1. No prohibition or restriction shall be imposed by any member pursuant to this Section on the importation of any product of any other member country, or on the exportation of any product destined for any other member country, unless the importation of the like product to all third countries, respectively is similarly prohibited or restricted.

2. Any member imposing such quotas allots a share of the total quantity or value to any other country having an important interest in the trade in the product with respect to which an allotment has been made, shares based upon the proportion of the total quantity or values supplied by such member countries during a previous representative period, account being taken in so far as practicable of any special factors which may have affected or which may be affecting the trade in that product.

3. No conditions or formalities shall be imposed which would prevent any member country from fully utilizing the share of any such total quantity or value which has been allotted to it. The provisions of this paragraph shall also apply to any tariff quota established or maintained by any member.

4. In the case of import restrictions the member imposing the restrictions shall provide, upon the request of any other member who was trading with the respective countries in the product concerned during a previous representative period as provided in paragraph 2, all relevant
information as to the administration of the restrictions.

5. With regard to restrictions imposed in accordance with paragraph
2 of this article the selection of a representative period for any
product and the appraisal of any special factors affecting the trade
in the product shall be made initially by the member imposing the
restriction:

Provided. That such-member shall, upon the request of any
other member having an important interest in the trade in that product,
or upon the request of the organization, consult promptly with the
other member or with the organization regarding the need for an
adjustment of the base period selected or for the reappraisal of the
special factors involved.