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	Plant protection products (active substances and formulated products), fertilizers and agrochemicals	Registration of plant protection products required for the marketing of formulated products (in commercial form) and active substances in a Member's territory. 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	TBT General (III.A) or Testing and certification arrangements (III.C)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category c
	Mercuric oxides 2825	Imports of such products are subject to labelling requirements. The labels must contain information concerning the importing Member's health and environmental safety standards, in the official language of the country of destination.	Inhibits exports	Requirements concerning marking, labelling and packaging (IV.K)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category c
	Footwear 6401 6402 6403 6404 6405	Eco-labelling. The award of eco-labelling for footwear is subject to certain criteria. The right to display the eco-label is granted on the basis of a series of tests certifying that the product has been manufactured according to recognized environmental management schemes (e.g. average concentration of residues in the product, analysis of wastewater from tanneries, prohibition on the use of certain substances and dyes, etc.).	Extra costs and undue delays for exports	Testing and certification arrangements (III.C) and Requirements concerning marking, labelling and packaging (IV.K)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category c

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	Glassware: Drinking glasses, handcut, other than of glass-ceramics 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.	Extra costs	Tariff quotas (IV.I)	Art. XI GATT 1994	Category a
	Textiles (generic)	Quantitative restrictions: Import quotas. In the context of the liberalization process that followed the signing of the MFA under the GATT, one Member imposes a quota system on Argentina for textile imports. The quotas have generally been under-utilized, mainly because importers prefer to purchase the products from countries without export quotas and thus avoid the cumbersome procedure of applying for the import licences required under the bilateral textile agreement.	Extra costs Inhibits exports	Quantitative restrictions and import licensing (IV.A)	ATC	Categories a and c
	Recyclable containers and products	Labelling. Labelling requirements for recyclable products raise the cost of certain products (enterprises having to produce new moulds for containers destined solely to the Member imposing the requirements).	Extra costs	Requirements concerning marking, labelling and packaging (IV.K)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category c
	1,2-Dichloroethane (ethylene dichloride) 2903	Imports of such products are subject to labelling requirements. The labels must contain information concerning the importing Member's health and environmental safety standards, in the official language of the country of destination.	Inhibits exports	Requirements concerning marking, labelling and packaging (IV.K)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category c

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	Antisera of animal origin, excluding haemoglobin, blood globulins and serum globulins 3002	The importation of serum from equidae into parts of a Member's territory allowing the importation of slaughter equidae is authorized subject to presentation of a health certificate established by an official veterinarian certifying that the serum from the equidae (a) comes from a country where diseases such as African horse sickness, dourine, glanders, equine encephalomyelitis, equine infectious anaemia, vesicular stomatitis, rabies and anthrax are compulsorily notifiable; (b) was obtained under the supervision of a veterinarian certifying that the equidae from which the serum was collected were free from clinical signs of infectious disease; (c) was obtained from animals which have remained since birth in the territory or, in cases of official regionalization, according to internal legislation; and (d) was packed in accordance with the established requirements.	Extra costs Inhibits exports	Testing and certification arrangements (III.C)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category c

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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	Tariff quotas (V.I) and Testing and certification arrangements (III.C)	- Art. XI GATT 1994 - Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Categories a and c
	Hydrogen chloride (hydrochloric acid) 2806	The importation of this product is subject to a report by the health services that grant marketing authorization. The report is issued within three working days counted from the date on which the services concerned are informed of the arrival of the goods at the warehousing facility.	Extra costs	Quantitative restrictions and import licensing (IV.A)	Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures	Category c
	Medicaments for retail sale, containing penicillins or streptomycins or derivatives thereof, for human consumption 3003	Imports of such products are subject to packaging requirements. 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 the importer; mode of administration; directions for use; warnings and precautions; approved conditions of sale; and expiration date.	Inhibits exports	Requirements concerning marking, labelling and packaging (IV.K)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category c

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	Iron and steel products (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.	Extra costs Inhibits exports	Customs valuation (II.B) and Customs formalities (II.G)	- Agreement on Customs Valuation - Agreement on Preshipment Inspection	Category c
	Iron and steel products (generic)	Federal proceeds from customs collection of anti-dumping or countervailing duties are paid to the private companies having brought the investigation requesting the introduction of such measures.	Inhibits exports	Government aids (I.A) or Restrictive practices tolerated by governments (I.D)	- Anti-Dumping Agreement - Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures	Category b
	Iron and steel products (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 c

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	Iron and steel products (rectangular tubes; seamless pipes; OCTG; hot-rolled steel)	Anti-dumping and countervailing duties. A positive determination of injury in the steel tubes and pipes review was made in June 2000 and the dumping margin maintained at 56.26 per cent. The review of anti-dumping orders in force since 1995 against imports of seamless pipes was initiated in 2000, and the investigating authority found that revocation of the order would lead to a recurrence of dumping. The investigation was concluded in June 2001 and the anti-dumping duty maintained at 108.3 per cent, on similar grounds. As regards the OCTG review, the final decision was handed down in 2000, establishing that imports from Argentina had dropped considerably since the application of the anti-dumping duty but that revocation of the latter would lead to a recurrence of the unfair practice. The 1.36 per cent margin was therefore maintained.	Inhibits exports	Countervailing duties (I.B) and Anti-dumping duties (II.A)	- Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing Measures - Anti-Dumping Agreement	Category b
	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 (V.B)	Art. II GATT 1994	Category a
	Edible gelatine 3503	Embargo on health grounds. Restricted entry for animal products from Argentina.	Prevents exports	Embargoes and other restrictions of similar effect (IV.B)	Agreement on the Application of Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures	Category c

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	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 (IV.B) or Discriminatory sourcing (IV.F)	Art. III GATT 1994	Category a
	Leather of reptiles 4103	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	Customs formalities (II.G)	Agreement on Customs Valuation	Category c



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	Instantaneous gas heaters 8419	Standard establishing minimum levels of thermal efficiency of imported water heaters for domestic and commercial use. There are also minimum requirements for information to the public on the thermal efficiency values of such appliances. The Standard applies to water heaters for domestic and commercial use, marketed in the territory of the Member concerned, burning liquefied petroleum gas or natural gas and supplying only hot water in liquid state. The labelling of heaters covered by the Standard and marketed in this Member's territory 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)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category c
	Ethylene dibromide 2903	Pesticide importers are required to use the public health authority's one-stop window for the issuing of the authorization, which must be presented along with the corresponding application. A commission for the control and use of such substances annually reviews the list of goods subject to non-tariff regulation, in conjunction with the foreign trade authority.	Inhibits exports	Customs formalities (II.G)	Agreement on Customs Valuation	Category c

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	Tyres, of a kind used on motor cars (including station wagons and racing cars) 4011	Safety specifications and testing methods for imports of new tyres used on light trucks, vans, heavy lorries, tractor trucks, buses and trailers, sold in the territory of one Member. The identification codes are listed in the Member's relevant Official Standard.	Inhibits exports	Technical regulations and standards (III.B)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category c
	Animal or vegetable fertilizers, whether or not mixed together or chemically treated; fertilizers produced by the mixing or chemical treatment of animal or vegetable products 3101	Prior authorization for importing fertilizers into one Member's territory is required by the authority in charge of the Economy and is delivered by the departments of the Commission for the control and use of such products.	Inhibits exports	Quantitative restrictions and import licensing (IV.A)	Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures	Category c
	Used thermal tanker trailers for the transportation of milk 8716	Prior authorization for importing such used products into one Member's territory is required by the authority in charge of the Economy. Canada, the United States, Chile and the European Union are exempt from this requirement.	Inhibits exports	Quantitative restrictions and import licensing (IV.A)	Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures	Category c
	Iron and steel products (generic)	Preshipment inspection required.	Inhibits exports	Customs valuation (II.B) and Customs formalities (II.G)	- Agreement on Customs Valuation - Agreement on Preshipment Inspection	Category c

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	Footwear 6401 6402 6403 6404 6405	Safeguard. A safeguard investigation relating to footwear, which includes Argentina, has been initiated by a Member's anti-dumping and subsidies authority. Procedural irregularities have been observed.	Extra costs	Restrictive practices tolerated by governments (I.D)	Agreement on Safeguards	Category c
	Footwear 6401 6402 6403 6404 6405	Labelling. One Member imposes 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 (IV.K)	Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade	Category c