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NOTIFICATION

The following submission, dated 4 August 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of **Viet Nam**. The notification concerns export prohibitions or restrictions (**Table ER:1**).

Table ER:1

EXPORT RESTRICTIONS: VIET NAM

Notification under Article 12 of the Agreement: Export prohibitions and restrictions

1 DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT:

Rice.

2 TARIFF ITEM NUMBER(S):

HS 1006.

3 NATURE OF, AND JUSTIFICATION FOR, MEASURE TO BE INTRODUCED:

Nature of the measure: Export quota for rice in April 2020.

Justification: Rice is an essential foodstuff of every Vietnamese. In the context of the complicated and unpredictable escalation of the COVID-19 pandemic which led to citizens' insecurity in March 2020, the Government of Viet Nam decided to adopt a necessary global quota in rice export to ensure domestic supply and national food security, which is prescribed in Article XI:2(a) of the GATT 1994 as an exception to the general elimination of quantitative restrictions.

Measure introduced: Viet Nam's Ministry of Industry and Trade on 10 April 2020 issued Decision 1106/QD-BCT prescribing a global quota of 400,000 tonnes for rice export in April 2020. The first-come, first-serve mechanism was used to administer this measure.

4 DURATION OF APPLICATION OF MEASURE:

From: 10 April 2020 **To:** 30 April 2020.

From 10 April 2020 to 30 April 2020. The measure ceased to be in force as of 1 May 2020.
