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REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA		REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA	
Product	Type of Restriction	Estimated Impact on U. S. Trade	Trade Agreement Status
<u>Non-Agricultural Quantitative Restrictions</u>			
Most imports	Import licensing	Significant, but groups too broad to permit trade summary	In view of South Africa's record foreign exchange reserves, this restriction is at best of questionable justification. However, South Africa legally applies Article XII of GATT.
			Except for goods on a "free list", imports from all countries into South Africa require an import license. Licensed goods fall into two categories depending on whether or not they are licensed on the basis of exchange allocations (quotas). Non-quota goods are licensed on the basis of the reasonable requirements and include capital equipment, industrial raw materials, and specified consumer goods. Quota goods are licensed on the basis of exchange allocations to registered importers and include mainly consumer & luxury items. A "restricted list" for which licenses are issued on a 3 for 1 ratio of the importer's basic exchange allocation reportedly includes only non-essential & luxury items, but in fact, includes items which indicate that protection for local industry has been a consideration in its composition.