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#### 1.2 Article 18.2

## 1.2.1 Review procedures

1. At its first meeting on 27-28 March 1995, the Committee on Agriculture adopted the Organization of Work and Working Procedures. The Committee decided, that:

"The Committee shall meet at regular intervals to review progress in the implementation of the Uruguay Round reform programme under Article 18:1 and 2 of the Agreement (the 'review process') and generally to carry out such other tasks as are provided for in the Agreement or which may be required to be dealt with." <sup>2</sup>

# 1.2.2 Notification and transparency

#### 1.2.2.1 General

2. At its meeting on 8 June 1995, the Committee on Agriculture adopted a document setting out the requirements and formats for notifications under Article 18.2 of the Agreement on Agriculture and other relevant provisions thereof.<sup>3</sup> These requirements cover five areas: market access<sup>4</sup>, domestic support<sup>5</sup>, export subsidies<sup>6</sup>, export prohibitions and restrictions<sup>7</sup>

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October 2019 for use by all Members. The data on questions and responses as well as notified information provided in both of these systems is publicly available. <sup>12</sup> In response to discussions in the Committee and specific suggestions <sup>13</sup> by Members, a number of improvements have also been introduced to the existing processes and the data systems. <sup>14</sup>

## 1.2.2.3 Developing country Members

6. The General Council's Decision on Implementation-Related Issues and Concerns states, :

"Members shall ensure that their tariff rate quotas regimes (TRQs) are administered in a transparent, equitable and non-discriminatory manner. In the context, they shall ensure that the notifications they provide to the Committee on Agriculture contain all the relevant information including deor eq(g)2.3 ( )0..3 ( (n)-1 ( )0.7 (u)-w 7.493(or)6)gi( )0.7 ((i)13 (u)-d)-

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# 1.5 Article 18.7: Counter notifications

, that "counter The Committee's Organization of Work and Working Procedures states, notifications, shall be considered by the Committee at the earliest opportunity."23 Members' counter-notifications<sup>24</sup> submitted under Article 18.7 have been considered accordingly by the Committee on Agriculture.

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 $<sup>^{23}</sup>$  G/AG/1, para. 11.  $^{24}$  Circulated in the G/AG/W/ series.