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INFORMATION ON CERTAIN PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS AND SELECTED FOR PRIORITY EXAMINATION

Note by the Secretariat

Addendum

The delegation of Norway has provided the following additional information on the fifteen items listed in COM.TD/W/118/Rev.1, which were selected for priority examination by the Group on Residual Restrictions. This information should be read in conjunction with the statistics provided earlier by the delegation of Norway and circulated as COM.TD/W/125/Add.1.

BTN 06.03 - Cut flowers

Norway has no export and approximately half of consumption is covered by imports. Import restrictions are maintained in order to guarantee producers a certain income level.

BTN 07.01-A - Potatoes

Potatoes are one of those products which are relatively well suited for production in Norway. Both export and import are of minor importance. The import system is maintained to guarantee the agreed prices.

BTN 07.01-B - Tomatoes

Imports of tomatoes are to a large extent liberalized in that part of the year when there is no domestic production. Import restrictions are maintained in the summer season in order to guarantee the agreed prices.

BTN ex 07.01-C - Onions, fresh

Approximately one third of consumption is covered by imports, a major part of which comes from developing countries. Import restrictions are maintained to guarantee the marketing of Norwegian production.

BTN ex 08.06 - Apples

Imports are largely free when Norwegian apples are not available on the market. Approximately 20-25 per cent of consumption is covered by imports. Import restrictions are maintained as part of the general aim for production and income.

BTN ex 08.06 - Pears

See comments under position ex 08.06 - Apples, above. Approximately 40 per cent of total consumption is covered by imports. There are no exports.

BTN 08.10 - Apples, pears, preserved, etc.

The major part of consumption is covered by imports. Restrictions are maintained in order to guarantee prices and the marketing of fresh fruit.

BTN ex 08.11 - Apples, pears, provisionally preserved

See comments under position 08.10, above.

BTN ex 20.04 - Apples, pears, preserved by sugar

See comments under position 08.10, above.

BTN ex 20.05, ex 20.06 and ex 20.07

See comments under position 08.10, above.

BTN 17.03, ex 17.05 - Molasses

The import of this commodity is under the responsibility of the monopoly for feed concentrate.

BTN ex 20.01 and ex 20.02 - Tomatoes preserved or prepared

The major part of consumption is covered by imports. Discretionary licensing is necessary in order to guarantee the marketing of Norwegian production of fresh tomatoes in the summer season.

BTN 22.08 - Ethyl alcohol

The import of this product is under the responsibility of the Norwegian wine monopoly.

BTN ex 23.02 - Bran

The import of this commodity is under the responsibility of the monopoly for feed concentrate.

As to the position for yarn, fabrics and garments of non-cotton fibres, Norway has one quota on the import of such products from the Republic of Korea. This quota was increased by 13 per cent from 1969 to 1970.

For all the other industrial products mentioned in document COM.TD/W/118/Rev.1, Norway has no import restrictions.