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RESIDUAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS - PERIODIC REVIEW OF NOTIFICATIONS

Note by Executive Secretary

1. Under paragraph 7 of the procedures adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their seventeenth session for dealing with residual import restrictions (Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Ninth Supplement, pages 19-20), contracting parties applying import restrictions contrary to the provisions of the General Agreement and without the authorization of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, were invited to communicate to the Executive Secretary lists of such restrictions and subsequent changes in those lists.
2. At their nineteenth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES appointed a Panel of Experts to examine the adequacy of the notifications submitted by contracting parties under those procedures. The Panel met in February and May 1962 and submitted two reports to the Council (BISD, Eleventh Supplement, pages 206-213). The notifications, which in many cases were brought up to date or made more complete on the advice of the Panel, were reproduced in consolidated form in a single document (L/1769 together with Addenda 1 to 3).
3. At their twentieth session, the CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed that the Council should review from time to time the lists of restrictions communicated to the Executive Secretary under the procedures referred to in paragraph 1 above (SR.20/3, page 29).
4. Since the twentieth session, communications have been received from Australia (L/1769/Add.4), Austria (L/1978 and Add.1) and France (L/1943/Add.1) notifying changes in their residual import restrictions.
5. The communication from Australia shows that the following products have been freed from restrictions since the twentieth session:

Aluminium strip and aluminium alloy strip for use in the manufacture of venetian blinds.

Aluminium alloy strip - "S" shaped; and

Aluminium and aluminium alloy, bars, rods, angles etc.

Residual import restrictions are, as a result, now imposed by Australia only on: ball bearings, unwrought aluminium and aluminium alloy and secondhand or disposals earth-moving, excavating and material handling equipment and parts.

6. The Austrian communication (L/1978 and Add.1) reported the liberalization, on 1 January 1963, of about 670 tariff items and sub-items from all GATT countries with the exception of Japan, Cuba and Czechoslovakia. A complete list of the items liberalized was communicated to contracting parties on 29 May 1963 (L/1978/Add.1). Annex I contains a list of items which are among the more important appearing in the notification.
7. On 4 December 1962, France liberalized some twenty items previously subject to control when imported from non-OECD countries. The items concerned, which were listed in L/1943/Add.1, are reproduced as Annex II to this paper.
8. No contracting party has notified the introduction of any new restrictions, of the sort described in paragraph 1 above, since the last review of these restrictions, referred to in paragraph 2 above.
9. As a result of the communications listed in paragraph 4 above, the various country lists relating to residual import restrictions, at present in force, are as follows:

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| Australia | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769/Add.4 |
| Austria | Lists of items liberalized circulated with L/1725, L/1825 and L/1978/Add.1. A commentary on the latest liberalization list by the Austrian Government appears in L/1978 |
| Belgium and Luxemburg | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769/Add.2 |
| Canada | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, pages 9 and 10 |
| France | (a) A list of products subject to licensing control when imported from former OEEC countries, Canada and the United States: in L/1769, pages 12-36 (b) A list of products the import of which has been liberalized for specified countries other than the former OEEC countries, Canada and the United States: in L/1943, as modified by L/1943/Add.1 |
| Italy | Residual import restrictions lists in L/1769, pages 37-43 |

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| Netherlands | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769/Add.2 |
| Norway | Residual import restrictions lists in L/1769, pages 47-53 |
| Portugal | Residual import restrictions lists in L/1769, pages 54-74 with quotas for certain items shown in L/1769/Add.1 (and Corr.1) |
| Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, page 75 |
| Sierra Leone | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, page 76 |
| Sweden | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, page 77 |
| United Kingdom | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, pages 78-81 |
| United States of America | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, pages 82 and 83 |

10. Those contracting parties which have stated that they apply no restrictions notifiable under the residual restrictions procedures are listed in paragraph 6(b) of the report of the Panel of Experts on Notification of Residual Restrictions (BISD, Eleventh Supplement, pages 211-212). It should, however, be noted that Japan, which at the time of the Panel's report applied restrictions on balance-of-payments grounds under Article XII, has since ceased to claim balance-of-payments justification for the use of import restrictions. The Government of Japan has signified its intention to conform to the established procedures of the General Agreement regarding residual import restrictions (see L/1976).

ANNEX I

AUSTRIA

Selection of the More Important Items Liberalized
on 1 January 1963¹

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| Dried, fresh, chilled or frozen fish | Non-cotton under- and outer- |
| Crustacea | garments |
| Eggs | Gloves |
| Honey | Worked glass |
| Pigs bristle | Pearls |
| Unworked ivory | Precious and semi-precious |
| Frozen, preserved or dried | stones, unworked |
| vegetables | Pig iron |
| Manioc | Cast iron |
| Dates | Ferro-alloys |
| Bananas | Rails |
| Coconuts | Structural steel |
| Citrus fruit | Bolts and nuts |
| Figs | Unwrought copper |
| Nuts | Unwrought nickel |
| Tea | Unwrought aluminium |
| Spices | Unwrought tin |
| Rice | Steam generating boilers |
| Sugar beet and cane | Steam engines |
| Tallow for industrial use | Liquid pumps |
| Fish and marine fats and oils | Agricultural machinery |
| Dehydrated vegetable oils | Sewing machines |
| Cocoa beans, paste and butter, | Typewriters |
| Chocolate and other food | Office machinery |
| preparations containing cocoa | Motorcycles |
| Fruit pulp | Vegetable tanning extracts |
| Oilcake | Raw hides and skins |
| Sulphur | Wood in the rough |
| Asbestos | Cotton |
| A large number of inorganic | |
| and organic chemicals | |

¹See paragraph 6.

ANNEX II

FRANCE

List of Products Liberalized for Importation from
Certain Contracting Parties on 4 December 1962¹

- 32-10 Artists', students' and signboard painters' colours, modifying tints, amusement colours and the like, in tablets, tubes, jars, bottles, pans, or in similar forms or packings, including such colours in sets or outfits, with or without brushes, palettes or other accessories
- Ex 45-03 Articles of natural cork
- Ex 45-04 Agglomerated cork (being cork agglomerated with or without a binding substance) and articles of agglomerated cork
- 54-03 Flax or ramie yarn, not put up for retail sale.
- Ex 56-04 Man-made synthetic and artificial fibres (discontinuous or waste), carded, combed or otherwise prepared for spinning
- 57-11 Woven fabrics of other vegetable textile fibres
- 59-07 Textile fabrics coated with gum or amylaceous substances, of a kind used for the outer covers of books and the like; tracing cloth; prepared painting canvas; buckram and similar woven fabrics for hat foundations and similar uses
- 59-17 Textile fabrics and textile articles, of a kind commonly used in machinery or plant
- Ex 80-05 Interchangeable tools for hand tools, for machine tools or for power-operated hand tools (for example, for pressing, stamping, drilling, tapping, threading, boring, broaching, milling, cutting, turning, dressing, morticing or screw driving), including dies for wire drawing, extrusion dies for metal, and rock drilling bits
- Ex 83-06 Statuettes and other ornaments of a kind used indoors, of base metal
- Ex 84-01 Steam and other vapour generating boilers (excluding central heating hot water boilers capable also of producing low pressure steam)
- Ex 85-22 Electric goods and apparatus (except those suitable for use solely or principally as parts of other machines or apparatus), not falling within any other heading of this Chapter

¹See paragraph 7.

- 85-28 Electrical parts of machinery and apparatus, not elsewhere specified or included
- Ex 87-01 Tractors (other than those falling within heading No. 87.07) whether or not fitted with power take-offs, winches and pulleys
- Ex 88-03 Parts of goods falling within heading No. 88-01 or 88-02:
 - A. Of balloons and airships
- Ex 89-03 Light-vessels, fire-floats, dredgers of all kinds, floating cranes, and other vessels the navigability of which is subsidiary to their main function; floating docks
- 90-10 Apparatus and equipment of a kind used in photographic or cinematographic laboratories, not falling within any other heading in this Chapter; photo-copying apparatus (contact type); spools or reels, for film; screens for projectors
- Ex 90-25 Instruments and apparatus for physical or chemical analysis (such as polarimeters, refractometers, spectrometers, gas analysis apparatus); instruments and apparatus for measuring or checking viscosity, porosity, expansion, surface tension or the like, etc.
- Ex 93-02 Revolvers and pistols
- Ex 97-02 Dolls
- Ex 97-04 Equipment for parlour, table and funfair games for adults or children (including billiard tables and pintables and table-tennis requisites)
- Ex 97-05 Carnival articles; entertainment articles (for example, conjuring tricks and novelty jokes); Christmas tree decorations and similar articles for Christmas festivities (for example, Christmas trees, nativity scenes, etc.)

