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## REPORT (1998) 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/200), i.e., 23 October 1997-5 November 1998.
2. During the period under review, the Committee held two regular meetings, on 22 April 1998 (G/SG/M/11) and 4-5 November 1998 (G/SG/M/12).
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. At its two regular meetings during the reporting period, the Committee considered the requests of the OECD and the ACP Group for regular observer status. At its 22 April 1998 meeting, the Committee decided to defer action on that request due to pending issues regarding reciprocity, but decided to invite the OECD to continue to attend, in the interim, Committee meetings on an *ad hoc* basis, and to grant the OECD full access to Committee documents, subject to objection by a Member in particular cases. At the same meeting, the Committee also decided to continue 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. At its 4-5 November 1998 meeting, the Committee confirmed the decision it had taken at its April meeting to invite the OECD to attend meetings on an ad hoc basis, and grant the OECD full access to documents, subject to objection by a Member in particular cases. With respect to the ACP Group, the Chairman noted that the horizontal process had not been completed, and the Committee decided to maintain its previous decision and revert to this matter at such time as there were any new developments to be considered.
5. At its regular meeting of 22 April 1998, the Committee elected Mr. S. Priyadarshi (India) as Chairman, and Mr. R. Kasper (United States) as Vice Chairman.

### 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 5 November 1998, 81 Members<sup>1</sup> had notified the Committee of their domestic safeguards legislation and/or regulations or made communications in this regard to the Committee (G/SN/G/1 and addenda). Thirty-six Members had not as of that date made such a notification, although the deadline for such notifications was 15 March 1995. Annex 1 lists the status of notifications under Article 12.6 of the Agreement. The extent of the non-compliance with this notification obligation, and the implications of this situation, were discussed at the meetings of the Committee held during the review period (G/SN/M/11 and G/SN/M/12).

8. Of the 81 Members submitting notifications, 46 notified that they had no specific legislation relating to safeguards, 19 notified new legislation, and 16 notified pre-WTO legislation still in force. Of the 62 Members notifying either no safeguards legislation or pre-WTO legislation still in force, 19 indicated that new legislation was being considered or drafted. In addition, of the Members notifying that they had no specific legislation, 13 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: Australia, Bulgaria, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Honduras, India, Korea, Panama, Poland, Slovak Republic, and Turkey.

10. The Committee also reviewed during this period the notifications without legislative text of the following Members: Bolivia, Cyprus, Ecuador, Haiti, Jamaica, Mongolia, and Qatar.

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/SN/M/11 and G/SN/M/12).

12. In accordance with the procedures that it had adopted for follow-up reviews of previously-reviewed legislative notifications (G/SN/W/116), the Committee conducted a follow-up review of India's notified legislation. References to the written questions and answers exchanged can be found in the minutes of the meeting at which this follow-up review was conducted (G/SN/M/12).

13. Not all written questions put to Members during the course of the legislative reviews had been answered at the end of the period of review. Specifically, written answers to questions concerning legislation had not been received from Côte d'Ivoire.

### **III. NOTIFICATIONS OF ACTIONS RELATED TO SAFEGUARD MEASURES**

14. 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.

15. During the period of review, the Committee received and reviewed 11 notifications under Article 12.1(a) regarding initiation of an investigation. These were Argentina's notification of initiation on toys, Australia's two notifications concerning initiation on swine meat, Egypt's notification of initiation on safety matches, India's notifications of initiation on acetylene black, carbon black, slabstock polyol, propylene glycol, high density fibreboard, and styrene butadiene rubber, and the United States' notification of initiation of an investigation on wheat gluten. In addition, the Committee received a notification from the United States on the initiation of an

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<sup>1</sup> Counting the EC as a single Member for purposes of the legislative notification.

investigation on lamb meat. This notification was received too late in the review period to be included on the agenda of the Committee's 4-5 November 1998 meeting.

16. During the period of review, the Committee received and reviewed one notification of application of a provisional measure under Article 12.4. This notification was from Egypt, concerning a provisional measure on safety matches.

17. During the review period, the Committee also received and reviewed three notifications of a finding of serious injury or threat thereof caused by increased imports. These notifications were from India on acetylene black and carbon black, and from the United States on wheat gluten.

18. The Committee received and reviewed during the period one notification of termination of a safeguard investigation with no safeguard measure imposed, from India on styrene butadiene rubber.

19. In addition, the Committee received and reviewed one notification of a decision to apply a safeguard measure, from the United States on wheat gluten.

20. Two notifications concerning non-application of a safeguard measure to developing country Members were received and reviewed during the period. These were from Brazil on toys (G/SN/11/BRA/1/Suppl.1), and from the United States on wheat gluten (G/SN/11/USA/2).

21. The Committee also received and reviewed one notification regarding the proposed suspension of concessions and other obligations. This notification was from the European Communities, concerning the United States measure on wheat gluten (G/SN/12/EEC/1).

22. Members' oral comments concerning these notifications can be found in the minutes of the meetings at which they were reviewed (G/SN/M/11 and G/SN/M/12). Members' written questions and answers concerning these notifications can be found in the G/SN/Q2/... series.

#### **IV. PRE-EXISTING MEASURES**

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

23. The Committee received and reviewed two new notifications concerning pre-existing Article XIX measures and measures covered by Article 11. The first such notification was from Nigeria (G/SN/2/NGA), which notified certain import prohibitions as pre-existing Article XIX measures covered by Article 10, and asked the Committee for a waiver from its notification obligation under Article 12.7 of the Agreement. The second was a nil notification from Panama (G/SN/3/PAN), which indicated that it had not adopted and did not maintain any pre-existing measures covered by Article 11. The comments of Members concerning these notifications can be found in the minutes of the meetings at which they were reviewed (G/SN/M/11 and G/SN/M/12). Written questions and answers concerning these notifications can be found in the G/SN/Q2/... series.

##### **B. PROGRESS IN PHASING OUT PRE-EXISTING MEASURES**

24. 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. The Members in question also reported orally to the Committee in this regard. Annex 3 summarizes information notified and provided by Members to the Committee regarding their pre-existing measures.

25. At its 22 April 1998 meeting, the Committee reviewed a notification by Cyprus (which had not been present to report orally at the fall 1997 regular meeting of the Committee)

(G/SN/5/CYP/Rev.1/Suppl.2) regarding its progress in phasing out its pre-existing measures, and two supplements to Slovenia's notified timetable for phasing out its measures covered by Article 11. Slovenia informed the Committee that, as indicated in its supplemental notifications, as of 1 January 1998, it had no pre-existing measures in force.

26. At its 4-5 November 1998 meeting, the Committee heard oral reports from the European Communities, Korea, and South Africa on their progress in phasing out their pre-existing measures. Cyprus and Nigeria, which were not present at the meeting, were asked by the Committee to provide written reports on this matter, for consideration at the Committee's next meeting.

27. The comments of Members on this subject are reflected in the minutes of the Committee's meetings held during the review period (G/SN/M/11 and G/SN/M/12).

## V. OTHER ISSUES DISCUSSED

28. At its 22 April 1998 meeting (G/SN/M/11), the Committee took note of the Chairman's statement concerning his report to the Chairman of the Council for Trade in Goods on the activity of the Committee between December 1997 and April 1998. The report, which had been requested in connection with preparations for the May 1998 Ministerial Conference, indicated that the Committee had not met and otherwise had taken no action during that interval.

29. The Committee took note, at its 4-5 November 1998 meeting (G/SN/M/12), of the suggestion of the Chair to consult informally with Members regarding the issue of "immediate" notification in the context of Article 12.

30. At its 4-5 November 1998 meeting, the Committee considered the following items raised under the agenda item "Other Business":

- United States – Notification of initiation of an investigation on lamb meat.
- Argentina – Safeguard measure on imports of footwear.
- Nigeria – Pre-existing measures.
- Brazil – Safeguard measure on imports of toys.

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/1
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/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/1
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/1
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
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
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	None
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/1
Peru	G/SG/N/1/PER/1
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
Senegal	G/SG/N/1/SEN/1
Sierra Leone	None

MEMBER	NOTIFICATION PROVIDED
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
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**

<b>Member &amp; investigation</b>	<b>Initiation date</b>	<b>Effective date of provisional measure, if any</b>	<b>Outcome of injury investigation</b>	<b>Decision on applying definitive measure</b>	<b>Effective date and type of definitive measure, if any</b>
<b>Argentina</b>					
Footwear	25.02.97 (G/SG/N/6/ARG/1)	25.02.97 (G/SG/N/7/ARG/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/ARG/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/ARG/1 & Corr.1 & Suppl.1 + Suppl.2)	13.09.97 Tariff increase
Toys	03.02.98 (G/SG/N/6/ARG/2 + Suppl.1)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
<b>Australia</b>					
Swinemeat	26.06.98 (G/SG/N/6/AUS/1 + Suppl.1)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
<b>Brazil</b>					
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
<b>Egypt</b>					
Safety matches	05.08.98 (G/SG/N/6/EGY/1)	After 05.08.98 (G/SG/N/7/EGY/1)	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
<b>India</b>					
Acetylene black	28.11.97 (G/SG/N/6/IND/1)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/IND/1)	N/A	N/A
Carbon black	05.02.98 (G/SG/N/6/IND/2)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/IND/2)	N/A	N/A
Slabstock polyol	26.02.98 (G/SG/N/6/IND/3)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
Propylene glycol	26.02.98 (G/SG/N/6/IND/4)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A
Hardboard	24.05.98 (G/SG/N/6/IND/5)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A

<b>Member &amp; investigation</b>	<b>Initiation date</b>	<b>Effective date of provisional measure, if any</b>	<b>Outcome of injury investigation</b>	<b>Decision on applying definitive measure</b>	<b>Effective date and type of definitive measure, if any</b>
<b>India (Cont'd)</b>					
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
<b>Korea</b>					
Soybean oil	30.08.95 (G/SG/N/6/KOR)	N/A	Affirmative	Negative (G/SG/N/6/KOR/Suppl.1)	N/A
Dairy products	28.05.96 (G/SG/B/6/KOR/2)	N/A	Affirmative (G/SG/N/8/KOR/1)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/KOR/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)	Negative (G/SG/N/9/KOR/1)	N/A
<b>United States</b>					
Tomatoes	29.03.95 (G/SG/N/6/USA/	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)	28.11.96 Tariff increase
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)	Affirmative (G/SG/N/10/USA/2)	01.06.98 3-yr. + 1 day QR
Lamb meat	07.10.98 (G/SG/N/6/USA/5)	N/A	Ongoing	N/A	N/A

N/A      Not applicable

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
<b>European Communities</b>		
Coal	Quantitative restriction administered by Germany by import licences	31.12.99
Dried grapes	Minimum import price	31.12.99
Preserved cherries	Minimum import price	31.12.99
<b>Korea</b>		
Salt fermented shrimps	Import licensing (People's Republic of China)	31.12.96
Hot bean paste	Import licensing (People's Republic of China)	31.12.99
<b>Nigeria</b>	Import prohibitions on all products listed (all countries)	No date provided
Wheat flour		
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
<b>European Communities</b>		
Live bovine animals	Restriction administered by Spain by import licences (non-EC countries)	01.07.95

Notifying Member and Covered Product	Type of Measure (and Affected Countries)	Elimination Date
<b>European Communities (Cont'd)</b>		
Swine and meat of swine	Restriction administered by Spain by import licences (non-EC countries)	01.07.95
Rabbit meat	Restriction administered by Spain by "authorization" (non-EC countries)	01.07.95
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
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
Lignite	Quantitative restriction administered by Austria (non-EC countries)	31.12.96
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
Coal	Restriction administered by Spain by administrative authorization for imports (non-EC countries)	31.12.97
Motor vehicles	Voluntary export restraint (Japan)	31.12.99
<b>Cyprus</b>		
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
Quick lime		
Cement		
Oxygen		
Carbon dioxide		
Acyclic alcohol		
Acetic acid		

Notifying Member and Covered Product	Type of Measure (and Affected Countries)	Elimination Date
<p><b>Cyprus (Cont'd)</b></p> <p>Essential oils of roses and rose water</p> <p>Matches</p> <p>Rubber gloves (kitchen)</p> <p>Wood charcoal</p> <p>Parquet strips</p> <p>Reconstituted wood in boards or sheets other than of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm</p> <p>Fibreboard of wood (MDF)</p> <p>Plywood</p> <p>Two-ply or more paper bags, carton boxes</p> <p>Footwear</p> <p>Tiles</p> <p>Roofing tiles</p> <p>Glass bowls for fish and plants</p> <p>CO<sup>2</sup> welding wire</p> <p>Tubes and pipes of iron and steel</p> <p>Scaffolding</p> <p>Cans (for paints only)</p> <p>Netting of iron or steel</p> <p>Wire nails of iron or steel, except nails of steel which are raised by use of special pistol</p>		

Notifying Member and Covered Product	Type of Measure (and Affected Countries)	Elimination Date
<b>Cyprus (Cont'd)</b> <p>Woodscrews, chipboard screws</p> <p>Buckets of iron or steel</p> <p>Manhole covers</p> <p>Wrought bars, rods, angles, shapes and sections and wire of aluminium</p> <p>Aluminium tubes and pipes</p> <p>Bottle stoppers (screw type and crown corks)</p> <p>Electrodes</p> <p>Water pumps (centrifugal deep-well turbine pumps, centrifugal surface pumps, centrifugal deep-submersible pumps)</p> <p>Air and oil filters for motor vehicles</p> <p>Concrete mixers</p> <p>Electric accumulators for vehicles</p> <p>Empty cartridges</p> <p>Ceiling lights and globes</p>		
<b>Korea</b> <p>Microwave ovens</p> <p>Colour picture tubes</p> <p>Stainless steel flatware</p> <p>Oysters in airtight containers</p>	Voluntary export restraints on all products listed (EC) (EC) (UK, Germany) (all Members)	02.06.97 02.06.97 31.12.97 31.12.98

Notifying Member and Covered Product	Type of Measure (and Affected Countries)	Elimination Date
<b>Korea (Cont'd)</b>		
Chestnuts, shelled	(Japan)	31.12.98
<b>Slovenia</b>		
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	(All measures listed apply to all countries)  15% special export tax	01.01.97
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
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
Waste and scrap of cast iron or stainless steel	25% special export tax	01.01.97
Copper waste and scrap	25% special export tax	01.01.97
Aluminium waste and scrap	25% special export tax	01.01.97
Lead waste and scrap	25% special export tax	01.01.97
Zinc waste and scrap	25% special export tax	01.01.97

Notifying Member and Covered Product	Type of Measure (and Affected Countries)	Elimination Date
<b>South Africa</b>		
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
Pitch and pitch coke, obtained from coal tar or from other mineral tars		31.12.98
Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous mineral crude and from bituminous minerals other than crude		31.12.98
Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons		31.12.98
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
Petroleum coke, petroleum bitumen and other residues of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals		31.12.98
Bitumen and asphalt, natural; bituminous or oil shale and tar sands; asphalities and asphaltic rocks		31.12.98
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

Notifying Member and Covered Product	Type of Measure (and Affected Countries)	Elimination Date
<b>South Africa (Cont'd)</b>		
Polymers of propylene		31.12.96
Other plates, sheets, foil and strip of plastic, other		31.12.96
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
New pneumatic tyres and inner tubes of a kind used on passenger cars, light commercial vehicles, and commercial vehicles (trucks)		28.02.97
<b>Thailand</b>		
Manioc	Voluntary export restraint (EC)	30.06.95