

**MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS
THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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STANDSTILL

Notification

1. <u>Participant notifying:</u> Japan	
2. <u>Participant maintaining the measure:</u> United States	
3. <u>Description of the measure</u> (including date of entry into force and reference to any relevant legislation or other document): On 17 April 1987, the Government of the United States, pursuant to section 301 of the Trade Act of 1974, unilaterally raised customs duties to a level of 100 per cent <u>ad valorem</u> on as much as US\$300 million annually in Japanese exports of certain goods, in order to offset losses allegedly suffered by the US producers, asserting that the Japanese Government did not fulfil its obligations under the Japan-US Semiconductor Arrangement concluded on 2 September 1986. Although the partial removal(suspension) of the measure was implemented from 16 June 1987, regarding exports for 20-inches colour televisions from Japan that amount to US\$51 million annually, the rest of the measure is still in force.	
4. <u>Products covered, including tariff headings</u> (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff lines):	TSUSA No.
1. Automatic data processing machines	945-83,84
2. Rotary drills, etc.	945-85
3. Complete colour TV receivers (18-19 inches)	945-87
5. <u>Country or countries to which the measure applies:</u> Japan	

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6. Relevance of the measure to the standstill commitment:

The Government of Japan considers that the unilateral and discriminatory measure of raising tariff rates to prohibitive level introduced by the US Government constitutes infringement of GATT provisions, inter alia Articles I and II, and thus is inconsistent with the Punta del Este standstill commitment.

7. Comments by the participant maintaining the measure: