

NOTIFICATION

The following notification concerning the volume-based special safeguard (Table MA:3) was received from the delegation of **Japan** on 14 January 1997.

Table MA:3

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Notification under Article 5 of the Agreement: special safeguard: volume-based

1.	Description of product:	Raw silk
2.	Tariff item number:	5002.00-221, 5002.00-222, 5002.00-223, 5002.00-226, 5002.00-227
3.	Trigger level: (as calculated in Annex 1)	1,757 tonnes
4.	Volume of imports entering territory in current period:	1,777 tonnes
5.	Period of application:	from January 1, 1997 to March 31, 1997

SPECIAL SAFEGUARD: VOLUME-BASED: Annex 1 to Table MA:3**Information required for the calculation of the Trigger Level**

Imports in the 3 preceding years:	1993:	1,484	tonnes
	1994:	1,543	tonnes
	1995:	1,992	tonnes
	Average:	1,673	tonnes

Consumption in the 3 preceding years:	1993:	6,270	tonnes
	1994:	5,624	tonnes
	1995:	4,827	tonnes
	Average:	5,574	tonnes

Note: Taking into account the absolute volume change in domestic consumption of the product concerned from 1994 to 1995, the trigger level is set at 105 per cent of the average quantity of imports mentioned above, in accordance with paragraph 4 of Article 5 of the Agreement on Agriculture. Its calculation is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1,757 \text{ tonnes} &= 105\% \times 1,673 \text{ tonnes} \\
 &> 105\% \times 1,673 \text{ tonnes} + (4,827 \text{ tonnes} - 5,624 \text{ tonnes})
 \end{aligned}$$

(Since market access opportunities (defined as imports as a percentage of the corresponding domestic consumption during the three preceding years) for the product are greater than 30 per cent, the base trigger level for the product concerned equals 105 per cent).