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Product	Type of Restriction	Estimated Impact on U. S. Trade	Trade Agreement Status	Remarks
<u>Non-Agricultural Quantitative Restrictions</u>				
All imports	Import license and exchange quota	Significant, but groups too broad to permit trade summary	1/. No bindings	For licensing purposes all trade is classified into three categories: the Franc Zone (free of restrictions); Common Market countries (separate import quotas established); all other countries (more restrictive "global import" quotas are established).
<u>Valuation and Taxes</u>				
All imports	Turnover tax - 10%	Significant, but groups too broad to permit trade summary	Legal and negotiable, no bindings	Taxes intended to compensate for taxes levied on similar goods when produced and sold domestically. Tax on imports applied to duty-paid value.
Selected items	Additional tax 5% to 15%	Not significant	No bindings	
<u>Other Restrictions</u>				
All imports	Discriminatory tariff	Significant, but groups too broad to permit trade summary	No bindings. Legality not yet determined	CXT discriminates in favor of the EEC. Treaty of St. Germain-en-Laye (non-discrimination in Congo Basin) is not considered binding. Relaxation of quota & licensing restrictions would have little effect unless tariff discrimination was removed.

1/ Legality is questionable since the Congo has not as yet justified these QR's.