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Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

The following notification transmitted by the Government of France should be added to the information contained in Annex I of COM.TD/W/105.

HONEY (04.06)

French production: 15,000 to 20,000 metric tons

It is difficult to give an exact figure, as honey is produced by small units and part of the production is, therefore, consumed by the producer.

Imports (1968): 5,427 metric tons, of which:

Spain	:	2,632 metric tons
Mexico	:	220 metric tons
Honduras	:	101 metric tons
Jamaica	:	45 metric tons
Argentina	:	44 metric tons

Exports (1968): 797 metric tons

Economic problems

1. Honey is a sideline for many small farmers whose economic position is very precarious.

2. The cost price of French honey is higher than the average cost price in other countries:

- the export price of French honey at the French frontier is between F 2.50 and F 3.30 per kg.
- the price of imported honey at the French frontier is between F 1.12 and F 1.90 per kg.

FISH MEAL (ex 03.02)

The only products under quotas are cod and halibut meal. This is due to the difficulties encountered by the French fishing industry because of the decline in consumption of this category of fish.

Nevertheless, more than 99 per cent of French fish meal imports (customs heading 23.01 B) have been liberalized. They were as follows:

Total: 89,000 metric tons, of which:

Peru	:	28,000 metric tons
Morocco	:	17,500 metric tons
Chile	:	2,000 metric tons
Senegal	:	1,500 metric tons

CIGARS AND CIGARILLOS (24.02)

Production (1968 - in million units)

cigars	362
cigarillos	439

Consumption (1968 - in million units)

cigars	French cigars	359)	492
	Common Market			
	cigars	50)	
	Third country			
	cigars	83)	

cigarillos	<u>425</u>
	917

Consumption of Common Market cigars (1968 - in million units)

large cigars	(Germany	1.2539)	8.1132)
	(Belgium	0.7963		
	(Netherlands	2.7401)	
	(Italy	3.3229		
	(Germany	0.7661)	49.698
small cigars	(Belgium	13.7215		
	(Netherlands	27.0972)	

Consumption of third country cigars (1968 - in million units)

large cigars	(Spain	0.1044)	5.1378)	82.5038
	(Jamaica	0.0125)		
	(Havana	4.3685)		
	(Manila	0.6524)		
small cigars	(Denmark	0.135)	77.366)	
	((Largo)			
	(Spain	0.074)		
	(Goyitas No. 3)			
	(Switzerland	77.157)		
	((Meccarillos)			

In France trade in unmanufactured and manufactured tobacco is the responsibility of a State monopoly established long before the General Agreement.

COIR MATS AND MATTING (ex 58.02)

<u>Production (1968):</u>	3,800 metric tons
<u>Imports (1968):</u>	715 metric tons, of which:
India:	349 metric tons
<u>Exports (1968):</u>	380 metric tons

Economic problems

1. French production is in the hands of eleven small or middle-sized undertakings which over the past few years have had to make considerable efforts to modernize. These efforts have not yet yielded their full effects.
2. Many of these undertakings are located in areas where the conversion of workers' activities raise difficult problems owing to the general lack of industries in such areas.

LEATHER FOOTWEAR (64.02)

Footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather have been liberalized.

Restrictions now apply solely to the import of footwear with canvas uppers and plastic soles, also known as tennis and basket-ball shoes.