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Note by the Secretariat

<u>nddendum</u>

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

In document COM.TD/W/105, the reference to <u>fish meal</u> (heading No. ex 2301.01 in the Swiss customs tariff) as being a product subject to import restrictions is probably due to an error. In our notification dated 6 January 1969 concerning amendments to be made to the table annexed to document COM.TD/62, we indicated the import régime applicable to this heading by the symbol "ST/LL", that is to say, that this product is considered as coming under State trading and enjoying import liberalization.

In actual fact, there is no quota restriction and recognized importers do not have to obtain licences. They are free to import any quantity of this product. The indication "LL" was given with respect to this product in the absence of any other symbol that would have corresponded to the actual situation. Intervention by the State consists only of the requirement that the importer must pay the "price supplement" at the time of importation, as is also the case with respect to all other fodder products (see document L/1949/Add.23).

Consequently, we do not consider that, upon importation into Switzerland, fish meal falls within the category of goods subject to quantitative restrictions. Accordingly, this product should not be considered in the context of the current exercise concerning "residual restrictions".