

**DECISION OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN FREE
TRADE AGREEMENT**

No. 2 /2013

Adopted on 20 November 2013

Advance Notification of Legislation

The Joint Committee,

Having regard to Annex 1 of the Agreement on the Amendment of and Accession to the Central European Free Trade Agreement, CEFTA 2006 (hereinafter called the "Agreement"), done in Bucharest on 19 December 2006, in particular Article 3 thereof;

Having regard to Article 44, Transparency;

Referring to the Ministerial Conclusions adopted at the Joint Committee Meeting in Tirana on 8 November 2012, reiterating the Parties to refrain from introducing new quantitative restrictions or non-tariff barriers in their mutual trade, and to give priority to those measures least disturbing the functioning of the Agreement in conformity with the Agreement and WTO rules and principles,

Whereas,

With a view of enabling advance notification of new legislation among CEFTA Parties

Has decided as follows:

Article 1

Where a Party is contemplating new legislation in an area of direct relevance to the functioning of the Agreement, and in particular the one which could have elements or, directly or indirectly, effects of quantitative restrictions on imports and exports, it shall inform the Joint Committee on the proposed legislation in question before its adoption so that the legislator of Party concerned may take his decision in full knowledge of the consequences for the functioning of the Agreement.

The notification will be in compliance with the Advance Notification Format attached to the Decision.

This decision shall take effect on the date of its adoption.

Adopted in Sarajevo on 20 November 2013 in the presence of representatives of all CEFTA Parties

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Year: -----

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Original: English

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 3

1.	Party to the Agreement notifying:
2.	Agency responsible: Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers and E-mail and Web site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Full description of the products and tariff lines (or parts of tariff lines) affected and the relevant heading of sub-heading in the Harmonized System nomenclature;
4.	Please select the type of the restriction. Please check both where appropriate a) Quantitative restrictions (e.g. import or export quota, temporary ban on import or export, etc. b) Measure having equivalent effects with QRs
4.	Provide full description of measures
5.	Period of application
6.	Justification for the measures and compliance with CEFTA and WTO provisions. Please provide also reference to the articles of CEFTA and/or the respective WTO Agreement

7.	Please provide information on trade effects of the measure.
9.	Proposed date of adoption
10.	Is the text available in English? If not, please provide a short summary of the legislation in English.

Notes:

1. Quantitative restrictions are specific limits on the quantity or value of goods that can be imported (or exported) during a specific time period. (WTO glossary)
2. There is no definition on measures having equivalent effect. However, ECJ case laws are a good basis to assess whether a measure have equivalent effect with QRs.