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14. The application of quantitative import restrictions (frequently in discriminatory form and sometimes amounting to complete embargoes) was found to be particularly widespread. For example, the secretariat estimates of the area of international trade covered by non-tariff measures (COM.II/86/Add.7/Rev.1) show that of the total butter and cheese production in the countries examined, 84 per cent and 59 per cent respectively were subject to protection by quantitative import restrictions. For sugar 52 per cent of production was subject to quantitative restriction, and for wheat 87 per cent of production was subject to these measures. Of thirty-four countries examined, more than two thirds were found to apply quantitative restrictions to imports of all or some types of meat; fish, cereals, dairy products, vegetable oils and on sugar.