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**COMMUNICATION FROM BENIN**

**MFN Exemption List of Benin**

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MFN EXEMPTION LIST OF BENIN

(1) Sector or sub-sector	(2) Description of measure, indicating its inconsistency with Article II	(3) Countries to which the measure applies	(4) Intended duration	(5) Conditions creating the need for the exemption
Maritime Transport	Laws, Decrees and Decisions, whether existing or future, on coastal shipping (cabotage) and liner trade based on bilateral and/or multilateral agreements	Not specified	10 years, renewable	To encourage trade among States and promote regional economic integration
Maritime Transport	Laws, Decrees and Decisions based on bilateral and/or multilateral agreements. Resolutions of the MINCOMAR adopted for the implementation of the relevant provisions of the United Nations Convention on a code of conduct for liner conferences, which provide for the reservation of at least 40% of the volume of maritime traffic and 50% of cross-trade, i.e. 10% of the volume of maritime trade, or in total 50% of the volume of maritime traffic, for national shipping companies, including cabotage			<p>Need to ensure that the Compagnie de navigation maritime has at least 40% of liner trade.</p> <p>Promote development of the national fleet so as to underpin national economic and social development.</p> <p>Ensure competitiveness of our export products and reduce the cost of imported products in domestic trade.</p> <p>Ensure efficient maritime, auxiliary and port services.</p> <p>Promote infant industry. Measures to be strengthened if trade partners continue to block access to cargoes and practise dumping.</p>