

Committee on Market Access

FORMAT FOR NOTIFICATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS
(PURSUANT TO THE DECISION ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL FOR
TRADE IN GOODS ON 1 DECEMBER 1995, G/L/59)

1. The attached format has been prepared to assist Members in making notifications of quantitative restrictions in pursuance of the Decision on Notification Procedures for Quantitative Restrictions, adopted by the Council for Trade in Goods on 1 December 1995, and contained in document G/L/59. The Decision states that:

"Members shall make complete notifications of the quantitative restrictions which they maintain by 31 January 1996 and at two-yearly intervals thereafter, and shall notify changes to their quantitative restrictions as and when these changes occur; ..."

In this regard, the format requests the Member to indicate whether this is a first-time notification or a change to a notification made previously. While the Decision does not oblige a Member to notify the fact that their governments do not maintain quantitative restrictions, Members are encouraged to provide such information for transparency purposes.

2. The Decision contains a list of the specific information with respect to each quantitative restriction that the Member shall provide in its notification. This information corresponds to that requested in each of the columns in the attached table. First, the Decision calls for "a full description of the products and tariff lines affected together with the relevant heading or sub-heading in the Harmonised System nomenclature"; this information is called for in the first and second columns of the attached table. With regard to the third column, the Decision contains an Annex of all the types of trade measures which are considered as quantitative restrictions for the purposes of this Decision. Each measure corresponds to a symbol; this symbol must be inserted in this third column. The Decision calls for "an indication of the grounds and WTO justification for the measures maintained, including the precise provision which they cite as a justification"; this is requested in the fourth column of the table. Finally, the Decision calls for "a statement on the trade effects of the measures;...a description of the administrative mechanism associated with the measure,...information on the quantity of permissible imports, on the degree of quota utilization (in the case of existing quotas) and, where available, on the level of production or consumption". This information should be included in the fifth and sixth columns of the attached table.

3. In addition, the Decision calls for Members to notify the "fact" that notifications of quantitative restrictions have been made under other WTO provisions. Such information is requested on the last page of the notification form, including the WTO document reference in which this notification can be found.

Notification form for Quantitative Restrictions (QRs)
(pursuant to Decision G/L/59)

Country: _____

Date: _____

First Time Notification under Decision G/L/59: _____

yes _____

no _____ (date(s) and document symbol(s) of previous notification) _____

1. QRs not previously notified under WTO Agreements

(Describe QRs not previously notified under WTO Agreements in the chart below. If additional space is needed, please provide, on separate pages, the same information as in this chart.)

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2.

- Document reference: _____