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UNITED STATES ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XIX

Quota Restrictions on the Import of Lead and Zinc

The following communication, dated 23 September 1958, has been received from the United States Permanent Delegate in Geneva:

"1. On 9 May 1958, contracting parties were informed (L/819) of a report of the United States Tariff Commission unanimously finding that the domestic industry was being seriously injured by increased imports of lead and zinc.

"2. On 22 May, draft legislation for a minerals stabilization program was submitted to the Congress by the Secretary of the Interior. On 19 June 1958 the President announced that he was suspending consideration of the Tariff Commission recommendations pending congressional consideration of the alternative remedy presented by the draft legislation which he considered to be a more effective approach to the problems of the industry. The Congress subsequently adjourned, however, without enacting such a plan. Accordingly, it became necessary to give consideration to the Tariff Commission Report.

"3. The President announced on 22 September 1958 his decision to invoke the provisions of Article XIX of the General Agreement to modify, for such time as necessary, the import treatment of lead and zinc by the imposition of the following country-allocated quarterly quotas. The quotas, which will be effective on 1 October 1958, represent 80 per cent of average competitive imports into the United States during the period 1953-1957. It will be noted that separate quotas are established for lead ores, lead metal, zinc ores and zinc metal.

"4. Copies of the proclamation containing full details concerning this action will be forwarded promptly."

Quarterly Quotas for Imports of Specified Lead and Zinc Products into the United States (in short tons)

Lead-bearing ores, flue dust and matter of all kinds (lead content)

Total, from all countries	33,080
Peru	8,080
Union of South Africa	7,440
Canada	6,720
Australia	5,040
Bolivia	2,520
All others (combined)	3,280

Lead, pigs and bars, etcetera - lead content

Total	55,600
Mexico	18,440
Australia	11,840
Canada	7,960
Yugoslavia	7,880
Peru	6,440
All others (combined)	3,040

Zinc-bearing ores, zinc content

Total	94,960
Mexico	35,240
Canada	33,240
Peru	17,560
All others (combined)	8,920

Zinc blocks, pigs, slabs, scrap gross and skimmings, etcetera, gross weight

Total	35,280
Canada	18,920
Belgium and Luxemburg	3,760
Mexico	3,160
Belgian Congo	2,720
Peru	1,880
Italy	1,800
All others (combined)	3,040