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## PORTUGAL - SYSTEM OF QUOTAS FOR SOME CONSUMER GOODS

### Addendum

The following information has been notified by the Delegation of Portugal.

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In spite of an improvement in the situation of the balance of payments in 1983, difficulties persisted and forecasts point out their continuation.

Therefore the Portuguese Government had found it necessary to maintain the system of quotas for some consumer goods in force for another year (from 1 April 1984 to 31 March 1985) by means of Government Order No. 191-A/84, reproduced as Annex to this notification.

This system is applied, as previously, on a non-discriminatory basis, aiming at containing imports at a level commensurate with the possibilities of the Portuguese foreign exchange outflow.

No changes were introduced in the system. The list of products subject to the system remaining the same, the global value of quotas was increased by about 30 per cent to maintain, as far as possible, the level of imports of those products in terms of volume.

Due to the new customs tariff and the new Portuguese nomenclature of goods for the external trade statistics in force since 1 January 1983, it is impossible to collect data respecting the products under the system of quotas as well as their respective rate of coverage by main origin markets, in what concerns 1983.

In that context the last data available are those shown in the last notification (Document GATT L/5543).

ANNEX

PORTUGUESE SYSTEM OF IMPORT QUOTAS FOR  
SOME CONSUMER GOODS

Government Order No. 191-A/84, of 31 March 1984  
(Unofficial translation)

The need to reduce the deficit in the balance of payments recommends the maintenance of the system of quotas for consumer goods covered by Government Order No. 673-A/83, of 9 June.

Under present Order, that will be kept in force during one year period, the system of quotas will be maintained with the increase of the global value of the remaining quotas.

Therefore, under Decree-Law No. 720-A/76, of 9 October:

The Government of the Portuguese Republic, through the Ministers of Finance and Planning, of Agriculture, Forestry and Food, of Industry and Energy, and of Trade and Tourism, has decided as follows:

Paragraph 1

As from 1 April 1984 to 31 March 1985 imports of goods on the List at Annex will be subject to the import quota system.

Paragraph 2

The Directorate General of External Trade (Direcção-Geral do Comércio Externo) is empowered to allocate the import quotas among importers.

Paragraph 3

Sub-paragraph 1: The criterion to be used as basis of allocation of quotas is the amount of imports made by each importer during 1975 and 1976. The annual import quota of each product subject to the system will be equal to the product of the arithmetic average of those imports by a ratio between the value of the global quota established for each product in this Government Order and the average value of the total imports of each product during 1975 and 1976. This criterion will be applied except as otherwise provided in the following sub-paragraphs; freedom of choice as to origin markets will be maintained.

Sub-paragraph 2: Evidence of the level of imports reached during that period, to be submitted to the Directorate General of External Trade (Direcção-Geral do Comércio Externo), will have to be made by means of proper customs clearance forms.

Sub-paragraph 3: Evidence of the levels of imports during 1975 and 1976, to be presented by each importer, shall not be required whenever the proper Customs clearance forms have already been submitted to the Directorate General of External Trade (Direcção-Geral do Comércio Externo).

Sub-paragraph 4: The allocation criterion foreseen in sub-paragraph 1 above does not apply:

- (a) whenever another allocation criterion is set through an enactment from the Secretary of State for External Trade, for the quota for products classified under heading 08.01;
- (b) in the case of importers referred to in next sub-paragraph under (a).

Sub-paragraph 5: An amount of 15 per cent of each import quota shall be set apart for full allocation among:

- (a) importers who, having imported no goods subject to the quota concerned during 1975 and 1976, apply for imports of those goods during the deadline foreseen in next sub-paragraph;
- (b) importers already covered by sub-paragraph 1 hereof provided that their share in that quota will not in any case be lower than those of importers mentioned under (a) hereof.

Sub-paragraph 6: Applications mentioned under (a) of the preceding sub-paragraph will have to be submitted until the end of the fifth month of enforcement of this Government Order.

Sub-paragraph 7: Whenever an enactment by the Secretary of State for the External Trade sets out a special allocation criterion in accordance with sub-paragraph 4 (a) above, it will specify whether or not the 15 per cent reserve scheme applies.

Sub-paragraph 8: If, from the allocation of the 15 per cent reserve scheme to the importers referred to in sub-paragraph 5 (a) above, results, for certain quota, an individual share representing a reduced amount with no commercial value, the referred allocation shall be cancelled, unless, exceptionnaly, otherwise decided by enactment by the Secretary of State for the External Trade. For this purpose will be considered as having no commercial value the shares allocated to the importers provided that their value is less than 10 per cent of the arithmetic average of the shares of the same quota allocated in accordance with sub-paragraph 1 of this paragraph.

Sub-paragraph 9: In those cases where the 15 per cent reserve was not allocated either by the reason referred to in foregoing sub-paragraph or by lack of candidates under sub-paragraph 5 (a) of this paragraph, the shares, calculated in accordance with sub-paragraph 1 of this paragraph, will not be reduced from 15 per cent of their value.

Paragraph 4

Beyond the import quotas set out in the list at Annex, authorization may be granted for additional import quotas through a previous joint enactment by the Secretaries of State for the External Trade and for Industry. The value of these additional import quotas cannot exceed the national value added to Portuguese exports:

- (a) Products manufactured by the Portuguese importer to be exported to the foreign manufacturer of the product to be imported;
- (b) Products manufactured by the Portuguese importer, regardless the destination country, if the compensation import product is included in the importer industrial activity area. These areas will be stated through the due Ministry of Industry and Energy's Departments;
- (c) Products from other national industries exported to and intended to be strictly used for industrial purposes by the foreign manufacturer that supplies the goods to be imported;
- (d) Capital goods produced by national manufacturers, regardless the destination country, included in the capital goods categories to be defined through the due Ministry of Industry and Energy's Departments.

Paragraph 5

For the purposes of the preceding paragraph, the necessary evidence of the export value shall be submitted to the Directorate General of External Trade (Direcção-Geral do Comércio Externo).

Paragraph 6

Any doubtful cases arising from this Order will be set through a joint enactment by the Ministers of Finance and Planning Industry and Energy and by the Minister of Trade and Tourism.

Paragraph 7

The present Government Order produces its effects since 1 April 1984.

ANNEX TO GOVERNMENT ORDER Nº 191-A/84

Quotas for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 1984 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 1985

Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
08.01	100  310 350 500 600  710 750 770 800 990	Dates,bananas,coconuts,Brazil nuts, cashew nuts,pineapples,avocados, mangoes,guavas and mangosteens,fresh or dried,shelled or not:  A.Dates.  B.Bananas: I-Fresh. II-Dried.  C.Pineapples.  D.Avocados.  E.Coconuts: I-Desiccated coconut. II-Other.  F.Cashew nuts.  G.Brazil nuts.  H.Other.	Total quota: 1 242 000
73.36	130  190	Stoves (including stoves with subsidiary boilers for central heating) ranges,cookers,grates,fires and other space heaters,gas-rings, plate warmers with burners, wash boilers with grates or other heating elements and similar equipment, of a kind used for domestic purposes not electrically operated, and parts thereof, of iron or steel:  A.For solid fuel: I-Stoves,ranges and othercooking appliances,including plate warmers.  II-Other appliances.	

Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
	<p>310</p> <p>350</p> <p>370</p> <p>550</p> <p>570</p> <p>610</p> <p>690</p>	<p>B. For liquid fuel:</p> <p>I-Stoves, ranges and other cooking appliances, including plate warmers.</p> <p>II-Other appliances:</p> <p>a) With exhaust outlet.</p> <p>b) Other.</p> <p>C. For gas fuel, including appliances suitable for use with both gas and other fuels:</p> <p>I-Stoves, ranges and other cooking appliances, including plate warmers:</p> <p>a) With oven, including separate ovens.</p> <p>b) Other (without oven).</p> <p>II-Other appliances:</p> <p>a) With exhaust outlet.</p> <p>b) Other.</p>	<p>Total quota: 182 000</p>
84.15	<p>060</p> <p>140</p> <p>160</p>	<p>Refrigerators and refrigerating equipment (electrical and other):</p> <p>C. Other:</p> <p>I-Refrigerators of a capacity of more than 340 litres:</p> <p>ex a) Refrigerators:</p> <p>For domestic purposes.</p> <p>II-Other:</p> <p>a) Domestic electrical refrigerators, compression type:</p> <p>1) Fitted with a deep-freeze compartment with separate external door and separate evaporator.</p> <p>2) Other:</p> <p>aa) Table model.</p>	

Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
	<p>170</p> <p>180</p> <p>190</p> <p>200</p> <p>210</p> <p>320</p> <p>410</p> <p>460</p>	<p>bb) Building-in type.</p> <p>cc) Other, of a capacity of:</p> <p>11) Not more than 250 litres</p> <p>22) More than 250 litres.</p> <p>b) Domestic electrical refrigerators, absorption type.</p> <p>c) Domestic non-electrical refrigerators.</p> <p>d) Deep-freezers, chest type, of a capacity of:</p> <p>ex1) Not more than 600 litres: Up to 500 litres.</p> <p>e) Deep-freezers, upright type, of a capacity of:</p> <p>1) Not more than 250 litres.</p> <p>ex2) More than 250 litres. Up to 500 litres.</p>	<p>Total quota: 971 000</p>
84 17	560	<p>Machinery, plant and similar laboratory equipment, whether or not electrically heated, for the treatment of materials by a process involving a change of temperature such as heating, cooking, roasting, distilling, rectifying, sterilising, pasteurising, steaming, drying, evaporating, vaporising, condensing or cooling, not being machinery or plant of a kind used for domestic purposes; instantaneous or storage water heaters, non-electrical:</p> <p>F. Other:</p> <p>I- Water heaters, non-electric:</p> <p>exa) For domestic use:</p> <p>Excluding parts.</p>	<p>Total quota: 218 000</p>

Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
84.41	120  130  140	<p>Sewing machines;furniture specially designed for sewing machines;sewing machine needles:</p> <p>A.Sewing machines;furniture specially designed for sewing machines:</p> <p>I-Sewing machines(lock-stitch only),with heads of a weight not exceeding 16Kg without motor or 17Kg including the motor;sewing machine heads (lock-stitch only),of a weight not exceeding 16Kg without motor or 17Kg including the motor:</p> <p>exa)Sewing machines having a value (not including frames, tables or furniture) of more than 65ECU each: For domestic purposes</p> <p>exb)Other: For domestic purposes</p> <p>exII-Other sewing machines and other sewing machine heads: For domestic purposes</p>	<p>Total quota: 347 000</p>
85.06	100	<p>Electro-mechanical domestic appliances with self-contained electric motor:</p> <p>A.Vacuum cleaners and floor polishers: I-Vacuum cleaners.</p>	<p>Total quota: 133 000</p>
85.06	300  500  600  700  850	<p>Electro-mechanical domestic appliances with self-contained electric motor:</p> <p>A. Vacuum cleaners and floor polishers: II-Floor polishers.</p> <p>B.Other: I-Food grinders and mixers; fruit juice extractors. II-Extractor hoods. III-Room fans. IV-Other electro-mechanical domestic appliances.</p>	<p>Total quota: 751 000</p>



Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
85.12	<p>040</p> <p>050</p> <p>210</p> <p>230</p> <p>270</p> <p>410</p>	<p>Electric instantaneous or storage water heaters and immersion heaters; electric soil heating apparatus and electric space heating apparatus; electric hair dressing appliances (for example, hair dryers, hair curlers, curling tong heaters) and electric smoothing irons; electro-thermic domestic appliances; electric heating resistors, other than those of carbon:</p> <p>A. Electric instantaneous or storage water heaters and immersion heaters:</p> <p>II-Other:</p> <p>a) Instantaneous or storage water heaters.</p> <p>b) Immersion heaters.</p> <p>B. Electric soil heating apparatus and electric space heating apparatus:</p> <p>I-Other:</p> <p>a) Storage heating apparatus.</p> <p>b) Other heating apparatus:</p> <p>1) Blower-type apparatus.</p> <p>2) Other apparatus.</p> <p>D. Electric smoothing irons:</p> <p>I-Smoothing irons.</p>	<p>Total quota: 195 000</p>
85.12	340	<p>Electric instantaneous or storage water heaters and immersion heaters; electric soil heating apparatus and electric space heating apparatus; electric hair dressing appliances (for example, hair dryers, hair curlers, curling tong heaters) and electric smoothing irons; electro-thermic domestic appliances; electric heating resistors, other than those of carbon:</p> <p>C. Electric hair dressing appliances (for example, hair dryers, hair curlers, curling tong heaters):</p> <p>I-Hair dryers of all kinds:</p> <p>ex b) Other:</p> <p>For domestic purposes.</p>	

Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
	360	exII-Other electric hair dressing appliances: For domestic purposes	
		E.Electric-thermic domestic appliances:	
		II-Other:	
	540	b)Toasters (excluding sandwich toasters).	
		d)Boiling plates,rings and hobs:	
	610	1)Hobs for building-in.	
	650	2)Other..	
	710	f)Coffee or tea makers.	
	780	g)Other appliances.	
			Total quota: 224 000
85.15		Radiotelegraphic and radiotelephonic transmission and reception apparatus; radio-broadcasting and television transmission and reception apparatus (including receivers incorporating sound recorders or reproducers) and television cameras;radio navigational aid apparatus,radar apparatus and radio remote control apparatus:  A.Radiotelegraphic and radiotelephonic transmission and reception apparatus;radio-broadcasting and television transmission and reception apparatus (including receivers incorporating sound recorders or reproducers)and television cameras:  III-Receivers,whether or not incorporating sound recorders or reproducers:  b)Other:  2)Other:  bb)Radio-broadcast:  11)Clock radios.  22)Other:  aa.) Portable receivers.	
	140		
	160		

Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
	170	bbb) Receivers for fitting to motor vehicles.	Total quota: 420 000
	180	ccc) Other.	
85.15		<p>Radiotelegraphic and radiotelephonic transmission and reception apparatus; radio-broadcasting and television transmission and reception apparatus (including receivers incorporating sound recorders or reproducers) and television cameras; radio navigational aid apparatus, radar apparatus and radio remote control apparatus:</p> <p>A. Radiotelegraphic and radiotelephonic transmission and reception apparatus; radio-broadcasting and television transmission and reception apparatus (including receivers incorporating sound recorders or reproducers) and television cameras:</p> <p>III- Receivers, whether or not incorporating sound recorders or reproducers:</p> <p>b) Other:</p> <p>2) Other:</p> <p>cc) Television, with integral tube:</p> <p>11) Colour:</p> <p>200      aaa) Incorporating a radio-receiver or a sound recorder or reproducer.</p> <p>          bbb) Other, with a diagonal measurement of the screen of:</p> <p>210      111) Not more than 42cm.</p> <p>220      222) More than 42cm but not more than 52cm.</p> <p>230      333) More than 52cm.</p>	

Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
	240   250  260  270	22) Monochrome: aaa) Incorporating a radio-receiver or a sound recorder or reproducer. bbb) Other with a diagonal measurement of the screen of: lll) Not more than 42cm. 222) More than 42cm but not more than 52cm. 333) More than 52cm	Total quota: 345 000
87.09   87.10	100 000	Motor-cycles, auto-cycles and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, with or without side-cars; side-cars of all kinds: A. Motor-cycles, auto-cycles and cycles, with or without side-cars, powered by internal combustion engines, of a cylinder capacity of: I-50cm <sup>3</sup> or less. Cycles (including delivery tricycles) not motorised.	Total quota: 40 000
87.09	510 590 900	Motor-cycles, auto-cycles and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, with or without side-cars; side-cars of all kinds: A. Motor-cycles, auto-cycles and cycles, with or without side-cars, powered by internal combustion engines, of a cylinder capacity of: II- More than 50cm <sup>3</sup> : a) Scooters. b) Other. ex B. Other: Excluding side-cars.	Total quota: 103 000

Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
92.12	111 113 119 180	<p>Gramophone records and other sound or similar recordings; matrices for the production of records, prepared record blanks, film for mechanical sound recording, prepared tapes, wires, strips and like articles of a kind commonly used for sound or similar recording:</p> <p>A. Prepared for recording, but not recorded:</p> <p>I-Magnetic tapes; film:</p> <p>a) Magnetic films.</p> <p>b) Cassettes.</p> <p>c) Other.</p> <p>exIII-Other:</p> <p>Wires.</p>	Total quota: 238 000
93.04	200  300  410 490 500 600 900	<p>Other firearms, including Very pistols, pistols and revolvers for firing blank ammunition only, line-throwing guns and the like:</p> <p>A. Sporting and target shooting guns, rifles and carbines:</p> <p>I-Muzzle loaders.</p> <p>II-Other:</p> <p>a) With one barrel:</p> <p>1) Smooth bore.</p> <p>2) Rifled:</p> <p>aa) Rimfire.</p> <p>bb) Other.</p> <p>b) Double-barrelled, smooth bore.</p> <p>c) Other.</p> <p>B. Other.</p>	Total quota: 313 000
93.05	000	Arms of other descriptions, including air, spring and similar pistols, rifles and guns.	

Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
94.01	020	<p>Chairs and other seats (other than those falling within heading No. 94.02), whether or not convertible into beds, and parts thereof:</p> <p>A. Chairs and other seats, not leather covered (excluding parts thereof), for use in civil aircraft.</p> <p>B. Other:</p> <p>I-Specially designed for aircraft:</p> <p>a) Seats.</p> <p>II-Other:</p> <p>a) Seats specially designed for motor vehicles.</p> <p>b) Other seats and chairs:</p> <p>1) With base metal frame:</p> <p>aa) Not padded, stuffed or upholstered.</p> <p>bb) Padded, stuffed or upholstered.</p> <p>2) With wooden frame:</p> <p>aa) Not padded, stuffed or upholstered:</p> <p>11) Of straight wood.</p> <p>22) Of bent wood.</p> <p>bb) Padded, stuffed or upholstered.</p> <p>3) Of cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials.</p> <p>4) Other.</p>	
94.03	110 150 190	<p>Other furniture and parts thereof:</p> <p>A. Furniture (excluding parts thereof), for use in civil aircraft:</p> <p>I-Of base metal.</p> <p>II-Of wood.</p> <p>III-Of other materials.</p>	

Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
		B. Other furniture:	
		I-Of base metal:	
	210	a) Beds.	
	230	b) Drawing tables.	
		c) Office furniture:	
		1) Not exceeding 80cm in height:	
	250	aa) Desks.	
	270	bb) Other.	
		2) Exceeding 80cm in height:	
	330	aa) Cupboards with doors, shutters or flaps.	
	350	bb) Filing, card-index and other cabinets.	
	390	cc) Other.	
	490	d) Other furniture.	
		II-Of wood:	
		a) Bedroom furniture:	
	511	1) Style furniture (reproductions).	
	515	2) Modern furniture.	
		b) Dining room and living room furniture:	
	551	1) Style furniture (reproductions).	
	555	2) Modern furniture.	
	570	c) Kitchen furniture.	
	610	d) Shop furniture.	
		e) Office furniture:	
		1) Not exceeding 80cm in height:	
	630	aa) Desks.	
	650	bb) Other.	
		2) Exceeding 80cm in height:	
	660	aa) Cupboards with doors, shutters or flaps; filing, card-index and other cabinets.	

Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
	670 690 710  821 829	bb) Other. f) Other furniture. III - Of artificial plastic materials. IV - Of other materials: a) Of osier. b) Other.	Total quota: 194 000
97.01	100 900	Wheeled toys designed to be ridden by children (for example, toy bicycles and tricycles and pedal motor cars); dolls' prams and dolls' push chairs: A. Dolls' prams and dolls' push chairs. B. Other.	
97.02	110 190	Dolls: A. Dolls (dressed or undressed): I - Of artificial plastic materials. II - Of other materials.	
97.03	050 110 150 200 300 400  510 550 590	Other toys; working models of a kind used for recreational purposes: A. Of wood. B. Other: I - Electric model railways. II - Electric car sets (other than those for competitive games falling within heading No. 97.04). III - Toy weapons. IV - Toy projectors and other optical toys. V - Musical instruments and other musical appliances. VI - Other: a) Of artificial plastic materials: 1) Scale model assembly kits. 2) Constructional toys. 3) Other.	



Tariff heading	Statistical subdivision	Description	Value (in thousand escudos)
	610	b)Of metal: 1)Die-cast miniature models.	
	690	2)Other.	
	750	c)Of textile fabric.	
	800	d)Of rubber.	
	850	e)Of other materials.	
	900	VII-Assortments of toys of the present subheading,of different constituent materials,put up in sets, outfits or the like.	Total quota: 750 000