

NOTIFICATIONS OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS APPLIED INCONSISTENTLY
WITH THE PROVISIONS OF GATT AND NOT COVERED BY WAIVERS

JAPAN

1. Nature of each residual import restriction and the areas or countries to which each restriction applies

Each residual import restriction of Japan takes the form of a global quota open to imports from all countries. 1/

2. Precise description of each residual import restriction

See the following list.

3. The intended duration of each residual import restriction

Since moving to the status of Article XI of GATT in February of 1963, Japan has vigorously promoted the liberalization of its imports and as a result, the liberalization percentage of Japan's imports has been increased from 88 per cent in February 1963, when Japan became an Article XI country, to 93 per cent in 1965.

While Japan will continue to pursue the liberalization of its imports, Japan strongly requests the early abolition of the discrimination applied against Japan's exports by many countries, because the existence of such widespread discrimination is deterring Japan's efforts for trade liberalization.

1/ In addition, the items listed on page 15 are subject to State trading.