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Pre-existing Article XIX Measures

Members shall terminate all safeguard measures taken pursuant to Article XIX of GATT 1947 that were in existence on the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement not later than eight years after the date on which they were first applied or five years after the date of entry into force of the WTO Agreement, whichever comes later.

1.2 General

1. The following three Members notified the Committee on Safeguards that they had pre-existing Article XIX measures in place: European Communities, Korea and Nigeria.¹ At the Committee meeting of 9 November 2000, the Chairman noted that the European Communities and Korea had confirmed that their pre-existing measures were eliminated by 1 January 2000.²

2. In 1997, Nigeria notified certain import prohibitions as pre-existing Article XIX measures covered by Article 10 of the Agreement on Safeguards. Nigeria asked the Committee for a waiver from its notification obligation under Article 12.7 thereof.³

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¹ Tables in Annex 3 of [G/L/272](#) and [G/L/338](#).

² [G/SG/M/16](#), paras. 102-103.

³ [G/SG/N/2/NGA](#); [G/SG/M/12](#). See also [G/SG/M/16](#), paras. 104-106.