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Product	Type of Restriction	Remarks
<u>Government Procurement</u>		
All products and services	ONORM Article 1/34, regulating government purchasing, provides "If circumstances permit, only Austrian products shall be used and Austrian firms shall be engaged."	Bidding time often too short for foreign firms to react to public tenders. No uniform rules for procurement procedures and no central purchasing authority. Regulations do not apply to nationalized industries. EFTA members have equal opportunity with domestic firms under Article 14 of the Stockholm Convention.
<u>Other Restrictions</u>		
All imports	Antidumping procedures	Government authorized to establish "guiding" or "minimum" prices for products which cause market disruptions. Both prices are calculated on Austrian export prices and production costs. At present, minimum prices are in force for: cotton yarn, cotton fabrics, woolen fabrics, cardigans and pullovers made of wool.
Salt and products containing salt	State Monopoly	Although imports of salt and products containing salt are formally liberalized, imports must be approved by the Administration of the Austrian Salt Monopoly (Finance Ministry).
Tobacco products	State Monopoly	The monopoly has the sole right to import, produce and sell raw and processed tobacco and tobacco products of any kind.
Industrially-produced raw spirits	State Monopoly	These spirits must be sold to the "Verwertungsstelle" of the monopoly which has them refined at commercial refineries. The refined product is then sold to authorized users at government-controlled prices.