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<b>PROJECT</b> Quota2 (Tariff Quota system)	
<b>SUMMARY</b> System for the management of tariff quotas	
<b>LEGAL BASIS</b>	
<b>General</b>	Council Regulation (EEC) N° 2913 dd. 12 October 1992 "Community Customs Code", Art 20
<b>Mandatory use of I.T.</b>	None
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	
<u>Contents:</u> The customs tariff of the EU includes conventional and autonomous preferential tariff measures which take the form of customs duty reductions or exemptions on release for free circulation. Some of these measures are limited by quantity, in the form of tariff quotas or tariff ceilings. The Commission checks that the total quantity for all applications made by traders in the Member States does not exceed the limit for quota, and records when the limit for ceilings is reached.	
<u>Process:</u> Tariff Quotas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Member States transmit their requests for allocation to the Commission on a daily basis; the Commission returns the allocated amounts and informs all Member States of the available quantities remaining.</li><li>– The available quantities can be consulted by the public on the Europa Server (DDS).</li></ul>	
<u>Remark:</u> Following the outcome of the ITE-study, it was decided to apply the following principles: Tariff QUOTA definitions and balance changes will be disseminated via the TARIC interface. A specific interface for the Tariff QUOTA drawing requests and the individual Member State's allocation results will be put in place	
<b>STATUS</b> - 2007/2008: Analysis and start the development of the new system Strategy: a better integration and harmonisation with the TARIC system will be realised (unique interface for the definition of a quota covering both the duty rate part (currently TARIC) and the management part (currently Quota); specific interface for the quota requests and the allocation results).	
<b>PLANNED ACTIVITIES</b> - 2007/2008: Analysis and development of the new system.	
<b>TECHNICAL INFORMATION</b>	
<u>Technical infrastructure:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Sun Solaris OS</li><li>– BEA Weblogic application server 8</li><li>– Oracle 9 database system, UTF8 as character encoding scheme</li><li>– Java client</li><li>– Web Server (Netscape - iPlanet)</li><li>– The message exchanges with the Member States use the CCN/CSI infrastructure.</li></ul>	