormick (Australia) as Chairperson, and Ms. Amy Yuen (Hong Kong, China) as Vice Chairperson.

II. NOTIFICATION AND EXAMINATION OF SAFEGUARDS LAWS AND/OR REGULATIONS OF MEMBERS

6. During the period under review, the Committee continued its review of notifications under Article 12.6 of the Agreement concerning national legislation and/or regulations in the area of safeguards. For Members with such legislation and/or regulations, these notifications consist of the full and integrated text thereof. For Members without such legislation and/or regulations, these notifications inform the Committee of this fact.
7. As of 7 October 1999, 84 Members¹ had notified the Committee of their domestic safeguards legislation and/or regulations or made communications in this regard to the Committee (G/SG/N/1 and addenda). Thirty-five Members had not as of that date made such a notification. Annex 1 lists the status of notifications under Article 12.6 of the Agreement. The extent of the non-compliance

¹ Counting the EC as a single Member for purposes of the legislative notification.

with this notification obligation, and the implications of this situation, were discussed at the meetings of the Committee held during the review period (G/SG/M/13 and G/SG/M/14).

8. Of the 84 Members submitting notifications, 45 notified that they had no specific legislation relating to safeguards, 24 notified new legislation, and 15 notified pre-WTO legislation still in force. Of the 60 Members notifying either no safeguards legislation or pre-WTO legislation still in force, 17 indicated that new legislation was being considered or drafted. In addition, of the Members notifying that they had no specific legislation, 11 indicated that the WTO Agreement has force of law in their territory.

9. During the period under review, the Committee reviewed the notified new or amended legislative texts of the following Members: the Czech Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Latvia, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay.

10. The Committee also reviewed during this period the notifications without legislative text of the following Members: Benin, Dominica, and Suriname.

11. The substance of the review of legislative notifications is reflected in the written questions put to Members and the written answers to those questions. References to the questions and answers pertaining to each notification can be found in the minutes of the meetings at which the notifications were reviewed (G/SG/M/13 and G/SG/M/14).

III. NOTIFICATIONS OF ACTIONS RELATED TO SAFEGUARD MEASURES

12. During the review period, the Committee received and reviewed a variety of notifications of actions related to safeguard measures. The notifications of initiations and outcomes of investigations, and of application of safeguard measures, received by the Committee since 1 January 1995, are summarized in Annex 2.

13. During the period of review, the Committee received 14 notifications under Article 12.1(a) regarding initiation of an investigation. These were Colombia's notification of initiation on taxis, Chile's notification of initiation on tyres, the Czech Republic's notification of initiation on cane/beet sugar, Ecuador's notification of initiation on sandals, Egypt's notification of initiation on common fluorescent lamps, India's notifications of initiation on phenol, acetone and white/yellow phosphorous, Latvia's notification of initiation on swine meat, the Slovak Republic's notification of initiation on swine meat, Slovenia's notification of initiation on swine meat, and the United States' notifications of initiation on lamb meat, steel wire rod, and line pipe. The following notifications were reviewed by the Committee during the period of review: Colombia's notification of initiation on taxis, the Czech Republic's notification of initiation on cane/beet sugar, Ecuador's notification of initiation on sandals, India's notifications of initiation on phenol and acetone, Latvia's notification of initiation on swine meat, the Slovak Republic's notification of initiation on swine meat, Slovenia's notification of initiation on swine meat, and the United States' notifications of initiation on lamb meat, steel wire rod, and line pipe.

14. During the period of review, the Committee received and reviewed six notifications of application of a provisional measure under Article 12.4. These were the Czech Republic's notifications concerning a provisional measure on cane/beet sugar, Latvia's notification concerning a provisional measure on swine meat, the Slovak Republic's notification concerning a provisional measure on swine meat, and Slovenia's notifications concerning a provisional measure on swine meat.

15. During the review period, the Committee also received 14 notifications concerning findings of serious injury or threat thereof caused by increased imports. These notifications were from Australia on frozen boneless pork, from the Czech Republic on cane/beet sugar, from Egypt on safety

matches, from India on high density board, propylene glycol, slabstock foam and phenol, and from the United States on lamb meat and steel wire rod. The above notifications by Australia, Egypt, India and the United States were reviewed by the Committee during the period of review.

16. The Committee received and reviewed during the period two notifications of termination of a safeguard investigation with no safeguard measure imposed, from India on hard board and from Australia on meat of swine.

17. In addition, the Committee received 14 notifications concerning a decision to apply a safeguard measure. These notifications were from Argentina on footwear, from the Czech Republic on cane/beet sugar, from Egypt on safety matches, from India on acetylene black, carbon black, propylene glycol and slabstock foam, and from the United States on lamb meat and wheat gluten. The above notifications from Australia, Egypt, India and the United States were reviewed by the Committee during the period of review.

18. Six notifications concerning the non-application of a safeguard measure to developing country Members were received during the period. These were from Argentina on footwear, from the Czech Republic on cane/beet sugar, and from the United States on lamb meat and wheat gluten. The above notifications from Argentina and the United States were reviewed by the Committee during the period.

19. Two notifications pertaining to the results of a mid-term review were received and reviewed during the period. These were from Brazil on toys, and from Korea on skimmed milk powder preparations.

20. Members' oral comments concerning these notifications can be found in the minutes of the meetings at which they were reviewed (G/SG/M/13 and G/SG/M/14). Members' written questions and answers concerning these notifications can be found in the G/SG/Q2/... series.

IV. PRE-EXISTING MEASURES

A. NEW NOTIFICATIONS CONCERNING PRE-EXISTING ARTICLE XIX AND GREY AREA MEASURES

21. The Committee received and reviewed a nil notification from Zambia, which indicated that it had not adopted and did not maintain any pre-existing Article XIX measures covered by Articles 10 and 11 of the Agreement.

B. PROGRESS IN PHASING OUT PRE-EXISTING MEASURES

22. Prior to the period of review, the Committee received and reviewed notifications concerning various Members' progress in phasing out their notified pre-existing measures covered by Articles 10 and 11 of the Agreement. Annex 3 summarizes information notified and provided by Members to the Committee regarding their pre-existing measures.

23. At its 22 October 1999 meeting, the Committee heard oral reports from Cyprus, the European Communities, and Korea on their progress in phasing out their pre-existing measures. Nigeria and South Africa were not represented at the meeting. The Committee therefore invited Nigeria and South Africa to circulate brief reports on their progress in phasing out their respective pre-existing measures.

24. The comments of Members on this subject are reflected in the minutes of the Committee's 22 October 1999 meeting (G/SG/M/14).

V. OTHER ISSUES RAISED

25. At the Committee's 23 April 1999 meeting, a Member registered concerns about the possible amendment of US domestic safeguard legislation.

26. At the Committee's 22 October 1999 meeting, a Member questioned the relationship of undertakings, for example with respect to steel, pursuant to the Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures and the provisions of Article 11 of the Safeguards Agreement.

ANNEX 1

SAFEGUARDS LEGISLATIVE NOTIFICATIONS

MEMBER	NOTIFICATION PROVIDED
Angola	None
Antigua and Barbuda	None
Argentina	G/SG/N/1/ARG/3 + Suppl.1
Australia	G/SG/N/1/AUS/2
Bahrain	G/SG/N/1/BHR/1
Bangladesh	None
Barbados	None
Belize	None
Benin	G/SG/N/1/BEN/1 + Corr.1
Bolivia	G/SG/N/1/BOL/1 + Suppl.1
Botswana	G/SG/N/1/BWA/1
Brazil	G/SG/N/1/BRA/3 + Suppl.1
Brunei Darussalam	G/SG/N/1/BRN/1
Bulgaria	G/SG/N/1/BGR/1
Burkina Faso	None
Burundi	None
Cameroon	None
Canada	G/SG/N/1/CAN/2
Central African Republic	None
Chad	None
Chile	G/SG/N/1/CHL/2
Colombia	G/SG/N/1/COL/2
Congo	None
Congo, Dem. Rep.	None
Costa Rica	G/SG/N/1/CRI/2
Côte d'Ivoire	G/SG/N/1/CIV/1
Cuba	G/SG/N/1/CUB/1
Cyprus	G/SG/N/1/CYP/1
Czech Republic	G/SG/N/1/CZE/2 + Corr.1
Djibouti	None
Dominica	G/SG/N/1/DMA/1
Dominican Republic	G/SG/N/1/DOM/1
European Community	G/SG/N/1/EEC/1
Ecuador	G/SG/N/1/ECU/2 + Suppl.1
Egypt	G/SG/N/1/EGY/2
El Salvador	G/SG/N/1/SLV/2
Fiji	G/SG/N/1/FJI/1
Gabon	None
Gambia, The	None
Ghana	G/SG/N/1/GHA/1
Grenada	None
Guatemala	G/SG/N/1/GTM/2
Guinea Bissau	None
Guinea, Rep. of	G/SG/N/1/GIN/1
Guyana	None
Haiti	G/SG/N/1/HTI/1

MEMBER	NOTIFICATION PROVIDED
Honduras	G/SG/N/1/HND/2
Hong Kong, China	G/SG/N/1/HKG/1
Hungary	G/SG/N/1/HUN/2 + Add.1 + Suppl.1 & 2
Iceland	G/SG/N/1/ISL/1
India	G/SG/N/1/IND/2+Suppl.1
Indonesia	G/SG/N/1/IDN/1
Israel	G/SG/N/1/ISR/2
Jamaica	G/SG/N/1/JAM/1
Japan	G/SG/N/1/JPN/2 + Corr.1
Kenya	G/SG/N/1/KEN/1
Korea	G/SG/N/1/KOR/3
Kuwait	None
Kyrgyz Rep	G/SG/N/1/KGY/1
Latvia	G/SG/N/1/LVA/1/Suppl.1
Lesotho	None
Liechtenstein	G/SG/N/1/LIE/1
Macau	G/SG/N/1/MAC/2
Madagascar	None
Malawi	None
Malaysia	G/SG/N/1/MYS/1
Maldives	G/SG/N/1/MDV/1
Mali	None
Malta	G/SG/N/1/MLT/1
Mauritania	None
Mauritius	G/SG/N/1/MUS/1
Mexico	G/SG/N/1/MEX/1
Mongolia	G/SG/N/1/MNG/1
Morocco	G/SG/N/1/MAR/1
Mozambique	None
Myanmar	G/SG/N/1/MYM/1
Namibia	G/SG/N/1/NAM/1
New Zealand	G/SG/N/1/NZL/1
Nicaragua	G/SG/N/1/NIC/1
Niger	None
Nigeria	G/SG/N/1/NGA/1
Norway	G/SG/N/1/NOR/3
Pakistan	G/SG/N/1/PAK/1
Panama	G/SG/N/1/PAN/1
Papua New Guinea	None
Paraguay	G/SG/N/1/PRY/2
Peru	G/SG/N/1/PER/2
Philippines	G/SG/N/1/PHL/1
Poland	G/SG/N/1/POL/2
Qatar	G/SG/N/1/QAT/1
Romania	G/SG/N/1/ROM/1
Rwanda	None
Saint Kitts & Nevis	None
Saint Lucia	G/SG/N/1/LCA/1
Saint Vincent & Grenadines	None

MEMBER	NOTIFICATION PROVIDED
Senegal	G/SG/N/1/SEN/1
Sierra Leone	None
Singapore	G/SG/N/1/SGP/1
Slovak Republic	G/SG/N/1/SVK/2
Slovenia	G/SG/N/1/SVN/1
Solomon Islands	None
South Africa	G/SG/N/1/ZAF/1
Sri Lanka	G/SG/N/1/LKA/1
Suriname	G/SG/N/1/SUR/1
Swaziland	None
Switzerland	G/SG/N/1/CHE/1
Tanzania	None
Thailand	G/SG/N/1/THA/1 + Rev.1
Togo	None
Trinidad and Tobago	G/SG/N/1/TTO/1
Tunisia	G/SG/N/1/TUN/1
Turkey	G/SG/N/1/TUR/2 + Rev.1 + Rev.1/Corr.1
Uganda	G/SG/N/1/UGA/1
United Arab Emirates	G/SG/N/1/ARE/1
United States	G/SG/N/1/USA/1
Uruguay	G/SG/N/1/URY/1 + Supp.1 + Corr.1
Venezuela	G/SG/N/1/VEN/1 + Corr.1
Zambia	G/SG/N/1/ZMB/1
Zimbabwe	G/SG/N/1/ZWE/2

ANNEX 2

**SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATIONS OF INITIATIONS AND OUTCOMES OF SAFEGUARD INVESTIGATIONS AND
OF APPLICATION OF SAFEGUARD MEASURES
SINCE 1 JANUARY 1995**

Member & Investigation	Initiation date	Effective date of provisional measure, if any	Outcome of injury investigation	Decision on applying definitive measure	Effective date and type of definitive measure, if any
Argentina					
Footwear	25.02.97 (G/SG/N/6/ARG/1 & Corr.1 & Suppl.1)	25.02.97 (G/SG/N/7/ARG/1 & Corr.1 & Suppl.1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/ARG/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/ARG/1 & Corr.1 & Suppl.1 & Suppl.2 & Suppl.3) N/A	13.09.97 Tariff increase 16.11.98 Converted to tariff rate quota N/A
Toys	03.02.98 (G/SG/N/6/ARG/2 & Suppl.1)	N/A	Ongoing		
Australia					
Swine meat	26.06.98 (G/SG/N/6/AUS/1 & Suppl.1)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/AUS/1)	Negative (G/SG/N/9/AUS/1)	N/A
Brazil					
Toys	18.06.96 (G/SG/N/6/BRA/1)	After 18.06.96 (G/SG/N/7/BRA/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/BRA/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/BRA/1)	10.01.97 Tariff increase
Chile					
Tyres	30.08.99 (G/SG/N/6/CHL/1)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
Colombia					
Taxis	28.06.99 (G/SG/N/6/COL/1)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
Czech Republic					
Cane/Beet sugar	03.03.99 (G/SG/N/6/CZE/1 & Suppl.1)	12.03.99 (G/SG/N/7/CZE/1 & Suppl.1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/CZE/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/CZE/1)	20.09.99 Tariff rate quota

Member & Investigation	Initiation date	Effective date of provisional measure, if any	Outcome of injury investigation	Decision on applying definitive measure	Effective date and type of definitive measure, if any
Ecuador					
Sandals	12.01.99 (G/SG/N/6/ECU/1)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
Egypt					
Safety matches	05.08.98 (G/SG/N/6/EGY/1)	After 05.08.98 (G/SG/N/7/EGY/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/EGY/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/EGY/1)	19.02.99 Tariff increase
Common fluorescent lamps	19.09.99 (G/SG/N/6/EGY/2)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
India					
Acetone	16.06.99 (G/SG/N/6/IND/8)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
Acetylene Black	28.11.97 (G/SG/N/6/IND/1)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/IND/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/10/IND/1 & Suppl.1)	10.12.98 Tariff increase
Carbon Black	05.02.98 (G/SG/N/6/IND/2)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/IND/2)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/IND/2)	28.02.99 Tariff increase
Slabstock polyol	26.02.98 (G/SG/N/6/IND/3)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/IND/5)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/IND/3 & Suppl.1)	24.12.98 Tariff increase
Propylene glycol	26.02.98 (G/SG/N/6/IND/4)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/IND/4)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/IND/4 & Suppl.1)	24.12.98 Tariff increase
Hardboard	24.05.98 (G/SG/N/6/IND/5)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/IND/3)	Negative (G/SG/N/9/IND/2)	N/A
Styrene Butadiene Rubber	19.01.98 (G/SG/N/6/IND/6)	N/A	N/A – No investigation conducted. Investigation suspended 22.02.98. and terminated 01.05.98. (G/SG/N/9/IND/1)	N/A	N/A
Phenol	02.02.99 (G/SG/N/6/IND/7)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/IND/6)	N/A	N/A
Acetone	16.06.99 (G/SG/N/6/IND/8)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
White/Yellow Phosphorus	15.09.99 (G/SG/N/6/IND/9)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A

Member & Investigation	Initiation date	Effective date of provisional measure, if any	Outcome of injury investigation	Decision on applying definitive measure	Effective date and type of definitive measure, if any
Korea					
Soybean oil	30.08.95 (G/SG/N/6/KOR & Suppl.1)	N/A	Affirmative	Negative (G/SG/N/6/KOR/Suppl.1)	N/A
Dairy products	28.05.96 (G/SG/N/6/KOR/2)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/KOR/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/KOR/1 & Corr.1 & Suppl.1 & Suppl.1/Corr.1)	01.03.97 Import quota
Bicycles and parts	27.08.96 (G/SG/N/6/KOR/3)	N/A	Affirmative G/SG/N/8/KOR/2 & Corr.1)	Negative (G/SG/N/9/KOR/1 & Corr.1)	N/A
Garlic	16.10.99 (G/SG/N/6/KOR/4)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
Latvia					
Swine meat	15.10.98 (G/SG/N/6/LVA/1)	01.06.99 (G/SG/N/7/LVA/1)	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
Slovak Republic					
Swine meat	05.05.99 (G/SG/N/6/SVK/1)	21.05.99 (G/SG/N/7/SVK/1)	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
Slovenia					
Swine meat	15.10.98 (G/SG/N/6/SVN/1)	27.11.98 (G/SG/N/7/SVN/1 & Suppl.1) 16.01.99 prov. measure terminated	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
United States					
Tomatoes	29.03.95 (G/SG/N/6/USA/2)	N/A	Negative	N/A	N/A
Brooms	04.03.96 (G/SG/N/6/USA/2)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/USA/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/USA/1) Termination (G/SG/N/10/USA/1/Suppl.1)	28.11.96 Tariff increase

Member & Investigation	Initiation date	Effective date of provisional measure, if any	Outcome of injury investigation	Decision on applying definitive measure	Effective date and type of definitive measure, if any
United States (Cont'd)					
Tomatoes & Peppers	11.03.96 (G/SG/N/6/USA/3)	N/A	Negative (G/SG/N/9/USA/1)	N/A	N/A
Wheat gluten	01.10.97 (G/SG/N/6/USA/4)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/USA/2 & Rev.1 & Rev.1/Suppl.1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/USA/2 & Suppl.1 + Corr.1)	01.06.98 3-yr. + 1 day QR
Lamb meat	07.10.98 (G/SG/N/6/USA/5)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/USA/3 + Corr.1, 2)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/USA/3 & Suppl.1)	22.07.99 Tariff quota
Steel wire rod	12.01.99 (G/SG/N/6/USA/6 + Corr.1)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/USA/4 & Suppl.1 & Suppl.2)	N/A	N/A
Line pipe	29.07.99 (G/SG/N/6/USA/7)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A

ANNEX 3

SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATIONS AND INFORMATION PROVIDED TO THE COMMITTEE
CONCERNING PRE-EXISTING MEASURES

PRE-EXISTING ARTICLE XIX MEASURES

Notifying Member and Covered Product	Type of Measure (and Affected Countries)	Elimination Date	Whether eliminated
European Communities			
Coal	Quantitative restriction administered by Germany by import licences	31.12.97	Yes
Dried grapes	Minimum import price	31.12.99	No
Preserved cherries	Minimum import price	31.12.99	No
Korea			
Salt fermented shrimps	Import licensing (People's Republic of China)	31.12.96	Yes
Hot bean paste	Import licensing (People's Republic of China)	31.12.96	Yes
Nigeria			
Wheat flour	Import prohibitions on all products listed (all countries)	No data provided	Information not available
Sorghum			
Millet			
Gypsum			
Kaolin			

PRE-EXISTING MEASURES SUBJECT TO ELIMINATION UNDER ARTICLE 11.1

Notifying Member and Covered Product	Type of Measure (and Affected Countries)	Elimination Date	Whether eliminated
European Communities			
Live bovine animals	Restriction administered by Spain by import licences (non-EC countries)	01.07.95	Yes
Swine and meat of swine	Restriction administered by Spain by import licences (non-EC countries)	01.07.95	Yes
Rabbit meat	Restriction administered by Spain by "authorization" (non-EC countries)	01.07.95	Yes
Potatoes	Limits on deliveries to the Canary Islands decided by the Community and administered by the Spanish authorities by the issue of "certificates" (all countries)	01.11.98	Yes
Preserved sardines	Restriction administered by the Community, with a global quota of 4,425 tonnes for 1995 (non-EC countries except those with preferential agreement with EC)	31.12.96	Yes
Lignite	Quantitative restriction administered by Austria (non-EC countries)	31.12.96	Yes
Preserved tuna	Restriction administered by the Community, with a global quota of 151,035 tonnes for 1995 (non-EC countries except those with preferential agreement with EC)	31.12.96	Yes
Coal	Restriction administered by Spain by administrative authorization for imports (non-EC countries)	31.12.97	Yes
Motor vehicles	Voluntary export restraint (Japan)	31.12.99	No

Notifying Member and Covered Product	Type of Measure (and Affected Countries)	Elimination Date	Whether eliminated
Cyprus			
Gypsum and plaster	Quantitative and other restrictions (e.g. prohibitions) applied on imports of all products listed by means of a discretionary licensing scheme (all countries)	31.12.98 for all products listed	Yes
Quick lime			Yes
Carbon dioxide			Yes
Cement			Yes
Oxygen			Yes
Acyclic alcohol			Yes
Acetic acid			Yes
Essential oils of roses and rose water			Yes
Matches			Yes
Rubber gloves (kitchen)			Yes
Wood charcoal			Yes
Parquet strips			Yes
Reconstituted wood in boards or sheets other than of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm			Yes
Fibreboard of wood (MDF)			Yes
Plywood			Yes
Two-ply or more paper bags, carton boxes			Yes
Footwear			Yes
Tiles			Yes
Roofing tiles			Yes
Glass bowls for fish and plants			Yes

Notifying Member and Covered Product	Type of Measure (and Affected Countries)	Elimination Date	Whether eliminated
CO ² welding wire			Yes
Tubes and pipes of iron and steel			Yes
Scaffolding			Yes
Cans (for paints only)			Yes
Netting of iron or steel			Yes
Wire nails of iron or steel, except nails of steel which are raised by use of special pistol			Yes
Woodscrews, chipboard screws			Yes
Buckets of iron or steel			Yes
Manhole covers			Yes
Wrought bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections and wire of aluminium			Yes
Aluminium tubes and pipes			Yes
Bottle stoppers (screw type and crown corks)			Yes
Electrodes			Yes
Water pumps (centrifugal deep-well turbine pumps, centrifugal surface pumps, centrifugal deep-submersible pumps)			Yes
Air and oil filters for motor vehicles			Yes
Concrete mixers			Yes
Electric accumulators for vehicles			Yes
Empty cartridges			Yes
Ceiling lights and globes			Yes

Notifying Member and Covered Products	Types of Measure (and Affected Countries)	Eliminate Date	Whether Eliminated
Korea	Voluntary export restraints on all products listed		
Microwave ovens	(EC)	02.06.97	Yes
Colour picture tubes	(EC)	02.06.97	Yes
Stainless steel flatware	(UK, Germany)	31.12.97	Yes
Oysters in airtight containers	(all Members)	31.12.98	Yes
Chestnuts, shelled	(Japan)	31.12.98	Yes
Slovenia	(All measures listed apply to all countries)		
Fuel wood, in logs, billets, twigs, faggots or similar forms; wood in chips or particles; sawdust and wood waste and scrap, whether or not agglomerated in logs, briquettes, pellets or similar forms	15% special export tax	01.01.97	Yes
Wood in the rough: coniferous (sawlogs and veneer logs; transmission line poles, unimpregnated; and impregnated); of oak (sawlogs and veneer logs; for cellulose; and other); of beech, poplar or other hard and soft deciduous species (sawlogs and veneer logs; cellular wood; and other)	10% special export tax, reduced to 4% as of 01.01.97	01.01.98	Yes
Wood, sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, or a thickness exceeding 6 mm, of oak, beech or ash	10% special export tax	01.01.97	Yes
Waste and scrap of cast iron or stainless steel	25% special export tax	01.01.97	Yes
Copper waste and scrap	25% special export tax	01.01.97	Yes
Aluminium waste and scrap	25% special export tax	01.01.97	Yes
Lead waste and scrap	25% special export tax	01.01.97	Yes

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Slovenia (Cont'd)			
Zinc waste and scrap	25% special export tax	01.01.97	Yes
South Africa			
Oils and other products of the distillation of high temperature coal tar; similar products in which the mass of aromatic constituents exceeds that of non-aromatic constituents	Import licensing requirements on all products listed (all countries)	31.12.98	Yes
Pitch and pitch coke, obtained from coal tar or from other mineral tars		31.12.98	Yes
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous mineral crude and from bituminous minerals other than crude		31.12.98	Yes
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons		31.12.98	Yes
Petroleum jelly; paraffin wax; micro-crystalline petroleum wax; slack wax; ozokerite; lignite was; peat wax; other mineral waxes; and similar products obtained by synthesis or by other processes, whether or not coloured		31.12.98	Yes
Petroleum coke, petroleum bitumen and other residues of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals		31.12.98	Yes
Bitumen and asphalt, natural; bituminous or oil shale and tar sands; asphalities and asphaltic rocks		31.12.98	Yes

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South Africa (Cont'd)			
Bituminous mixtures based on natural asphalt, on natural bitumen, on petroleum bitumen, on mineral tar or on mineral tar pitch (for example, bituminous mastics, cut-backs)		31.12.98	Yes
Polymers of propylene		31.12.96	Yes
Other plates, sheets, foil and strip of plastic, other		31.12.96	Yes
New pneumatic tyres of rubber of a kind used on aircraft and motorcycles, and inner tubes of a kind used on bicycles		31.07.96	Yes
New pneumatic tyres and inner tubes of a kind used on passenger cars, light commercial vehicles, and commercial vehicles (trucks)		28.02.97	Yes
Thailand			
Manioc	Voluntary export restraint (EC)	30.06.95	Yes