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Questions and Replies

Addendum

This document reproduces the Parties' replies to additional questions raised in the context of the examination of the CEFTA.

II. TRADE PROVISIONS

We note in your recent response to written questions that a number of CEFTA countries resorted to safeguard actions on a limited number of products, arguing that imports from partners caused market disruption. As a result of these measures, CEFTA concessions granted with respect to the products concerned were suspended. We are interested in obtaining additional information on the extent and duration of the safeguard measures being imposed, in order to better assess CEFTA's compliance with GATT Article XXIV:8(b) requirement that "...duties and other restrictive regulations of commerce are eliminated on substantially all trade ..." between the parties.

- Please identify the CEFTA parties that imposed the safeguard measures and the products concerned, including HS numbers.
- For each product subject to a safeguard measure, please describe the measure that was imposed, the duration of the measure, and the volume of trade for the year preceding the imposition of the measure.
- For each of the CEFTA parties that imposed the safeguard measures, please describe the process that was followed in making the determination to impose the measures.

N°	Date introduced	Date terminated	CEFTA Party taking the measure	Product	Measures taken	Affected CEFTA Party	Justification under the CEFTA provisions
1	29.11.1993	07.05.1997	Czech Republic	0704 90 10 White cabbages and red cabbages	Volume based restriction (yearly contingent 3.000 tons)	Poland	Art. 27 - general safeguards
2	09.10.1998	26.04.1999	Czech Republic	1001 10 00 Durum wheat 1001 90 99 Wheat, other	Additional import duty (2.290 CZK per ton)	Hungary	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
3	12.02.1998		Poland	1005 90 00 0 Forage corn	Temporary suspension of a preferential rate of 0% by introducing MFN rate	Slovak Republic	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
4	12.02.1998		Poland	1005 90 00 0 Forage corn	Temporary suspension of a preferential rate of 0% by introducing MFN rate	Czech Republic	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
5	01.01.1998		Poland	1005 90 00 0 Forage corn	Temporary suspension of a preferential rate of 0% by introducing MFN rate	Hungary	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
6	14.04.1998	01.01.1999	Poland	1005 10 Corn of a kind used for sowing	Temporary suspension of a preferential rate of 0% by preferential quota of 13000 tons - above this quota MFN rate is applied	Hungary	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
7	14.04.1998		Poland	2002 Tomato concentrate	Substitution of a preferential 11% rate by quota of 3 000 tons with 11% rate – above the quota MFN rate is applied	Hungary	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
8	01.01.1998		Poland	2002 Tomato concentrate	Temporary suspension of a preferential rate of 11% - MFN rate is applied	Czech Republic	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
9	01.01.1998		Poland	2002 Tomato concentrate	Temporary suspension of a preferential rate of 11% - MFN rate is applied	Slovak Republic	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market

N°	Date introduced	Date terminated	CEFTA Party taking the measure	Product	Measures taken	Affected CEFTA Party	Justification under the CEFTA provisions
10	01.01.1998		Poland	1701 Sugar	Temporary suspension of a preferential rate of 40% - MFN rate is applied	Czech Republic	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
11	01.06.1997		Poland	Starches: 1105 20 00, 1108 12 22 2, 1702 30 59 0, 1702 30 91 0, 1702 30 00 0, 1901 90 99 9, 2106 90 55 0	Temporary suspension of a preferential rate of 40% - MFN rate is applied	Slovak Republic	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
12	01.06.1997		Poland	Starches: as above	Temporary suspension of a preferential rate of 40% - MFN rate is applied	Czech Republic	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
13	01.06.1997		Poland	Starches: as above	Temporary suspension of a preferential rate of 40% - MFN rate is applied	Hungary	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
14	01.07.1997		Poland	Starches: as above	Temporary suspension of a preferential rate of 40% - MFN rate is applied	Romania	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
15	10.08.1998	31.12.1998	Romania	1001 90 Wheat for consumption 1101 90 Wheat flour	Preferential rate of duty suspended; MFN rate of duty reinstated	Hungary	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
16	10.09.1998	02.11.1998	Slovak Republic	1001 10 00 Durum wheat 1001 90 Wheat, other	Additional import duty (2540 SKK per ton)	Hungary	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market
17	20.06.1998	31.12.1998	Slovenia	1001 90 990 Wheat	Preferential rate of duty suspended; MFN rate of duty reinstated	Hungary	Art. 14 - serious disturbance in the market

Up today, Hungary has not adopted or maintained any SG measures.