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**NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO THE DECISION ON NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES
FOR QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS (G/L/59/REV.1)**

REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

The following communication, dated 30 September 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the Republic of Moldova.

A. Notifying Member: The Republic of Moldova
B. Date of notification: 7 September 2020
C. First time notification: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No, last notification was made in (doc. symbol): G/MA/QRN/NMDA/1/Add.1
D. Type of notification: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1. Complete (i.e. notification of all quantitative restrictions in force) <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Changes to a notification previously made in (doc symbol) which are of the following nature: <input type="checkbox"/> 2.1 Introduction of new restrictions, as listed in Section 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 2.2 Elimination of restrictions, as described in G below. <input type="checkbox"/> 2.3 Modification of a previously notified restriction, as described in Section 1. <input type="checkbox"/> 3. Reverse notification of restrictions maintained by (Member):
E. The notification provides information for the following biennial period <u>2020-2022</u> and relates to restrictions in force as of 7 September 2020
F. This notification contains information* relating to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 1: List of quantitative restrictions that are currently in force. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 2: Cross-reference to other WTO notifications with information on quantitative restrictions that are currently in force and additional information.
G. Comments of a general nature, including a description of the elimination of restrictions notified under D.2.2 and the date they ceased to be in force. The national legal basis mentioned in column 6 can be found by following the link: https://www.legis.md/

* In English only.

Section 1: List of quantitative restrictions that are currently in force

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Conditional prohibition and restriction on the import and export of weapons/ firearms/ explosives for civilian use	CP CP-X NAL	9013 90 050 9013 90 050 9301 20 000 9301 90 000 9305 91 000 9306 21 000 9306 29 000 9306 30 100 9306 30 300 9306 30 900 9306 90 100 9306 90 900	Explosive military instruments and launchers; automatic firearms; firearms camouflaged in the form of another object; the assemblies, subassembly, and devices which may constitute and function as firearms; ammunition with piercing, explosive or incendiary projectiles; ammunition with expansion projects; any device designed or adapted to reduce the noise caused by firing a weapon; lighting and sight systems operating on or in combination with the laser principle intended for mounting on the weapon; bullet cartridges.	Article XX (a),(b) and Article XXI of the GATT 1994. Protection of human life or health.	Law no. 130 of 08.06.2012 on the regime of weapons and ammunition for civilian use. Link: https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=110345&lang=ro	Administrated by Ministry of Internal Affairs

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2	Conditional and limited prohibition/restriction on the import and the export of goods and technologies that can be used in the production, development, storage and use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear weapons of mass destruction, as well as arms and dual-use goods and technologies.	CP CP - X NAL	Various, within HS Chapters 28, 29, 84, 85, 90, and 93	Goods listed in the Nomenclature of strategic goods subject to control (https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=113990&lang=ro)	Article XX (a), (b) and Article XXI of the GATT 1994; Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons; Convention on Nuclear Safety; Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC); Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BTWC); Arms Trade Treaty (ATT); United Nations Security Council Resolution 1540 (2004); Wassenaar Arrangement on Export Controls for Conventional Arms and Dual-Use Goods and Technologies.	Law no. 358 of 05.11.2004 on the implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction; Law no. 132 of 08.06.2012 on the safe conduct of nuclear and radiological activities; Law no. 1163 of 26.07.2000 regarding the control of export, re-export, import and transit of strategic goods; Government Decision no. 606 of 15.05.2002 regarding the National system of control of the export, re-export, import and transit of strategic goods in the Republic of Moldova. Link: https://www.legis.md/	Administered by Ministry of Economy and Infrastructure; Public Services Agency; National Agency for the Regulation of Nuclear and Radiological Activities; Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection; Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment; Customs Service.
3	Conditional and limited prohibition on the import of some specific used goods (second hand)	CP	Various	Worn shoes; used underwear; used children's toys; used clothes for children up to 3 years old; inferior goods, offensive to the life, health or safety of humanitarian aid; vaccines, kits and	Article XX (a), (b), (d) of the GATT 1994. Protection of human life or health.	Government Decision no. 427 of 07.06.2001 regarding the import and sale of some used personal use goods; Link: https://www.legis.md/	Administered by Material Reserves Agency; Ministry of Internal Affairs; Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection.

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				diagnostic remedies with a shelf life of less than 6 months offered as humanitarian aid; food with a shelf life of less than 3 months offered as humanitarian aid.		cautare/getResults?doc_id=121388&lang=ro; Government Decision no. 653 of 02.06.2003 on the Interdepartmental Commission for Humanitarian Aid. Link: https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=104923&lang=ro	
4	Conditional and limited prohibition/restriction on import and export of hazardous wastes and their disposals	P CP P-X CP-X NAL	Various, as indicated in the Basel Convention: https://www.basel.int/portals/4/basel%20convention/docs/text/baselconventiontext-e.pdf	The transfer of waste from the Republic of Moldova to other countries is carried out only with the approval of the notification for export or transit by the competent authorities designated by the importing country, in compliance with the provisions of the regulations on waste shipments approved by the Government. The record of notifications for export, import or transit is made through the Automated Information System "Waste Management" - SIA MD.	Article XX (b) of the GATT 1994; Protection of human health and the environment, inter alia Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Waste and their Disposals.	Law no. 1515 of 16.06.1993 regarding the protection of the environment; Law no. 209 of 29.07.2016 on waste; Customs Code of the Republic of Moldova; Link: https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=85852&lang=ro Parliament Decision no. 1599-XIII of 10.03.1998 on the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the Basel Convention.	Administered by Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment
5	Conditional and limited import and export	P CP P-X	Various, including: 2524 6811 40 000	Construction products, chemicals products and other articles of asbestos or containing	Article XX (b) of the GATT 1994;	Law no. 1422 of 17.12.1997 on the protection of atmospheric air;	Administered by Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and

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	prohibition of hazardous chemicals and persistent organic pollutants	CP-X	6812 6813 20 000	asbestos, whatever their nature or origin; cement and mixtures with cement if they contain, when hydrated, a soluble amount of soluble hexavalent chromium exceeding 0.0002% by weight of the dry cement; lead carbonates and lead sulphates, mercury and arsenic compound, cadmium and organotin compounds, as such or in mixtures; persistent organic pollutants.	Stockholm Convention; Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution.	Law no. 40 of 19.02.2004 for the ratification of the Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants; Law no. 1018 of 25.04.2002 for the ratification of the Protocol on Persistent Organic Pollutants and the Protocol on Heavy Metals to the 1979 Convention on Long-range Transboundary Air Pollution.	Environment; Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection.
6	Conditional prohibition/ restrictions to import and export ozone depleting substances	P CP P-X CP-X NAL	Various, including: 2903 2903 41 000 2903 42 000 2903 43 000 2903 44 100 2903 44 900 2903 46 100 2903 46 200 2903 46 900 2903 45 100 2903 45 150 2903 45 200 2903 45 250 2903 45 300 2903 45 350 2903 45 400 2903 45 450 2903 45 500 2903 45 550 2903 14 100	Ozone depleting substances in the equipment, of vehicles of any type, using ozone depleting substances.	Article XX (b) of the GATT 1994; Article XX (g) of the GATT 1994; Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer (Vienna Convention); Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer (Montreal Protocol); The United Nations Framework on Climate Change (UNFCCC).	Law no. 852 of 14.02.2002 for the approval of the Regulation on the commercial regime and the regulation of the use of hydrocarbons halogens that destroy the ozone layer; link: https://www.legis.md/cautare/getResults?doc_id=108187&lang=ro Parliament Decision no. 966-XIII of July 24, 1996 on the ratification of the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer and the Montreal Protocol; Law no. 1515-XII of June 16, 1993 on the	Administered by Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment.

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			2903 19 100 2903 49 100 2903 49 300 2903 30 330 3824 71 000 3824 79 000 3824 90 990			protection of the environment. Link: https://www.legis.md/	
7	Conditional and limited prohibition of import of certain liquid fuels containing sulfur	CP	Various, including: 2710 19 480 2710 20 190 2710 20 390	Prohibition of placing on the market: fuel oil with a sulfur content exceeding 1% by weight; diesel fuel, including marine diesel with a sulfur content exceeding 0,10% by weight, marine fuels with a sulfur content exceeding 3,50% by weight, excluding fuels intended for the supply of vessels using working methods to reduce emissions in closed circuit and marine diesel fuel with a sulfur content exceeding 1.5% by weight.	Article XX (b) of the GATT 1994; Protocol of 1978 relating to the International Convention for the prevention of pollution from ships, 1973 (MARPOL).	Government Decision no. 414 of 08.04.2016 for the approval of the Regulation on the reduction of the sulfur content of certain liquid fuels; Law no. 189 of 28.07.2005 for the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships, adopted in London on November 2, 1973, and to the Protocol thereto (MARPOL 73/78), adopted in London on February 17, 1978. Link: https://www.legis.md/	Administered by Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment.
8	Prohibition on the import and export of certain pyrotechnic articles	p P – X	3604 90 000	Firecrackers; firecracker batteries; light firecrackers and light firecracker batteries.	Article XX (a) and (b) of the GATT 1994.	Law no. 143 of 17.07.2014 regarding the regime of pyrotechnic articles. Link: https://www.legis.md/	Administered by Ministry of Internal Affairs; Public Services Agency.

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9	Conditional and limited prohibition/restriction on the import and export of endangered animal and plant species (CITES specimens and products)	P CP CP - X NAL NAL-X	Various, as indicated in: https://www.cites.org/eng/app/app_endices.php	Animal and plant species and all products manufactured from animal and plant species (including some medicinal products listed in the appendices to the CITES).	Article XX(b) of the GATT 1994; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES).	Law of the animal kingdom no. 439-XIII of April 27, 1995; Law no. 1246-XIV of 28.09.2000 for the accession of the Republic of Moldova to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora CITES; Law no. 325-XVI of 25.12.2005 regarding the Red Book of the Republic of Moldova; Government Decision no. 1107 of 11.09.2003 on the approval of the Regulation on the establishment, registration, completion, storage, export and import of collections of animals and plants from wild flora and fauna; Law no. 1515-XII of 16.06.1993 regarding the protection of the environment; Procedure for authorizing the export and import activities of plants and animals of the wild flora and fauna, their parts and derivatives, as well as the import / export or re-export of the flora	Administered by Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment; Environmental Agency.

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						and fauna species, regulated by CITES. Link: https://www.legis.md/	
10	Conditional and limited prohibition/restriction on the import and export of narcotic, psychotropic substances and precursors	CP CP – X NAL NAL-X	Various, including: 2924 23 000 2915 24 000 2939 41 000 2914 11 000 2939 61 000 2939 62 000 2922 43 000 2806 10 000 2916 34 000 2933 32 000 2932 93 000 2841 61 000 2939 42 000 2807 00 000 2932 94 000	Narcotics and psychotropic substances and precursors, including a chemical or component and a plant or a part of a plant	Article XX(b) of the GATT 1994; United Nation Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; United Nations Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; Table I and Table II of the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988.	Law no. 382 of 06.05.1999 regarding the circulation of narcotic substances, psychotropic substances and precursors. Link: https://www.legis.md/	Administrated by Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices; National Anti-Drug Commission; National Agency for Public Health; Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection.
11	Restriction on the import of medicine, parapharmaceutical products and drug raw materials, regulated under licensing terms	CP NAL	ex. HS Chapter 30	The import of medicines, other pharmaceutical and parapharmaceutical products and medicinal raw materials, is prohibited without authorization.	Article XX (b) of the GATT 1994.	Law no. 1409 of 17.12.1997 regarding medicines; Law no. 1456 of 25-05-1993 regarding the pharmaceutical activity;	Administrated by Agency for Medicines and Medical Devices; Ministry of Health, Labor and Social Protection.

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						Order of the Ministry of Health No. 739 of 23.07.2012 on the regulation of the authorization of medicinal products for human use and the introduction of post-authorization amendments; Order of the Ministry of Health No. 559 of 29.06.2017 on the Regulation on the authorization of the import of medicines, other pharmaceutical products, parapharmaceuticals and unauthorized medicinal raw materials in the Republic of Moldova. Link: https://www.legis.md/	
12	Prohibition of import and export of printed information or information on audio-visual and other devices of pornographic character, of products containing calls to	P P-X	Various	Import, export, and production of pornographic materials are prohibited. Import, export, and production of products Containing calls to extremist and terrorist activity are prohibited.	Article XX (a) of the GATT 1994. Necessary to protect public morals. Article XXI of the GATT 1994. National security.	Government Decision no. 110 of 02.02.1998 regarding the regulation of certain types of activity in the Republic of Moldova. Link: https://www.legis.md/	Administered by Government of the Republic of Moldova / Ministry of Internal Affairs.

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	extremist and terrorist activity						
13	Conditional and temporary prohibition of the export of indigenous raw wood and semi fabricated wood articles	CP-X	4403 4404 20 4406 4407 91 - 4407 99	Raw wood and other semi fabricated wood articles, wood for cooperage, wooden stakes, wooden sleepers for railways.	Article XX (g) of the GATT 1994. Relating to the conservation of exhaustible natural resources, measures being taken in conjunction with restriction on domestic production or consumption.	Government Decision no. 664 of 27.05.2016 regarding the temporary suspension of the export of wood Link: https://www.legis.md/	Administrated by Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment.
14	Temporary prohibition of the import of fishing nets made of untwisted polymer yarn	P	5608 11 800	fishing nets made of untwisted polymer yarn	Article XX (g) of the GATT 1994. Relating to the conservation of exhaustible natural resources, measures being taken in conjunction with restriction on domestic production.	Government Decision No. 556 of 05.05.2016 on the prohibition of the import of fishing nets made of untwisted polymer yarn (Official Gazette No.128-133/612 of 13.05.2016) Link: https://www.legis.md/	Administrated by Ministry of Agriculture, Regional Development and Environment.
15	Conditional and limited prohibition on the import of old means of transport intended to carry persons; tractors; motorcycles; their engines and bodies, with an exploitation	CP	Various, including: 8701 – 8707; 8711	– means of motor transport classified under tariff heading 8702 intended for the transport of more than 20 persons and tariff headings 8704 and 8705, as well as their engines and bodies, with an operating period of more than 10 years; – tractors classified under tariff headings	Article XX (b), (g) of the GATT 1994. Protection of human life or health and the environment.	Customs Code of the Republic of Moldova no. 1149 of 20.07.2000; Link: https://www.legis.md/cutare/getResults?doc_id=85852&lang=ro Law no. 1569 of 20.12.2002 on the introduction and removal of goods from the territory of the	Administrated by Customs Service and Ministry of Finance

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	term higher than 7, 10, 12 or 20 years;			<p>8701 10 000, 8701 20, 87013000, 8701 90900, and their engines and bodies, with an operating period of more than 12 years;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - tractors classified under tariff headings 8701 90 110 to 8701 90 500 and their engines and bodies, with an operating period of more than 20 years; - means of motor transport classified under tariff heading 8703 (excluding vintage vehicles) and their engines and bodies, with a service term of more than 10 years; - motor vehicles designed to transport a maximum of 20 persons classified under heading 8702, as well as their engines and bodies, with a period of operation exceeding 7 years; - motorcycles classified under tariff heading 8711 and their engines with a service life of more than 10 years. 		<p>Republic of Moldova by individual persons</p> <p>Link: https://www.legis.md/ </p>	

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16	Conditional prohibition and restriction on import and export of human organs and tissues, blood and its components, samples of human biological materials and donor organs.	P-X CPCP-X NAL NAL-X	Various, including: ex. 3001 ex. 3002 ex. 3003 ex. 0511 99 853 9 ex. 0511 99 859 9 ex. 3002 12 000 5 ex. 3002 13 000 0 ex. 3002 14 000 0 ex. 3002 90 100 0	Human Blood and its components, human tissue and donor organs. Samples of human biological materials (samples of cells, tissues, biological fluids, secrets, products of human vital activity, physiological and pathological excreta, smears, washings, scrapings).	Article XX (a), (b), (d) of the GATT 1994. Protection of human life or health.	Law No. 42 of 6 th March 2008 regarding transplant; Law No. 1458 of 25 May 1993 related to blood donation; Law Nr. 411 din 28 March 1995 regarding health security Link: https://www.legis.md/	Ministry of Health
17	Prohibition on the importation of false or counterfeit coin or bank note.	P	4907 7118	False or counterfeit coins or bank notes; and coins or bank notes that are intended for circulation in the Republic of Moldova but that are not legal tender in the country.	Article XX (d) of the GATT - to secure compliance with domestic regulations and international treaties.	Law No. 599 of 11-06-1991 on the National Bank of Moldova Penal Code Nr. 985 din 18.04.2002; Customs Code of the Republic of Moldova Link: https://www.legis.md/	Administered by the Republic of Moldova's Customs Authorities, Ministry of Internal Affairs.
18	Export prohibition and restriction of objects which represent national cultural value (national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value)	P-X NAL-X	Various	Diverse national treasures of cultural value (objects which constitute value for art, literature, science, culture and religion.)	Article XX (f) of the GATT 1994. For protection of national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value. Convention on the means of prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property. Paris, 14 November 1970	Customs Code of the Republic of Moldova Link: https://www.legis.md/ Law no. 1569 of 20.12.2002 on the introduction and removal of goods from the territory of the Republic of Moldova by individual persons https://www.legis.md/	Administered by the Republic of Moldova's Customs Authorities, Ministry of Education and Culture.

Section 2: Cross-reference to other WTO notifications with information on quantitative restrictions that are currently in force

This section shall be filled by Members in case a notification made pursuant to another notification requirement (e.g. set in the Agreement on Agriculture, Agreement on Balance of Payments, Agreement on Safeguards, and the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures, etc.) contains information on a quantitative restriction in force and which is not listed in Section 1.

1. Agreement on Agriculture

- A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction? Yes ☐ No ☒
- B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:

2. Agreement on Balance of Payments

- A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction? Yes ☐ No ☒
- B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:

3. Agreement on Safeguards

- A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction? Yes ☐ No ☒
- B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:

4. Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures (non-automatic licences)

- A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction? Yes ☒ No ☐
- B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:

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5. Other notifications

A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction in other notifications? Yes ☐ No ☒

B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:
