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Special Safeguard Exercise

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Table MA:3

MARKET ACCESS – Member X

Notification under Article 5: special safeguard: volume-based

1. Description of product: Butter
2. Tariff item numbers: 0405.10
3. Trigger level:
(as calculated in Annex 1) ---- tonnes
4. Volume of imports entering
territory in current period: ----- tonnes
5. Period of application: -----

How to calculate trigger?



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Information required for the calculation of the trigger Level

Imports in the 3 preceding years:	2006:	550	tonnes
	2007:	450	tonnes
	2008:	500	tonnes
	Average:	500	tonnes

And **if import penetration is taken into account:**

Consumption in the 3 preceding years:	2006	950	tonnes
	2007:	1050	tonnes
	2008:	1000	tonnes
	Average:	1000	tonnes

Calculation of trigger level (pursuant to Article 5):

Import penetration = $500/1000$
= **50%** (*base trigger therefore equals 105%*)

*Why 105%?
Refer to Article 5.4(c).*



Trigger level = $(x) + (y)$

= $(105\% \times 500 \text{ tonnes}) + (1000 \text{ tonnes} - 1050 \text{ tonnes})$

= $525 + (-50) \text{ tonnes}$

= $475 \text{ tonnes} < \mathbf{105\%}$ of average imports = **525 tonnes**

*Why can't trigger level be below 105% of
average imports?*

Refer to Article 5.4 (last sentence)



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1. Description of product: Butter
2. Tariff item numbers: 0405.10
3. Trigger level:
(as calculated in Annex 1) 525 tonnes
4. Volume of imports entering
territory in current period: 530 tonnes
5. Period of application: from 20 September 2009
to 31 December 2009

*(Why ending the application on 31 December 2009?
Refer to Article 5.4.)*



When to make this notification?

**Either before applying the measure i.e.
20 September but in no case later than
30 September 2009.**



**What if domestic
consumption is not taken
into account in the trigger
calculations?**



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Information required for the calculation of trigger Level

Imports in the 3 preceding years: 2006:	550 tonnes
2007:	450 tonnes
2008:	500 tonnes
Average:	500 tonnes

And if import penetration is not taken into account:

Trigger level = (125% x 500 tonnes)

= 625 tonnes

***Why 125%?
Refer to footnote 3.***



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1. Description of product: Butter
2. Tariff item numbers: 0405.10
3. Trigger level:
(as calculated in Annex 1) 625 tonnes
4. Volume of imports entering
territory in current period: 630 tonnes
5. Period of application: from 20 November 2009 to
31 December 2009

***(Why ending the application on 31 December 2009?
Refer to Article 5.4.)***