

## Special Safeguard Measure

A developing country Member may apply a special safeguard measure to the importation of any agricultural product, when such a product is being imported into its territory in such quantities or price, and under such conditions, so as to cause demonstrable harm to its food security, livelihood security and rural development needs. Natural growth of trade shall not *per se* constitute a basis for the introduction of such a measure.

The measure shall only be applied to a product being imported on the basis of MFN trade only.

The level and duration of the measure shall be proportionate to the harm in question, and shall not exceed what is necessary to facilitate adjustment. The duration of the measures shall not exceed one calendar year.

A Member applying such a measure shall notify the Committee on Agriculture of the reasons for introducing such a measure immediately, but no later than 20 day of the introduction of the measure.

Upon notification, any Member may request a review of the necessity, level, and duration of the measure by a Permanent Group of Experts to be established by the Committee on Agriculture.

Decisions by the Permanent Group of Experts shall be rendered within 60 days of the request and shall be binding and not subject to appeal.

LDCs and SVEs shall notify the measure within 40 days of its introduction and shall benefit from technical assistance in both notification and review processes.