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.

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| **A. Notifying Member:**  United States |
| **B. Date of notification:** 1 October 2020 |
| **C. First time notification:**  Yes  No, last notification was made in (doc. symbol): G/MA/QR/N/USA/4/Add.2 |
| **D. Type of notification:**  1. Complete (i.e. notification of all quantitative restrictions in force)  2. Changes to a notification previously made in (doc. symbol) which are of the following nature:  2.1 Introduction of new restrictions, as listed in Section 1.  2.2 Elimination of restrictions, as described in G below.  2.3 Modification of a previously notified restriction, as described in Section 1.  3. Reverse notification of restrictions maintained by (Member): |
| **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[[1]](#footnote-1)\* 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.** |

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

| **QR**  **No.** | **General description of the restriction** | **Type of restriction** | **Tariff line code(s) affected, based on HS(2017)** | **Detailed Product Description** | **WTO Justification and Grounds for Restriction, e.g., Other International Commitments** | **National legal basis and entry into force** | **Administration, modification of previously notified measures, and other comments** |
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| **1** | **2** | **3** | **4** | **5** | **6** | **7** |
| **1** | Prohibition of log exports from state and Federal lands in the contiguous 48 states west of the 100th 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 | P | 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 using purse seine fishing gear in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean | CP | 0303.42.0020,  0303.42.0040,  0303.42.0060,  0304.87.0000, 0304.99.1190,  0511.91.0090, 1604.14.1010, 1604.14.1099, 1604.14.2291, 1604.14.2299, 1604.14.3091, 1604.14.3099  1604.14.4000,  1604.14.5000,  1604.20.1000,  1604.20.1500,  1604.20.2000,  1604.20.2500,  1604.20.3000,  2309.10.0010 | Yellowfin tuna and products thereof | Protection of human, animal or plant life or health, *inter alia* | Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, Section 101 (16 U.S.C. 1371) | Administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National 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), Trichechus manatus (West Indian manatee), Trichechus inunguis (Amazonian manatee), Trichechus senegalensis (West African manatee), Lutra felina (Marine otter)) and any parts and products thereof | 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 |
| **6** | Prohibition on the importation of certain toxic substances | CP | Various | Certain toxic substances, listed at <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/import-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 | CP | Various | Certain ozone-depleting substances, listed at: <http://www.epa.gov/ozone/title6/imports.html> | Protection of human, animal or plant life or health, *inter alia* | Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990 (42 U.S.C. 7671o) | 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, transported or sold in violation of relevant U.S. or foreign laws. | 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 |
| **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, or to wildlife or the wildlife resources of the United States, with some exceptions. | CP | 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, *inter alia* | 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 |
| **11** | Prohibition on the importation and exportation of endangered and threatened species | CP  CP-X | Various | Various species listed at:  http://www.fws.gov/endangered/species/us-species.html  and  <http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/SpeciesReport.do?lead=10&listingType=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/eng/resources/ref/suspend.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, *inter alia* | Mercury Export Ban Act (15 U.S.C. 2611) | Administered by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; 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, *inter alia* | African Elephant Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4201 *et seq.*) | 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 | CP | 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 |
| **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 |
| **24** | Temporary export authorization for certain personal protective equipment (PPE) | NAL-X | ex 6307.90.9995  ex 6307.90.9995  ex 4015.11.0100  ex 4015.19.0002 | (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;  (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 | 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: <https://www.govinfo.gov/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 | 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 6210.10  ex 6210.40  ex 6210.50 | gloves intended for the same purposes; and  (d) Level 3 and 4 Surgical Gowns and  Surgical Isolation Gowns that meet all of  the requirements in ANSI/AAMI PB70  and ASTM F2407–06 and are classified  by Surgical Gown Barrier Performance  based on AAMI PB70. |  | Threatened Health and Medical Resources for Domestic Use; Exemptions”  Published 21 April 2020 in 85 FR 22021.  Available at: <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2020-04-21/pdf/2020-08542.pdf>  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  No

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

| **Document symbol of notification** | **General description** | **Type of restr.** | **Tariff line code(s) affected, based on HS(2017)** | **Detailed Product Description** | **WTO Justification and Grounds for Restriction, e.g., Other International Commitments** | **National legal basis and entry into force** | **Administration; modification of prev. notified measures; and other comments** |
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**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:

| **Document symbol of notification** | **General description** | **Type of restr.** | **Tariff line code(s) affected, based on HS(2017)** | **Detailed Product Description** | **WTO Justification and Grounds for Restriction, e.g., Other International Commitments** | **National legal basis and entry into force** | **Administration; modification of prev. notified measures; and other comments** |
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**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:

| **Document symbol of notification** | **General description** | **Type of restr.** | **Tariff line code(s) affected, based on HS(2017)** | **Detailed Product Description** | **WTO Justification and Grounds for Restriction, e.g., Other International Commitments** | **National legal basis and entry into force** | **Administration; modification of prev. notified measures; and other comments** |
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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  No

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

| **Document symbol of notification** | **General description** | **Type of restr.** | **Tariff line code(s) affected, based on HS(2017)** | **Detailed Product Description** | **WTO Justification and Grounds for Restriction, e.g., Other International Commitments** | **National legal basis and entry into force** | **Administration; modification of prev. notified measures; and other comments** |
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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  No

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

| **Document symbol of notification** | **General description** | **Type of restr.** | **Tariff line code(s) affected, based on HS(2007)** | **Detailed Product Description** | **WTO Justification and Grounds for Restriction, e.g., Other International Commitments** | **National legal basis and entry into force** | **Administration; modification of prev. notified measures; and other comments** |
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1. \* In English only. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)