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	Plant protection products (active substances and formulated products), fertilizers and agrochemicals	Registration of plant protection products required. The registration of all active substances (and formulated products) of plant protection products must be renewed in order for them to be marketed in their territory. Authorizations for plant protection products containing active substances such as amitraz, simazine, atrazine, fenthion, acephate and metalaxyl have been withdrawn, amongst others. The process is extremely lengthy and costly and not very effective (only a few out of over 800 applications filed met the requirements).	High additional costs, inhibiting exports	Sanitary and phytosanitary measures (IV.A or IV.C)	Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	Category (a)
	Glassware: Drinking glasses, handcut (7013)	Tariff quota for headings: 7013.21.11.00, 7013.21.19.00, 7013.29.51.00, 7013.29.59.00, 7013.31.10.00, 7013.39.91.00, 7013.91.10.00, 7013.99.00.10. The in-quota <i>ad valorem</i> rate of duty is zero per cent. The out-of-quota duty amounts to 11 per cent.	High additional costs, inhibits access	Tariff quotas (V.I) Testing and certification arrangements (III.C)	Article XI GATT 1994 Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category (a)

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	Ponchos of fine animal hair, handmade (6101)	One Member has a general quota for this heading. Imports entering within the quota pay zero duty <i>ad valorem</i> . Out-of-quota duties amount to 12.4 per cent <i>ad valorem</i> (the rate for Argentina (SPGL) is 9.9 per cent). Access to this tariff quota is restricted to products accompanied by a certificate of authenticity issued by the relevant authorities and guaranteeing that the goods listed are handmade.	Extra costs Inhibits access	Tariff quotas (V.I) Testing and certification arrangements (III.C)	Article XI GATT 1994 Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Categories (a) and (c)
	Medicaments for retail sale, containing penicillins or streptomycins or derivatives thereof, for human consumption (3003). Human blood; animal blood prepared for therapeutic, prophylactic or diagnostic uses (3002)	Imports of these products must comply with the packaging requirements set forth in the regulations of the National System for the Monitoring of Pharmaceutical Products, Foods for Medical Use and Cosmetics. The packaging must be labelled in Spanish and indicate the following: name of the product; composition of the formula; names and addresses of the manufacturer and importer; mode of administration; directions for use; warnings and precautions; approved conditions of sale; and expiry date.	Inhibits exports	Requirements concerning marking, labelling and packaging (V.K)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category (a)

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	Generic	Preshipment inspection. This is a cumbersome procedure to be completed outside the territory of the Member imposing the measure. It may be repeated on a random basis as consignments reach their destination. If an error is found in the data, the goods must be unloaded in another country. All goods to be imported into the country are subject to compulsory preshipment checks (with certain exceptions, in which case they will also be subject to the random check system).	Extra costs. Inhibits exports	Preshipment inspection (II.I)	Agreement on Preshipment Inspection	Category (a)
	Generic	On-site inspection is conducted by a Member's customs officials in a network of ports in the northern hemisphere. The measure will expedite and cut down on transaction time and costs for such trade flows, to the detriment of the developing countries.	Extra costs. Inhibits exports	Customs valuation (II.B) and customs formalities (II.G)	Agreement on Preshipment Inspection Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category (a)
	Iron and steel products (generic)	Tariffs. Three special duties (special, additional, special additional) apply as well as a basic duty. These considerably raise the applied tariff – even doubling the amount in certain cases.	High additional costs, inhibiting exports	Border tax adjustments (VI.B)	Article II GATT 1994	Category (a)

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	Edible gelatine (3503)	Embargo on health grounds. Restricted entry for animal products from Argentina.	Prevents exports	Sanitary and phytosanitary measures (IV.A) Embargoes and other restrictions of similar effect (V.B)	Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	Category (a)
	Iron and steel products (generic)	Sales restriction. Several countries require home market sales to be conducted through local agents. There are no subsidiaries in these markets.	Inhibits exports	Embargoes and other restrictions of similar effect (V.B) Discriminatory sourcing (V.F)	Article III GATT 1994	Category (a)
	Leather of reptiles, of goats or kids, of swine and other (4101 to 4108, 4110)	Entry of this product into one Member's territory is subject to compliance with animal health requirements established by the health authority. Importers are required to provide the authority's representatives in seaports and airports, as well as at border posts and points of entry into the country, with evidence of compliance with these requirements. Customs services require only the plant and animal health import certificate authorizing importation, which is issued by the health authority.	Inhibits exports	Sanitary and phytosanitary measures (IV.B)	Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	Category (a)

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	Instantaneous gas water heaters (8419)	Safety requirements, test methods and marking. This standard establishes the specifications, test methods and marking (labelling) for storage, instantaneous and rapid recovery water heaters fired by liquid petroleum or natural gas, supplying only hot water in liquid state and with a thermal load of not more than 108.0 kW. The labelling of the said products must provide information to users on the product's energy consumption, for comparison with other products of identical thermal load, mode of operation and capacity. The label must be clearly visible to the consumer.	Inhibits exports	Technical regulations and standards (III.B) Specific limitations (V.K)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category (a)

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	Tyres, of a kind used on motor cars (including station wagons and racing cars) (4011) Inner tubes (4013)	Safety specifications and testing methods for new tyres, manufactured either domestically or abroad, used on light trucks, vans, heavy lorries, tractor trucks, buses and trailers, sold in the country, whose identification codes are listed in the Standard together with those added in the future. Requirements: tread wear indicators in the grooves to show when the tread band is worn to 1.6 mm, which is considered the tyre safety limit. There must be no visible evidence of separation of the tread band from the sidewalls, plies or bead; gashing, cracking or unsealing; tube layer (where applicable) or cord exposure. Before being placed on the market, every tyre must be marked, moulded or labelled with the following information: (a) The words "Tubeless" or "Airtight", for a tyre of this type; (b) "Made in ...", followed by the country of origin; (c) The importer's name, denomination or business name and Federal Register of Taxpayers number; (d) Load rating.	Inhibits exports	Technical regulations and standards (III.B)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category (a)

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	Footwear (6401, 6402, 6403, 6404, 6405)	Labelling. More extensive labelling requirements than those customarily specified (composition, origin, manufacturer or importer, etc.). These include shoe size and the number of the manufacturer or importer's mandatory registration by the standardization, quality and metrology authority. Registration is for a period of one year and is not automatically renewed.	Inhibits exports	Requirements concerning marking, labelling and packaging (V.K)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category (a)
	Whole Argentine anchoita (viscera), squid (viscera), prawns (head and vein)	Sanitary barrier. The Regulations of a Member establish tolerances and maximum contents of heavy metals (lead, cadmium and mercury) in certain fisheries products. The Member does not consider Argentine anchoita (<i>Engraulis anchoita</i>) to be a like product to the Anchovy produced locally (<i>Ehgraulis encrasicolus</i>) and establishes different levels of tolerance, 0.05 mg/kg for the former and up to 0.1 mg/kg for the latter. In the case of squid and prawns, although the CODEX considers that there is no possible damage, the Member establishes tolerances and maximum contents.	Inhibits exports	Sanitary and phytosanitary measures (IV.B) Other (national treatment), (VII-E)	Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures Article III GATT 1994	Category (a)

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	Squid	A Member grants import quotas distributed among individual importers. The procedure for granting quotas lacks transparency.	Extra costs Inhibits exports	Tariff quotas (V.I)	Article XI GATT 1994	Category (a)
	AC motors (8501)	Energy efficiency of three-phase squirrel-cage AC induction motors with a rated output of 0.746 to 373kW, test methods and marking. A Member's draft official standard establishes the minimum efficiency ratings and evaluation test method, and specifications for marking rated efficiency on the plates of motors marketed domestically. This was done in line with technological advances and domestic and international market conditions.	Inhibits exports	Technical regulations and standards (III.B)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category (a)