

NON-TARIFF BARRIERS

Government measures or policies other than customs duties or tariffs which restrict or distort international trade. Examples include import quotas, discriminatory government procurement practices, measures to protect intellectual property, like copyright and patents.

QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTION

An explicit limit, usually by volume, on the amount of a specified commodity that may be imported into a country.

SAFEGUARDS

The term safeguards refers to emergency actions in the form of additional duties or import quotas applied to fairly traded imports which, nevertheless, cause or threaten serious damage to domestic producers.

TARIFF/CUSTOMS DUTIES

A tariff or customs duty is a tax on imports; the tariff rate is the rate at which imported goods are taxed.