QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS:
FACTUAL INFORMATION ON NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED

REPORT by the Secretariat[[1]](#footnote-1)

Revision

# Introduction

The objective of this report is to provide factual information on the notifications received pursuant to the "Decision on Notification Procedures for Quantitative Restrictions" (hereinafter "the QR Decision")[[2]](#footnote-2) and compiled in the Quantitative Restrictions Database ("QR database").[[3]](#footnote-3) It complements information already provided by the Secretariat in the practical guide on notifications of QRs ([JOB/MA/101/Rev.2](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=%22JOB%2fMA%2f101%2fRev.2%22+OR+%22JOB%2fMA%2f101%2fRev.2%2f*%22&Language=ENGLISH&SearchPage=FE_S_S001&languageUIChanged=true)) and the background note on the previous Decision on notification procedures for QRs ([JOB/MA/6](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=%22JOB%2fMA%2f6%22+OR+%22JOB%2fMA%2f6%2f*%22&Language=ENGLISH&SearchPage=FE_S_S001&languageUIChanged=true)).

The report provides factual information on the contents of the QR notifications that have been received as of 14 April 2023, including: i) an overview of the QRs in force by notifying Member; ii) the trade flows (i.e. imports or exports) affected and types of measures used; iii) the types of products affected; and iv) the legal justifications mentioned by Members.

# Factual information on QR Notifications

The QR Decision provides that the notification of quantitative restrictions[[4]](#footnote-4) in force shall be based on a specific format contained in its Annex 1. This Annex requires Members to provide the following information for each QR: i) a general description of the QR; ii) the type of restriction (based on the symbols in Annex 2); iii) the tariff line codes of the products covered, including the HS version used; iv) the detailed product description for the corresponding tariff line(s); v) the legal justification for maintaining the measure; vi) the national legal basis for the QR, including its entry into force and the date it ceased to be in force, if known; and vii) Member's comments, administration of the restriction or modification of a previously notified measure.[[5]](#footnote-5)

## Notification of QRs

As of 14 April 2023, 59 Members[[6]](#footnote-6) have submitted notifications of QRs in force for some or all the biennial periods (2012-2014, 2014-2016, 2016-2018, 2018-2020, 2020-2022 and/or 2022-2024), which represents an increase of one Member since the last report. Of the 59 notifying Members, 16 have submitted notifications for all biennial periods, whereas 12 Members have submitted information for one biennial period only. Thus far, 25 Members have notified information for the current (2022‑2024) biennial period. The QR Decision also allows Members to notify changes to their measures, which are usually circulated as addenda to the initial notification. To date, 30 Members have notified changes to their measures, that is almost 50% of those that have at least notified once. It shall be noted that many of these notifications of changes relate to measures adopted by Members in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, especially in the biennial period 2020-2022.[[7]](#footnote-7) No "reverse" notification has been received to date.[[8]](#footnote-8) The complete list of notifications submitted by Members until the date of this report is provided in the Annex. Given that not all Members notified quantitative restrictions, it should be noted that the summary information provided in this report is not necessarily representative of the universe of QRs being implemented by all WTO Members.

According to the QR Database, the 59 notifying Members maintain a total of 1926 QRs that account for 2406 measures. The terms "QR" and "measure" are used to identify two different concepts in this report, which is explained by the fact that each notified QR may be enforced through more than one measure. For example, one QR could involve a conditional prohibition that is administered through a non-automatic licence procedure. For purposes of this report, this QR will be counted as two different measures.

To avoid duplication in the analysis, the calculations are based on the QRs of the 59 notifying Members that are currently in force (1246 QRs resulting in 1702 measures). In other words, if for example, a Member made a first notification for the biennial period 2012-2014, and subsequently notified the same measures for the other biennial periods and these measures are still in force, they are counted only once. In addition, all QRs whose termination has been notified are not analysed in the report. Since other variables may also have "one-to-many" relationships, the total number of measures/QRs varies for each of the charts shown below.

## Type of restriction used and affected trade flows

The QR Decision provides that Members shall notify all QRs in force, irrespective of whether they affect imports or exports. In addition, paragraph 2(ii) requires Members to provide a "precise indication of the type of restriction imposed using the symbols contained in Annex 2". Where the restriction cannot be classified under one of those symbols, then a full description of the measure shall be provided by the Member in the notification.[[9]](#footnote-9)

Chart 1 shows that of the 1702 measures currently in force, 59% of them consist of import measures while the remaining 41% are export measures. In terms of the specific types of measures that have been notified, most of them are:

* Non-automatic licensing procedures (NAL), of which 300 measures apply to exports and 400 to imports;
* Prohibitions (e.g. bans of certain products) (P), of which 203 apply to exports and 363 to imports; and
* Prohibitions except under defined conditions (i.e. conditional prohibitions) (CP), of which 169 apply to exports and 219 apply to imports.

Quotas[[10]](#footnote-10), either global (GQ), allocated by country (GQC) or bilateral quotas (BQ), as well as quantitative restrictions made effective through state-trading operations (STR) represent a small percentage of the total number of notified measures.

Chart 1: Number of measures notified, by type of restriction and affected trade flow



Source: WTO QR database based on notifications received. The abbreviations refer to the symbols used in the QR Decision (Annex 2).

## Types of products affected

Paragraphs (iii) and (iv) of the QR Decision require Members to provide specific information on the tariff line code of the products affected by the QR, namely: i) a detailed description of the tariff line(s) or parts of the tariff line(s) affected, together with an indication of the Harmonised System (HS) version on which the codes are based; and ii) a detailed description of the product(s) covered by the QR. It is further specified that "Members shall make an effort to be precise in those cases where the restriction only covers part of an HS sub-heading, i.e. only part of a six-digit code".

Overall, the 1246 QRs used in the calculations relate to the complete universe of HS Chapters in the dataset, while in several cases specific information on the relevant HS codes was not provided. These cases make up approximately 26% of the notified QRs.

Chart 2 shows the ten HS Chapters most frequently referred to in the QR notifications. The calculation was based on the tariff codes provided in the notifications, including cases with partial information. Chapter 29 (Organic chemicals) is the one with the highest number of notified QR measures, followed by Chapter 38 (Miscellaneous chemical products) and Chapter 30 (Pharmaceutical products).

Chart 2: Top-ten HS Chapters affected by QR measures



Source: WTO QR database based on notifications received.

## WTO justification

Paragraph 2(v) of the QR Decision requires Members to provide "an indication of the grounds and WTO justification for the measures maintained […] and the precise WTO provisions", which is indicative in nature and provided by Members for transparency purposes only.[[11]](#footnote-11) Although Members have most frequently cited at least one provision from the GATT 1994 (95% of the justifications in the dataset), they have also mentioned other legal instruments such as waivers, the Agreement on Safeguards, provisions in Protocols of Accessions and the TRIPS Agreement. On the other hand, there are 45 QRs where no specific provision has been cited.

Chart 3 shows that the GATT 1994 was the most frequently cited WTO Agreement in the dataset. Under this Agreement, the "General Exceptions" of Article XX were the most frequently used: 1099 QRs, or 78% of the total. Particularly relevant is the reference to paragraph b of Article XX, which refers to measures "necessary to protect human, animal or plant life or health", which was cited for almost 49% of the QRs in the dataset. The "Security Exceptions" of Article XXI was referred to as justification for 193 (or 14%) of the QRs. Besides the GATT 1994, Members have also referred to a lesser extent to other legal justifications, such as the "Kimberly Process" Waiver[[12]](#footnote-12) (18 QRs).

There are several cases where the reference has been made to an Article in general without providing further details (e.g. there have been 83 cases where the Member simply stated "Article XX"), or where the justification closely resembles one of the general exceptions in the GATT, but no specific provision was cited (e.g. "protection of animal life and the environment").

Chart 3: Number of QRs notified, by WTO provision cited as justification



Source: WTO QR database based on notifications received.

## Other justifications mentioned

Paragraph (v) of the QR Decision requires Members to provide an indication of the grounds for the measures maintained, including "any relevant international commitment where appropriate". Several notifications have provided information on other agreements, conventions or treatments, but Members have taken different approaches. While some Members have included very detailed information, others have not included information about them despite being parties to those international conventions.

Table 1 shows the number of QRs that have made reference to international agreements. The most frequently cited international conventions in the notifications include CITES, the Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer, the Basel Convention on Hazardous Wastes, the Stockholm and Rotterdam Conventions as well as the main three UN Conventions on narcotics and psychotropic substances, among others.

Table 1: Number of QRs in the top-15 other justifications cited in the notifications

| Other justification | No. of QRs |
| --- | --- |
| Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)  | 59 |
| Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer,1987 | 54 |
| Basel Convention | 39 |
| Stockholm Convention on Persistent Organic Pollutants,2001 | 36 |
| Rotterdam Convention  | 36 |
| United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, 1988 | 26 |
| Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs,1961 | 25 |
| Convention on psychotropic substances. 1971 | 23 |
| Minamata Convention on Mercury | 16 |
| Chemical Weapons Convention  | 14 |
| Wassenaar Arrangement | 13 |
| Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer,1985 | 12 |
| UNESCO Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property | 6 |
| UN Security Council Resolutions  | 5 |
| UN Convention on Climate Change | 5 |

Source: WTO Secretariat based on QR notifications.

## Other elements in the notifications

Paragraph 2(vii) of the QR Decision allows Members to provide information on, *inter alia*, the manner in which the restriction is administered, and whether it is applied on a MFN basis or to the trade with one or more trading partners. For example, about two thirds of the measures in the dataset include information on how the measure is administered, or about which are the responsible entities, what is the expected duration of the measures, etc. It is worth mentioning that since 2020 there has been an improvement in the quality of the information provided, with more Members indicating, for example, the effective duration of certain measures as well as how certain restrictions are administered or providing weblinks to the national legal basis. Several notifications provided information on QR measures that impose prohibitions or restrictions on specific partners, which are often related to Resolutions by the UN Security Council, or more recently to COVID-19.

## Cross-reference to other WTO notifications

Since several measures are already subject to other specific notification requirements under different WTO Agreements, and with the goal of avoiding unnecessary duplication, the QR Decision allows Members to make cross-references to notifications to other Committees.[[13]](#footnote-13) In this regard, Members can include a cross-reference to notifications made pursuant to the Agreement on Agriculture, Agreement on Balance of Payments, Agreement on Safeguards, Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures (only non-automatic licensing procedures), and other agreements.[[14]](#footnote-14) For example, considering all QR notifications received since 2012, 11% of QRs make reference to notifications of the Committee on Import Licensing. Section 2 of the notification format allows Members to include information required by paragraph 2 of the QR notification that is not included in the notification to other Committees.

# **AnnexList of QR notifications submitted as of 14 April 2023**

| **Member** | **Biennial period**  | **Document symbol** | **Type** | **Notification date** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Afghanistan | 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/AFG/1 | Complete | 29/07/2016 |
| 2016-2018/ 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/AFG/2 | Complete | 27/09/2019 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/AFG/3 | Complete | 15/12/2020 |
| Albania | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/ALB/1 | Complete | 20/11/2018 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/ALB/1/Add.1 | Changes | 17/03/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/ALB/1/Add.2 | Changes | 02/11/2021 |
| Argentina | 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/ARG/1 | Complete | 16/04/2018 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/ARG/1/Rev.1 | Complete | 16/04/2018 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/ARG/1/Rev.2 | Complete | 18/07/2018 |
| 2018-2020/ 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/ARG/2 | Complete | 21/01/2021 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/ARG/3 | Complete | 14/09/2022 |
| Australia | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/1 | Complete | 19/10/2012 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/2 | Complete | 15/01/2015 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/3 | Complete | 28/07/2017 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/3/Add.1G/MA/QR/N/AUS/3/Add.1/Corr.1 | Changes | 09/04/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/4 | Complete | 07/05/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/4/Add.1 | Changes | 15/06/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/4/Add.2 | Changes | 07/09/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/4/Add.3 | Changes | 18/12/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/5 | Complete | 30/09/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/5/Add.1 | Changes | 17/05/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/5/Add.2G/MA/QR/N/AUS/5/Add.2/Corr.1 | Changes | 20/07/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/5/Add.3 | Changes | 17/02/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/5/Add.4 | Changes | 06/07/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/5/Add.5 | Changes | 22/02/2023 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/AUS/6 | Complete | 28/09/2022 |
| Bahrain, Kingdom of | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/BHR/1/Rev.1G/MA/QR/N/BHR/1/Rev.1/Corr.1 | Complete | 24/09/2019 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/BHR/1/Rev.1/Add.1 | Changes | 24/03/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/BHR/1/Rev.1/Add.2 | Changes | 19/04/2021 |
| Bangladesh | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/BGD/1G/MA/QR/N/BGD/1/Corr.1 | Complete | 14/04/2020 |
| Brazil | 2012-2014/ 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/BRA/1 | Complete | 22/08/2016 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/BRA/2 | Complete | 21/09/2018 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/BRA/2/Add.1 | Changes | 27/05/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/BRA/2/Add.2 | Changes | 11/01/2021 |
| Cambodia | 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KHM/1 | Complete\* | 22/07/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KHM/1/Add.1 | Changes | 30/05/2022 |
| Canada | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/CAN/1 | Complete | 07/11/2012 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/CAN/2 | Complete | 23/10/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/CAN/3 | Complete | 30/09/2016 |
| 2018-2020/ 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/CAN/4 | Complete | 30/09/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/CAN/4/Add.1 | Changes | 15/12/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/CAN/4/Add.2 | Changes | 13/12/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/CAN/4/Add.3 | Changes | 01/04/2022 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/CAN/5 | Complete | 30/09/2022 |
| China | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/CHN/1 | Complete | 08/04/2015 |
| 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/CHN/2 | Complete | 08/04/2015 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/CHN/3 | Complete | 08/04/2015 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/CHN/4 | Complete | 29/01/2019 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/CHN/4/Rev.1 | Complete | 29/01/2019 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/CHN/5 | Complete | 29/01/2019 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/CHN/5/Rev.1 | Complete | 29/01/2019 |
|  | 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/CHN/6 | Complete | 15/10/2021 |
| Colombia | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/COL/1 | Complete\* | 01/04/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/COL/1/Add.1 | Changes | 03/06/2020 |
| 2018-2020/ 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/COL/1/Add.2 | Complete | 15/01/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/COL/1/Add.3 | Changes | 25/01/2022 |
| Costa Rica | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/CRI/1 G/MA/QR/N/CRI/1/Corr.1 | Complete | 30/09/2012 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/CRI/2 | Complete | 23/10/2014 |
| 2016-2018/ 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/CRI/3 | Complete | 22/10/2018 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/CRI/3/Add.1 | Changes | 15/04/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/CRI/3/Add.2 | Changes | 01/07/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/CRI/4 | Complete | 30/09/2020 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/CRI/5 | Complete | 31/01/2023 |
| Côte d'Ivoire | 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/CIV/1 | Complete | 18/08/2014 |
| Cuba | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/CUB/1 | Complete | 07/01/2013 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/CUB/2 | Complete | 24/09/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/CUB/3 | Complete | 01/09/2016 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/CUB/3/Rev.1 | Complete | 14/07/2017 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/CUB/4 | Complete | 04/09/2018 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/CUB/5 | Complete | 12/10/2020 |
| Ecuador  | 2018-20202020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/ECU/1 | Complete\* | 13/04/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/ECU/1/Add.1 | Changes  | 15/06/2021 |
| Egypt | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/EGY/1 | Complete | 13/04/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/EGY/1/Rev.1 | Complete | 22/04/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/EGY/1/Rev.1/Add.1 | Changes | 22/06/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/EGY/1/Rev.1/Add.2 | Changes | 07/12/2020 |
| El Salvador | 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/SLV/1 | Complete\* | 23/09/2021 |
| European Union | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/1 | Complete | 24/04/2013 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/2 | Complete | 09/10/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/3 | Complete | 17/01/2017 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/4 | Complete | 28/09/2018 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/4/Add.1 | Changes | 07/04/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/4/Add.2 | Changes | 05/05/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/4/Add.3 | Changes | 10/06/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/5 | Complete | 28/09/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/5/Add.1 | Changes | 04/02/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/5/Add.2 | Changes | 16/03/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/5/Add.3 | Changes | 29/03/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/5/Add.4 | Changes | 10/05/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/5/Add.5 | Changes | 08/07/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/5/Add.6 | Changes | 15/07/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/5/Add.7 | Changes | 07/10/2021 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/EU/6 | Complete | 30/09/2022 |
| The Gambia | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/GMB/1 | Complete\* | 22/09/2021 |
| Georgia | 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/GEO/1 | Complete | 25/03/2014 |
| 2016-2018/ 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/GEO/2 | Complete | 20/12/2019 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/GEO/2/Add.1 | Changes | 14/04/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/GEO/2/Add.2 | Changes | 14/07/2020 |
| 2020-2022/2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/GEO/3 | Complete | 07/10/2022 |
| Hong Kong, China | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/HKG/1 | Complete | 28/09/2012 |
| 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/HKG/1/Add.1 | Changes | 30/04/2013 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/HKG/2 | Complete | 30/09/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/HKG/3 | Complete | 23/09/2016 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/HKG/4 | Complete | 28/09/2018 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/HKG/5 | Complete | 28/10/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/HKG/5/Add.1 | Changes | 25/03/2022 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/HKG/6 | Complete | 28/09/2022 |
| India | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/IND/1 | Complete | 01/10/2013 |
| 2014-2016/ 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/IND/2 | Complete | 06/06/2018 |
| 2014-2016/ 2016-2018/ 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/IND/2/Add.1 | Complete | 17/04/2019 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/IND/3 | Complete | 29/09/2021 |
| Israel  | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/ISR/1 | Complete | 04/05/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/ISR/1/Add.1 | Changes | 09/06/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/ISR/1/Add.2 | Changes | 01/11/2020 |
| 2020-2022/2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/ISR/2 | Complete | 03/10/2022 |
| Japan | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/JPN/1 | Complete | 22/01/2013 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/JPN/2 | Complete | 15/01/2015 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/JPN/2/Rev.1 | Complete | 15/01/2015 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/JPN/3 | Complete | 30/09/2016 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/JPN/4 | Complete | 28/09/2018 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/JPN/5 | Complete | 30/09/2020 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/JPN/6 | Complete | 10/01/2023 |
| Kazakhstan | 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/KAZ/1G/MA/QR/N/KAZ/1/Corr.1 | Complete | 03/05/2017 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/KAZ/2 | Complete | 10/12/2018 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/KAZ/2/Rev.1 | Complete | 21/01/2019 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KAZ/3 | Complete | 10/09/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KAZ/3/Rev.1 | Complete | 13/04/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KAZ/3/Rev.2 | Complete | 07/05/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KAZ/3/Rev.2/Add.1 | Changes | 19/10/2021 |
| Korea, Rep. of | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/1 | Complete | 15/10/2012 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/2 | Complete | 27/09/2019 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/2/Add.1G/MA/QR/N/KOR/2/Add.1/Corr.1 | Changes | 10/04/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/2/Add.2 | Changes | 17/06/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/2/Add.3 | Changes | 10/07/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/2/Add.4 | Changes | 20/08/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/2/Add.5 | Changes | 15/09/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/3 | Complete | 09/10/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/3/Add.1 | Changes | 23/10/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/3/Add.2 | Changes | 07/12/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/3/Add.3 | Changes | 29/03/2022 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/KOR/4 | Complete | 30/09/2022 |
| Kyrgyz Republic | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1  | Complete\* | 22/07/2019 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.1 | Changes | 23/03/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.2 | Changes | 21/12/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.3 | Changes | 06/01/2021 |
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| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.7 | Changes | 09/04/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.8 | Changes | 24/05/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.9 | Changes | 05/07/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.10 | Changes | 20/08/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.11 | Changes | 01/12/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.12 | Changes | 10/01/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.13 | Changes | 14/01/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.14 | Changes | 26/01/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.15 | Changes | 22/02/2022 |
|  | 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.16 | Changes | 22/03/2022 |
|  | 2020-2022/2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.17 | Changes | 16/08/2022 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.18 | Changes | 27/10/2022 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.19 | Changes | 11/11/2022 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.20 | Changes | 20/01/2023 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.21 | Changes | 02/02/2023 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.22 | Changes | 17/02/2023 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.23 | Changes | 06/03/2023 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/KGZ/1/Add.24 | Changes | 24/03/2023 |
| Lao PDR | 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/LAO/1 | Complete | 12/10/2014 |
| Macao, China | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/MAC/1 | Complete | 01/09/2012 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/MAC/2 | Complete | 01/08/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/MAC/3 | Complete | 17/06/2016 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/MAC/4 | Complete | 14/08/2018 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/MAC/5 | Complete | 18/06/2020 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/MAC/6 | Complete | 28/09/2022 |
| Malaysia  | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/MYS/1 | Complete | 30/09/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/MYS/1/Add.1 | Changes | 21/09/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/MYS/2 | Complete | 11/10/2022 |
| Maldives  | 2014-2016/ 2016-2018/ 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/MDV/1 | Complete | 30/10/2019 |
| Mali | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/MLI/1 | Complete | 05/05/2013 |
| 2014-2016/ 2016-2018/ 2018-2020/2020-2022/2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/MLI/2 | Complete | 29/07/2022 |
| Mauritius | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/MUS/1 | Complete | 30/10/2014 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/MUS/2 | Complete | 16/09/2016 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/MUS/3 | Complete | 09/03/2017 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/MUS/4 | Complete | 03/09/2018 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/MUS/5 | Complete | 18/09/2020 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/MUS/6 | Complete | 27/09/2022 |
| Mexico | 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/MEX/1 | Complete | 22/07/2016 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/MEX/1/Rev.1 | Complete | 26/07/2016 |
| Moldova, Republic of  | 2012-2014/ 2014-2016/ 2016-2018/ 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/MDA/1 | Complete | 26/05/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/MDA/1/Add.1 | Changes | 26/05/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/MDA/1/Add.2 | Changes | 15/10/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/MDA/2 | Complete | 07/09/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/MDA/2/Add.1 | Changes | 22/11/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/MDA/2/Add.2 | Changes | 28/02/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/MDA/2/Add.3 | Changes | 27/07/2022 |
| Montenegro  | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/MNE/1 | Complete | 05/11/20190 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/MNE/2 | Complete | 23/09/2020 |
| Nepal | 2020-2022/2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/NPL/1 | Complete | 30/09/2022 |
| New Zealand | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/NZL/1 | Complete | 12/10/2012 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/NZL/2 | Complete | 01/10/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/NZL/3 | Complete | 14/05/2018 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/NZL/4 | Complete | 25/10/2019 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/NZL/5 | Complete | 18/03/2021 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/NZL/6 | Complete | 22/12/2022 |
| Nicaragua | 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/NIC/1 | Complete | 22/09/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/NIC/2 | Complete | 14/11/2016 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/NIC/3 | Complete | 30/09/2018 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/NIC/4 | Complete | 03/11/2020 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/NIC/5 | Complete | 30/09/2022 |
| North Macedonia  | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/MKD/1 | Complete | 31/03/2020 |
| Norway | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/NOR/1 | Complete | 06/05/2019 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/NOR/1/Add.1 | Changes | 03/06/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/NOR/2 | Complete | 30/03/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/NOR/2/Add.1 | Changes  | 10/05/2021 |
| Paraguay  | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/PRY/1G/MA/QR/N/PRY/1/Corr.1 | Complete\* | 11/05/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/PRY/1/Add.1 | Changes | 26/05/2020 |
| Peru | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/PER/1 | Complete | 28/08/2013 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/PER/2 | Changes | 19/06/2020 |
| Philippines | 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/PHL/1 | Complete | 19/05/2015 |
| 2014-2016/ 2016-2018/ 2018-2020/2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/PHL/2G/MA/QR/N/PHL/2/Corr.1 | Complete | 23/02/2021 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/PHL/3 | Complete | 10/02/2023 |
| Russian Federation | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/RUS/1G/MA/QR/N/RUS/1/Corr.1 | Complete | 14/09/2012 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/RUS/2 | Complete | 18/09/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/RUS/3G/MA/QR/N/RUS/3/Corr.1 | Complete | 27/09/2016 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/RUS/4 | Complete | 07/05/2019 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/RUS/5 | Complete | 21/10/2021 |
| Saudi Arabia, Kingdom of  | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/SAU/1 | Complete\* | 24/04/2020 |
| Seychelles | 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/SYC/1 | Complete | 10/01/2018 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/SYC/2 | Complete | 08/02/2021 |
| Singapore | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/SGP/1 | Complete | 06/05/2013 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/SGP/2 | Complete | 15/04/2015 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/SGP/3 | Complete | 22/05/2017 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/SGP/4 | Complete | 21/11/2018 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/SGP/5 | Complete | 12/10/2020 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/SGP/6 | Complete | 11/04/2023 |
| Switzerland-Liechtenstein[[15]](#footnote-15)  | 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/CHE/1 | Complete | 11/03/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/CHE/2 | Complete | 10/07/2017 |
| 2018-2020/ 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/CHE/3 | Complete | 13/07/2020 |
| Chinese Taipei | 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/TPKM/1 | Complete | 29/09/2014 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/TPKM/1/Add.1 | Changes | 18/11/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/TPKM/2 | Complete | 21/07/2016 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/TPKM/3 | Complete | 03/10/2018 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/TPKM/4 | Complete | 24/09/2020 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/TPKM/5 | Complete | 13/09/2022 |
| Thailand | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/THA/1G/MA/QR/N/THA/1/Corr.1 | Complete | 22/10/2012 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/THA/2 | Complete | 06/11/2018 |
| 2014-2016/ 2016-2018/ 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/Add.1 | Complete | 28/03/2019 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/Add.2 | Changes | 27/03/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/Add.3 | Changes | 02/04/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/Add.4 | Changes | 18/05/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/Add.5 | Changes | 05/01/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/Add.6 | Changes | 08/02/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/THA/2/Add.7 | Changes | 28/04/2022 |
| 2020-2022/2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/THA/3 | Complete | 30/09/2022 |
| Tonga | 2018-2020/ 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/TON/1 | Complete | 22/01/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/TON/1/Add.1 | Changes | 06/08/2021 |
| Türkiye | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/TUR/1G/MA/QR/N/TUR/1/Corr.1 | Complete | 30/09/2012 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/TUR/2G/MA/QR/N/TUR/2/Corr.1 | Complete | 30/10/2019 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/TUR/2/Add.1 | Changes | 08/04/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/TUR/2/Add.2 | Changes | 04/10/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/TUR/2/Add.3 | Complete | 16/11/2021 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/TUR/2/Add.4 | Changes | 03/03/2023 |
| Ukraine | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/1 | Complete | 02/10/2012 |
| 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/1/Add.1 | Changes | 30/04/2013 |
| 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/1/Add.2 | Changes | 20/08/2013 |
| 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/1/Add.3 | Changes | 17/12/2013 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/2 | Complete | 16/09/2015 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/2/Rev.1 | Complete | 18/11/2015 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/3 | Complete | 06/09/2016 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/3/Add.1G/MA/QR/N/UKR/3/Add.1/Corr.1 | Changes | 16/02/2017 |
| 2016-2018/ 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/4 | Complete | 11/10/2018 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/4/Add.1 | Changes | 11/03/2019 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/4/Add.2 | Changes | 26/03/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/4/Add.3 | Changes | 13/04/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/4/Add.4 | Changes | 15/05/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/4/Add.5 | Changes | 05/06/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/4/Add.6 | Changes | 06/07/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/5 | Complete | 15/10/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/5/Add.1 | Changes | 22/09/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/5/Add.2 | Changes | 23/03/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/5/Add.3 | Changes | 25/03/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/5/Add.4 | Changes | 19/04/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/5/Add.5 | Changes | 18/05/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/5/Add.6 | Changes | 04/07/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/5/Add.7 | Changes | 14/07/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/5/Add.8 | Changes | 28/07/2022 |
| 2020-2022/2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/5/Add.9 | Changes | 26/09/2022 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/6 | Complete  | 27/09/2022 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/6/Add.1 | Changes | 13/10/2022 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/6/Add.2 | Changes | 22/11/2022 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/6/Add.3 | Changes | 09/12/2022 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/UKR/6/Add.4 | Changes | 30/01/2023 |
| United Kingdom | 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/GBR/1 | Complete | 14/04/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/GBR/1/Add.1 | Changes | 17/02/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/GBR/1/Add.2 | Changes | 03/08/2022 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/GBR/1/Add.3 | Changes | 01/09/2022 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/GBR/2 | Complete | 30/09/2022 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/GBR/2/Add.1 | Changes  | 03/01/2023 |
| United States | 2012-2014 | G/MA/QR/N/USA/1 | Complete | 03/10/2012 |
| 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/USA/2 | Complete | 30/09/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/USA/3 | Complete | 30/09/2016 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/USA/4 | Complete | 30/09/2018 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/USA/4/Add.1 | Changes | 13/05/2020 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/USA/4/Add.2 | Changes | 31/08/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/USA/5 | Complete | 01/10/2020 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/USA/5/Add.1 | Changes | 28/01/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/USA/5/Add.2 | Changes | 13/09/2021 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/USA/5/Add.3 | Changes | 17/03/2023 |
| 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/USA/6 | Complete | 01/10/2022 |
| Uruguay | 2014-2016 | G/MA/QR/N/URY/1 | Complete | 08/01/2014 |
| 2016-2018 | G/MA/QR/N/URY/2 | Complete | 04/11/2016 |
| 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/URY/3 | Complete | 21/10/2019 |
| 2020-2022 | G/MA/QR/N/URY/4 | Complete | 17/07/2020 |
|  | 2022-2024 | G/MA/QR/N/URY/4/Add.1 | Changes | 17/03/2023 |
| Viet Nam | 2018-2020 | G/MA/QR/N/VNM/1 | Complete\* | 03/08/2020 |

\*: Notifications that do not provide a full list of QRs in force.

Source: WTO Secretariat based on notifications received until 14 April 2023.

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1. This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and is without prejudice to the positions of Members or to their rights and obligations under the WTO. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Decision of Council for Trade in Goods of 3 July 2012, [G/L/59/Rev.1](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=g%2fl%2f59%2frev.1&Language=ENGLISH&SearchPage=FE_S_S001&languageUIChanged=true). [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Paragraph 7 of the QR Decision [G/L/59/Rev.1](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=g%2fl%2f59%2frev.1&Language=ENGLISH&SearchPage=FE_S_S001&languageUIChanged=true) provides that "notifications made pursuant to this Decision shall be compiled by the Secretariat in a new database, which shall be made accessible to the public. If a notification lacks any of the elements described in paragraph 2, the Secretariat shall include the notification in the database and inform the Member concerned of the missing information". The QR database is available at: <https://qr.wto.org> . [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. The term "quantitative restriction" is not clearly defined. Several legal provisions under the WTO Agreement deal with such measures, including Article XI:1 of the GATT 1994 (general elimination of quantitative restrictions). For an overview of the WTO provisions addressing QRs see document [JOB/MA/6](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=%22JOB%2fMA%2f6%22+OR+%22JOB%2fMA%2f6%2f*%22&Language=ENGLISH&SearchPage=FE_S_S001&languageUIChanged=true). [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. Paragraph 2 of [G/L/59/Rev.1](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=g%2fl%2f59%2frev.1&Language=ENGLISH&SearchPage=FE_S_S001&languageUIChanged=true). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. The European Union member States are counted as one. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. See [G/MA/W/157](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=G%2fMA%2fW%2f157*&Language=ENGLISH&SearchPage=FE_S_S001&languageUIChanged=true) and [G/MA/W/168](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=G%2fMA%2fW%2f168*&Language=ENGLISH&SearchPage=FE_S_S001&languageUIChanged=true) document series. [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. Paragraph 5 of the QR Decision states that Members shall be free to make reverse notifications of measures maintained by other Members. They shall use the format in Annex 1 and complete all the information required. These notifications will be included in the agenda of the Committee on Market Access and the Member subject to reverse notification will have two months to comment in writing. In the absence of such a comment within the two months, the Secretariat shall include the reverse information in the database. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. Footnote 5 of the [G/L/59/Rev.1](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=%22G%2fL%2f59%2fRev.1%22+OR+%22G%2fL%2f59%2fRev.1%2f*%22&Language=ENGLISH&SearchPage=FE_S_S001&languageUIChanged=true) specifies that such list is "not intended to define or harmonize the concept of quantitative restrictions under the WTO". [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. A quota is a restriction (i.e. an absolute volume) on the amount of a good that may be imported by, or exported from, a country. It should not be confused with a "tariff quota" or "tariff rate quota" (TRQ), which consist in the application of a reduced tariff rate (i.e. in-quota duty) for a specified quantity of imported goods; imports above this specified quantity face a higher tariff rate (i.e. out-of-quota duty). TRQs are commonly used for agricultural products. Footnote 1 of the QR Decision explicitly excludes TRQs from its scope. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. Footnote 3 of [G/L/59/Rev.1](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=%22G%2fL%2f59%2fRev.1%22+OR+%22G%2fL%2f59%2fRev.1%2f*%22&Language=ENGLISH&SearchPage=FE_S_S001&languageUIChanged=true) provides inter alia that the "justification is provided for transparency purposes only and is therefore indicative. It shall not prejudice any legal position a Member may take on the particular measure that the justification is intended to cover." [↑](#footnote-ref-11)
12. Kimberly Process Certification Scheme for Rough Diamonds, see [WT/L/1039](https://docs.wto.org/dol2fe/Pages/FE_Search/FE_S_S006.aspx?MetaCollection=WTO&SymbolList=%22WT%2fL%2f1039%22+OR+%22WT%2fL%2f1039%2f*%22&Language=ENGLISH&SearchPage=FE_S_S001&languageUIChanged=true). [↑](#footnote-ref-12)
13. Paragraph 3 of the QR Decision. [↑](#footnote-ref-13)
14. Section 2 of Annex1 to the QR Decision. [↑](#footnote-ref-14)
15. Due to the customs union between Liechtenstein and Switzerland, notifications of Switzerland under this Decision should be taken to cover also Liechtenstein. See G/MA/QR/N/LIE/1-3. [↑](#footnote-ref-15)