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Communication

The following communication is circulated in accordance with paragraph 4 of the agreed procedures for the surveillance mechanism (MTN.TNC/2, Annex).

1. <u>Communication from:</u> United States	<u>to:</u> European Community
2. <u>Participant maintaining the measure:</u> European Community	
3. <u>Description of the measure</u> (including date of entry into force and reference to any relevant legislation or other document): The member States of the European Community maintain quantitative restrictions at the national level, which either predate the formation of the European Community or the member States' accession to the Community. These quantitative restrictions are applied to over 1,000 industrial and agricultural items.	

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4. Products covered, including tariff headings (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff lines):

The quantitative restrictions maintained by the EC member States cover a wide range of industrial and agricultural items. Listings of the products covered can be found in the Official Journal of the European Communities, Information and Notices Number C 38; volume 28 of 11 February 1985, and Legislation Number L 217, volume 30 of 6 August 1987; and in GATT document L/5936/Add.5 of 5 March 1987, "Information Document from the Delegation of the European Communities: List of Non-Tariff Restrictive Measures Applied by Portugal and Spain before and after their Accession."

5. Country or countries to which the measure applies:

Most of the quantitative restrictions have global application; however, some are applied only to certain countries or groups of countries.

6. Grounds for belief that the measure should be subject to the rollback commitment:

The United States believes that these quantitative restrictions are inconsistent with the obligations assumed by the European Community and its member States under the General Agreement, in particular with Article XI. This view has been upheld by previous Council decisions adopting dispute settlement panel reports.