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FINNISH IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

Import Control System

By letter dated 10 February 1961 the Government of Finland has transmitted copies of a publication entitled "Importation System in Finland", setting out the new import control system which came into force on 1 January 1961.

In so doing the Finnish Government stated as follows:

"The present importation system is divided into the following three categories:

- A. Multilateral import treatment
- B. Treatment of imports from Bilateral countries
- C. Treatment of imports from other countries.

"The list of countries to which the multilateral import treatment is applicable has been extended also to cover (1) the newly independent African countries, (2) the countries of the Sterling Area, (3) the Franc Area and (4) the remaining Dollar Area.

"Imports are licence-free from countries listed in paragraph A/1 of the publication with the exception of goods under Global Quotas (paragraph A/3) or subject to individual licensing (paragraph A/4).

"The global quotas have been revised and are based on the Brussels Nomenclature. In computing the new global quotas it was necessary to raise considerably those quotas found insufficient last year. The division of global quotas into two categories has been abolished. Imports under global quotas will now be subject to regulations of the former category I.

"Imports from countries not mentioned in paragraph A/1 are subject to licensing."