
Committee on Market Access

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER THE DECISION ON REVERSE NOTIFICATION OF NON-TARIFF MEASURES (G/L/60)

Note by the Secretariat

1. Following the Decision on Reverse Notification of Non-Tariff Measures, adopted by the Council for Trade in Goods (G/L/60), Members shall have the possibility of making notifications of non-tariff measures maintained by other Members in so far as such measures are neither subject to any existing WTO notification obligations nor to any other reverse notification possibilities under the WTO Agreement. The Member maintaining the measures shall comment on each of the points contained in the notification. Such comments shall be included in the Inventory together with the notification. In cases where the inclusion of the contents of the notification is challenged, further information will be sought from the notifying member. In these cases, the Members might hold bilateral consultations with the aim of verifying the existence of the measure and its precise and complete description. The result of these consultations shall be transmitted to the Secretariat for appropriate action.
2. The new Inventory of Non-Tariff Measures that is open for notification as from the date of this Decision covers all non-tariff measures relating to all products (Chapters 1-97 of the HS nomenclature). It is made available to Members in a loose-leaf format in the 3 WTO languages; amendments to the Inventory (including additions and deletions) shall be circulated to all Members by the Secretariat.
3. According to the Decision, "the Committee shall, at two-yearly intervals on the occasion of the review of the notifications of quantitative restrictions, review the reverse notifications of non-tariff measures received, on the basis of Secretariat analyses similar to the analyses prepared for the GATT Technical Group on Quantitative Restrictions and Other Non-Tariff Measures".
4. To this date, one Notification has been received from the following Member:

Notifying Country	Non-tariff measure	Product	Maintaining country	Inventory ⁽¹⁾ numbering
Hong Kong	Legalization of Commercial Invoices; Consular Invoices and Bills of Lading; Consular Fees		Dominican Republic	II.D.
			Egypt	II.D
			Kuwait	II.D

¹ Numbering of the Inventory according to the Table of Contents of the Inventory of Non-tariff Measures created and used in GATT document series NTM/INV/-.

5. These notifications are available for Members' consultation in the Market Access Division (contact Mrs. Perrin, Room 3142, ext. 5041).
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