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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 licensing and exchange quota	Significant, but groups too broad to permit trade summary	1/. No binding	For licensing purposes all trade is classified into three categories: the Franc Zone (free of restrictions); Common Market countries (separate import quotas are 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 are intended to compensate for taxes levied on similar goods when produced and sold domestically. Tax on imports levied on duty-paid value.
<u>Other Restrictions</u>				
All imports	Discriminatory tariff	Significant, but groups too broad to permit trade summary	Legality is not yet determined, no bindings	UDE Common External Tariff is very highly discriminatory in favor of the EEC. Treaty of St. Germain-en-Laye (non-discrimination in the Congo Basin) is not considered binding. Relaxation of quota & licensing restrictions would have little effect until tariff discrimination was removed.

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