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Report by the Federal Republic of Germany under the Decision of 30 May 1959

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, by their Decision of 30 May 1959¹, concurred in a waiver for the Federal Republic of Germany under paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, in connexion with the import restrictions still imposed by the Federal Republic. Under that Decision the Federal Government shall every year - for the first time at the fifteenth session - enter into consultations on the implementation of the Decision and especially report on the progress made in relaxing or eliminating the restrictions still maintained on products included in Annexes A to E. Accordingly, the present report is submitted.

1. The liberalization of the products stated in section A of Annex A to the Decision has been decreed by Foreign Trade Circular Order No. 39/59 effective as from 1 July 1959 (published in Bundesanzeiger No. 121 of 30 June 1959).
2. The quotas for the products listed in Annex C to the Decision have been opened in the amount as provided for.

In respect of imitations of genuine pearls, licences in the amount of DM.13,525 were granted against the global quota of the second half of 1959 for miscellaneous glass and ceramic products and further import possibilities have been provided in the amount of DM.35,000 during the month of September. In this way the minimum quota provided for has been exceeded substantially.

In respect of uncurried bovine cattle leather a global quota in the amount of DM.300,000 and in respect of curried bovine cattle leather a global quota in the amount of DM.630,000 have been published for the second half of 1959.

¹ See documents L/1013 and Add.1.

3. The de facto liberalization of products subject to Marketing Laws from 1 July 1959, as provided for in Annex D to the Decision has been decreed by Public Notice No. 2417 with effect from 1 July 1959 (published in Bundesanzeiger No. 122 of 1 July 1959, and amended in Bundesanzeiger No. 146 of 4 August 1959).

4. In accordance with section D of Annex A to the Decision, the Federal Republic of Germany on 22 July 1959, entered into consultations with Japan which are still proceeding at the time of completion of the present report.

5. As regards the food products which are still subject to quotas, no global quotas have, as a rule, been established but agreement has been reached on bilateral quotas in order to offer a fair share to the mainly interested supplying countries. Moreover, the Federal Republic has provided possibilities for additional imports whenever this is deemed to be compatible with the economic situation, e.g. by way of global invitations of tenders for specific types of preserved fruit and vegetables, specific types of quick-frozen fruit and vegetables, skimmed milk powder and dried chips.