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Addendum

Notifications received from Contracting Parties

1. In document L/1563, circulated in September 1961, there were included lists of "residual restrictions" which had been submitted by contracting parties in accordance with the procedures adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their seventeenth session. At its meetings held in September-October 1961, the Council invited those contracting parties which had not done so to supply lists of their restrictions prior to the nineteenth session (cf. C/M/8, page 4).
2. In the light of the discussions at the Council and in response to further reminders sent by the secretariat, some of the contracting parties in question have since submitted definite replies, while others have given indications about the steps they were taking to meet the requirement of the procedures. The present situation may be summarized as follows¹:

Lists received or to be received

3. The following nine contracting parties have submitted lists of "residual restrictions", which are reproduced in L/1563:

Australia	Italy	Sweden
Canada	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Ghana	Rhodesia and Nyasaland	United States

4. The Government of France has sent a notification which refers to the lists reproduced in L/1417 and Add.1, and explains its present position. This is circulated herewith in the Annex.
5. In addition, the following contracting parties have indicated that they are currently giving attention to the question of residual restrictions and it is possible that such lists are submitted in the near future:

Austria
Norway

¹This supersedes the account given in paragraphs 3 to 6 of L/1563.

Other replies sent by contracting parties

6. The following twenty contracting parties have advised that they apply no import restrictions which in their judgement are inconsistent with the provisions of the General Agreement and without authorization of the CONTRACTING PARTIES:

Brazil	Finland	Nicaragua
Ceylon	Greece	Nigeria
Czechoslovakia	India	Pakistan
Chile	Indonesia	Peru
Denmark	Japan	Turkey
Federal Republic of Germany	New Zealand	South Africa
	Malaya ¹	Uruguay

7. Some of these governments, in their communications to the secretariat, point out that they are applying import restrictions but that these restrictions are permitted under certain provisions of the General Agreement (e.g. Article XII or Article XVIII:B), or have been sanctioned by the CONTRACTING PARTIES through Decisions under Article XXV:5.

8. The contracting parties which so far have not supplied information on the subject of residual restrictions are:

Belgium	Dominican Republic	Luxemburg
Burma	Haiti	Sierra Leone
Cuba		

Associated governments, etc.

9. Among the governments which have provisionally acceded to the General Agreement, or have established special relationships with the CONTRACTING PARTIES, Israel and Yugoslavia have stated that they have no restrictions to notify under these procedures. Switzerland has stated that it applies no restrictions on imports which are not covered by paragraph 1(b) of the Declaration concerning the provisional accession of Switzerland. No notification has been received from any of the other governments in this group.

¹There is, however, a prohibition of imports from South Africa.

ANNEX

Notification by the French Government

1. In reply to airgram GATT/AIR/224, I have the honour to confirm that the products included in the lists communicated to the contracting parties on 14 February and 13 April 1961 (documents L/1417 and L/1417/Add.1) are at present subject to import licence when originating in and coming from member countries of the OECD.
2. With respect to the industrial products included in those lists, the French Government considers that the maintenance of a licensing system is consistent with the relevant provisions of the General Agreement.
3. In the case of agricultural products, a thorough study of the legislation applicable in France and also of the various GATT texts and protocols in force has not so far permitted any final classification to be made of those products under the headings mentioned in GATT/AIR/224. It is possible that some of these products might be considered under the present text of the General Agreement as being subject to residual restrictions.
4. It is understood that in electing to supply a complete list of the products still subject to licence, the French Government is prepared for its part, within the framework of the procedures laid down by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 16 November 1960, to contribute to the discussion of problems arising out of the maintenance of certain quantitative restrictions in France and in other countries.
5. Certain modifications are currently being made, to the list of products subject to licence when imported from contracting parties to the General Agreement other than those countries which are members of the OECD; the CONTRACTING PARTIES will be informed of those modifications as soon as they have been made effective.

