WHAT TO NOTIFY?

The prefix “ER” is used to distinguish the notification formats or “tables” that apply in the area of export prohibitions and restrictions.

In the area of export prohibitions and restrictions, there is only one distinct notification requirement, i.e.

- **Table ER:1**: relating to export prohibitions and restrictions under Article 12 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

RELEVANT REFERENCES

**General**

- Datasets on notified information, available at [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/transparency_toolkit_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/transparency_toolkit_e.htm)
- Agricultural web page, available at: [http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/ag_work_e.htm](http://www.wto.org/english/tratop_e/agric_e/ag_work_e.htm)
- Results of the Survey on the Improvement of Timeliness and Completeness of Notifications under Existing Procedures (G/AG/GEN/85)
- Annex 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Product Coverage)

**Export Prohibitions and Restrictions**

- Article 12 of the Agreement on Agriculture (Disciplines on Export Prohibitions and Restrictions)
- Paragraph 2(a) of Article XI of GATT 1994.
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**WHO?**

- All Members instituting an export prohibition or restriction. Developing country Members are obliged to notify only when they are net-exporter of the product concerned.

**WHEN?**

- Only when such measures are introduced: this is an *ad hoc* notification requirement.
- When such measures are introduced, Table ER:1 notification should be submitted as far as practicable in advance of the institution of the measure.

**WHAT TO NOTIFY**

- Details of the measure:
  - product coverage;
  - duration;
  - nature of; and justification for the measure.

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1. **Description of product:**

2. **Tariff item number(s):**

3. **Nature of, and justification for, measure to be introduced:**

4. **Duration of application of measure:**
### HOW TO NOTIFY?

**Case 1**

- ALFA introduces an export quota on wheat to apply with effect from 30 April 2010.
- When and how should the information be presented in its Table ER:1 notification?

*An ad hoc* Table ER:1 notification would be required **prior to** the institution of the measure.

#### What if ALFA is a developing country Member:

Notification requirement would **not** apply unless ALFA is a net-exporter of wheat. Please refer to Article 12.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture.

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**Table ER:1**  
**EXPORT RESTRICTIONS:** **ALFA**

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**Nature of, and justification for, measure to be introduced:**

Pursuant to Article XI, paragraph 2(a) of GATT 1994 and in accordance with Article 12, paragraph 1 of the Agreement on Agriculture, an export quota system is being introduced in order to prevent a critical shortage in the domestic market resulting from a drought-related poor harvest of wheat.

ALFA is prepared to enter into consultation, under Article 12, paragraph 1(d) of the Agreement on Agriculture, with any Member having a substantial interest as an importer.

**Duration of application of measure:**

The measure will be applied from 30 April 2010 to 15 September 2010 at which time supplies from the new season's harvest should be entering the market.