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**Committee on Market Access** 

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

#### UNITED STATES

The following communication, dated 2 October 2020, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United States.

A.	Notifying Member: United States
В.	Date of notification: 1 October 2020
<b>c.</b> □ ⊠	First time notification: Yes No, last notification was made in (doc. symbol): G/MA/QR/N/USA/4/Add.2
<b>D.</b>	<ul> <li>Type of notification:</li> <li>1. Complete (i.e. notification of all quantitative restrictions in force)</li> <li>2. Changes to a notification previously made in (doc. symbol) which are of the following nature:</li> <li>2.1 Introduction of new restrictions, as listed in Section 1.</li> <li>2.2 Elimination of restrictions, as described in G below.</li> <li>2.3 Modification of a previously notified restriction, as described in Section 1.</li> <li>3. Reverse notification of restrictions maintained by (Member):</li> </ul>
E.	The notification provides information for the following biennial period (e.g. 2012-2014): 2020-2022 and relates to restrictions in force as of 1 October 2020
F. ⊠	This notification contains information* relating to:  Section 1: List of quantitative restrictions that are currently in force.  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.

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

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1	Prohibition of log exports from state and Federal lands in the contiguous 48 states west of the 100 <sup>th</sup> meridian	CP-X	Various codes within HS Chapter 44.	Unprocessed logs	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	Forest Resources Conservation and Shortage Relief Amendments Act (FRCSRA) of 1993; 16 U.S.C. 620, et seq.	Administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security; U.S. States also administer their own plans under the authority of FRCSRA.
2	Prohibition of exports of unprocessed western red cedar logs harvested from state or Federal lands	P-X	4403.20.0055, 4407.10.0168, 4407.10.0169	Western red cedar (thuja plicata), logs and timber, and rough, dressed and worked lumber containing wane	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended; 50 U.S.C. App. 2406	Administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security
3	Prohibition of importation of shrimp and shrimp products which have been harvested with commercial fishing technology that may adversely affect sea turtles	Р	0306.13.00, 0306.23.00, 1605.20.05, 1605.20.10	Shrimp and shrimp products	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 relating to the Protection of Sea Turtles in Shrimp Trawl Fishing Operations, 1990; 16 U.S.C. 1537 note.	Administered by the U.S. Department of State
4	Prohibition on importation of yellowfin tuna caught	СР	0303.42.0020, 0303.42.0040, 0303.42.0060,	Yellowfin tuna and products thereof	Protection of human, animal or plant life or health, <i>inter alia</i>	Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972,	Administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National

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	using purse seine fishing gear in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean		0304.87.0000, 0304.99.1190, 0511.91.0090, 1604.14.1010, 1604.14.1099, 1604.14.2291, 1604.14.3091, 1604.14.3099, 1604.14.4000, 1604.14.5000, 1604.20.1000, 1604.20.1500, 1604.20.2500, 1604.20.3000, 2309.10.0010			Section 101 (16 U.S.C. 1371)	Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration; Concerns implementation of the International Dolphin Conservation Agreement Program (AIDCP).
5	Prohibition on the importation and exportation of marine mammals and marine mammal products	CP CP-X	Various falling inter alia within: 0106.12.01, 0106.19.91, 0208.40.01, 0210.92.01, 0210.99.91 0507.90.00, 1504.30.00.	Marine mammals (Cetacea (whales, dolphins, porpoises), Pinnipedia other than walrus (seals and sea lions), Ursus maritimus (Polar bear), Enhydra lutris (Sea otter), Odobenus rosmarus (Walrus), Dugong dugon (Dugong),	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, (16 U.S.C. 1371-1372)	Administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service

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				Trichechus manatus (West Indian manatee), Trichechus inunguis (Amazonian manatee), Trichechus senegalensis (West African manatee), Lutra felina (Marine otter)) and any parts and products thereof			
6	Prohibition on the importation of certain toxic substances	СР	Various	Certain toxic substances, listed at <a href="http://www.epa.gov/o">http://www.epa.gov/o</a> <a href="ppt/import-">ppt/import-</a> export/pubs/sec6.html	Protection of human, animal or plant life or health, inter alia	Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976 (15 U.S.C. 2601 et seq.)	Administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
7	Prohibition on the importation of certain ozone-depleting substances	СР	Various	Certain ozone- depleting substances, listed at: http://www.epa.gov/o zone/title6/imports.ht ml	Protection of human, animal or plant life or health, inter alia	Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 76710)	Administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Concerns implementation of the Montreal Protocol.
8	Prohibition on importing, exporting, transporting, selling, receiving, acquiring, or purchasing in interstate or foreign commerce any fish, wildlife or plant, with some exceptions, taken, possessed,	P P-X	Various	Certain fish, wildlife and plant products	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	The Lacey Act Amendments of 1981, as amended. (16 U.S.C. 3371 et seq.)	Administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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	transported or sold in violation of relevant U.S. or foreign laws.						
9	Prohibition on importing, exporting, transporting, selling, receiving, acquiring, or purchasing in interstate or foreign commerce any live lion, tiger, leopard, snow leopard, clouded leopard, jaguar, cheetah, or cougar, or any hybrids resulting from the breeding of any combination of any of these species, with some exceptions.	CP CP-X	0106.19.91	Any live lion (Panthera leo), tiger (Panthera tigris), leopard (Panthera pardus), snow leopard (Uncia uncia), clouded leopard (Neofelis nebulosa), jaguar (Panthera onca), cheetah (Acinonyx jubatus), and cougar (Puma concolor) or any hybrids resulting from the breeding of any combination of any of these species.	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	Captive Wildlife Safety Act, which amended the Lacey Act Amendments of 1981 (16 U.S.C. 3371, 3372)	Administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
10	Prohibition on the importation of species, including offspring and eggs, designated through statute or regulation to be injurious to human beings, to the interests of agriculture, horticulture, forestry,	СР	Various	Various species listed at:  https://www.fws.gov/injuriouswildlife/pdf_files/Current_Listed_IW.pdf	Protection of human, animal or plant life or health, <i>inter alia</i>	The Lacey Act of 1900, as amended (18 U.S.C. 42(a)-(b)).  Injurious species are listed by statute and regulation: 18 U.S.C. § 42(a)(1); 50 C.F.R. §§ 16.11-16.15.	Administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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	or to wildlife or the wildlife resources of the United States, with some exceptions.						
11	Prohibition on the importation and exportation of endangered and threatened species	CP CP-X	Various	Various species listed at: http://www.fws.go v/endangered/species/ us-species.html and http://ecos.fws.gov/tes s_public/SpeciesReport .do?lead=10&listingTy pe=L	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	Endangered Species Act of 1973, Section 9 (16 U.S.C. 1538)	Administered by U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service.
12	Prohibition on the importation and exportation of certain species pursuant to Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)	CP CP-X	Various	Various. See  http://www.cites.org/e ng/resources/ref/suspe nd.php for current listing	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	Endangered Species Act of 1973, Section 9 (16 U.S.C. 1538)	Administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Concerns implementation of CITES.
13	Prohibition of exports of horses by sea	CP-X	0101.21.00, 0101.29.00	Horses	Protection of human, animal or plant life or health, inter alia	Export Administration Amendments Act of 1985 (15 U.S.C. 1824a)	Administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security
14	Prohibition of exports of elemental mercury	CP-X	2805.40	Elemental mercury and mixtures of elemental mercury	Protection of human, animal or plant life or health, <i>inter alia</i>	Mercury Export Ban Act (15 U.S.C. 2611)	Administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency;

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							Concerns implementation of the Minamata Convention.
15	Prohibition of imports and exports of African elephant ivory	CP CP-X	Various	African elephant ivory, other than sport- hunted trophies	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, <i>inter alia</i>	African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4201 <i>et seq.</i> )	Administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
16	Prohibition on sale, import, or export of any product, item, or substance intended for human consumption or application containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, any substance derived from any species of rhinoceros or tiger	P P-X	Various	Any product, item, or substance intended for human consumption or application containing, or labeled or advertised as containing, any substance derived from any species of rhinoceros or tiger	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	Rhinoceros and Tiger Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 5301 et seq.)	Administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
17	Prohibition on the import of exotic bird species	СР	Various	Exotic birds, except certain specimens and families, listed in the CITES Appendices; additional exceptions are included for imports of birds for certain activities	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901 et seq.)	Administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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18	Prohibition on the import and export of bald and golden eagles	CP CP-X	Various	Bald and golden eagles and parts thereof	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 et seq.)	Administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
19	Prohibition on the import and export of migratory birds	CP CP-X	Various	Migratory birds and their parts, nests and eggs	Conservation of exhaustible natural resources, inter alia	Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703 et seq.)	Administered by the U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
20	Import quota on steel mill products from Korea	BQ	Various codes within HS Chapters 72 and 73	Various steel mill articles	GATT Article XXI	The Trade Expansion Act of 1962, Section 232 (19 U.S.C. 1862)	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security
21	Import quota on steel mill products from Argentina	BQ	Various codes within HS Chapters 72 and 73	Various steel mill articles	GATT Article XXI	The Trade Expansion Act of 1962, Section 232 (19 U.S.C. 1862)	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security
22	Import quota on steel mill products from Brazil	BQ	Various codes within HS Chapters 72 and 73	Various steel mill articles	GATT Article XXI	The Trade Expansion Act of 1962, Section 232 (19 U.S.C. 1862)	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security
23	Import quota on aluminum products from Argentina	BQ	7601, 7604 through 7609, 7616.99.51.60, and 7616.99.51.70	Unwrought aluminum, wrought aluminum, and castings and forgings of aluminum	GATT Article XXI	The Trade Expansion Act of 1962, Section 232 (19 U.S.C. 1862)	U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security

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24	Temporary export authorization for certain personal protective equipment (PPE)	NAL-X	ex 6307.90.9995	(a) Surgical N-95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators, including devices that are disposable half-face- piece non-powered air- purifying particulate respirators intended for use to cover the nose and mouth of the wearer to help reduce wearer exposure to pathogenic biological airborne particulates;	Protection of human life or health and essential security interests, inter alia	Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), "Temporary Final Rule on the Prioritization and Allocation of Certain Scarce and Critical Health and Medical Resources for Domestic Use."  Published 10 August 2020 in 85 FR 48113.  Available at:	Note: Tariff lines provided in column 3 are export codes contained in Schedule B: Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States  Tariff codes provided are illustrative and may not be exhaustive.
			ex 6307.90.9995 ex 4015.11.0100 ex 4015.19.0002	(b) PPE surgical masks, including masks that cover the user's nose and mouth and provide a physical barrier to fluids and particulate materials;  (c) PPE nitrile gloves including those defined at 21 CFR 880.6250 (exam gloves) and 878.4460 (surgical gloves) and such nitrile		https://www.govinfo.g ov/content/pkg/FR- 2020-08-10/pdf/2020- 17467.pdf  Revised measures effective 10 August 2020 through 31 December 2020.  Exemptions noted in FEMA, "Prioritization and Allocation of Certain Scarce or	

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			ex 6210.10	gloves intended for the		Threatened Health and		
			ex 6210.40	same purposes; and		Medical Resources for		
			ex 6210.50			Domestic Use;		
				(d) Level 3 and 4		Exemptions"		
				Surgical Gowns and				
				Surgical Isolation		Published 21 April		
				Gowns that meet all of		2020 in 85 FR 22021.		
				the requirements in				
				ANSI/AAMI PB70		Available at:		
				and ASTM F2407-06		https://www.govinfo.g		
				and are classified		ov/content/pkg/FR-		Ш.
				by Surgical Gown		2020-04-21/pdf/2020-		10
				Barrier Performance		<u>08542.pdf</u>		`
				based on AAMI PB70.				
						Exemptions effective		
						17 April 2020.		

## 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  $\square$  No  $\boxtimes$
- B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:

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### 2. Agreement on Balance of Payments

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

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WT/BOP/N/							

## 3. Agreement on Safeguards

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

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G/SG/N/							

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

- A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction? Yes  $oxed{\boxtimes}$  No  $oxed{\square}$
- B. If yes, then list below the relevant document symbol and include any information element missing in the notification:

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G/LIC/N/3/USA/14	Restrictions on importation of controlled substances (permits, declarations, and quotas)						

## 5. Other notifications

A. Was a notification made with information on a quantitative restriction in other notifications? Yes  $\square$  No  $\boxtimes$ 

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

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