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Quota Restrictions on Imports of Certain Dairy Products

The following communication, dated 3 July 1967, has been submitted by the United States mission in Geneva in accordance with paragraph 4 of the "Conditions and Procedures" of the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 5 March 1955.

My letter to you of 19 June 1967¹ contained a notification to the CONTRACTING PARTIES of a request by the President of the United States to the United States Tariff Commission for an investigation under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended. The request called for an investigation with respect to imports of certain dairy products.

As Washington representatives of countries supplying dairy products were informed on 30 June 1967, the President, after having considered the Tariff Commission's Report of its Section 22 investigation, has decided to apply additional restrictions to prevent imports of dairy products from materially interfering with the United States domestic price-support programme for dairy products and has issued a proclamation establishing the following annual import quotas:

- (a) Milk and cream fluid or frozen, fresh or sour containing over 5.5 per cent but not over 45 per cent by weight of butter-fat: 1,500,000 gallons, allocated to New Zealand.
- (b) Articles containing over 5.5 per cent but not over 45 per cent by weight of butter-fat, the butter-fat of which is commercially extractable, or which are capable of being used for any edible purpose for which products containing butter-fat are used - all the foregoing which are classifiable for tariff purposes under TSUS item 182.91 (except articles packaged for distribution in the retail trade and ready for use by the purchaser at retail for an edible purpose or in the preparation of an edible article): 2,580,000 pounds, of which 2,240,000 pounds are allocated to Australia and 340,000 pounds in aggregate to Belgium and Denmark.

¹See document L/2809.

- (c) American type cheese, including Colby, washed curd, and granular cheese (but not including Cheddar) and cheese and substitutes for cheese containing, or processed from, such American type cheese: 6,096,000 pounds.
- (d) Cheddar cheese, and cheese and substitutes for cheese containing, or processed from Cheddar cheese: 10,037,500 pounds (including the existing quota of 2,789,100 pounds); of which not more than 8,812,500 pounds shall be products other than natural Cheddar cheese made from unpasteurized milk aged not less than nine months. (The foregoing description also has the effect of establishing a separate global quota of 1,225,000 pounds for aged Cheddar cheese.)