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IMPORT RESTRICTIONS APPLIED BY SWITZERLAND

Second Annual Report by the Government of Switzerland under Paragraph 4 of the Protocol for the Accession of Switzerland

Paragraph 4 of the Protocol for the Accession of Switzerland to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provides that Switzerland shall furnish annually to the CONTRACTING PARTIES a report on the measures maintained consistently with its reservation "with regard to the application of the provisions of Article XI of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to permit it to apply import restrictions pursuant to Title 11 of the Federal Law of 3 October 1951 as well as pursuant to Article II of the Federal Decree of 28 September 1956/28 September 1962 and to the Swiss legislation concerning alcohol and wheat based on Articles 32 bis and 23 bis of the Federal Constitution".

The first report (document L/2903 of 11 November 1967) covered the period 1 January to 31 December 1966. This, the second, report covers the period 1 January to 31 December 1967.

... Legal basis of the Swiss restrictions

The import restrictions refer exclusively to agricultural products; the legislation on which their application is based has not been amended during the period under reference. It is as follows:

- 1. Federal Law on the Improvement of Agriculture and Maintenance of the Peasant Population (Agriculture Act), 3 October 1951;
- 2. Federal Law on Michol, 21 June 1932/25 October 1949;
- 3. Federal Decree of 28 September 1956/28 September 1962 concerning Measures of Economic Protection vis-à-vis Foreign Countries;
- 4. Federal Law on National Wheat Supplies (Wheat Act), 20 March 1956.

B. Products at present subject to quantitative restrictions

The products subject to quantitative restrictions were listed in the first report (document L/2903 of 11 November 1967). No new products were brought under quantitative restriction during 1967. On the other hand, imports of lamb were liberalized on 1 January 1967; a take-over system ensures disposal of domestic production.

C. Application of restrictions during the period under reference

The import restrictions were applied in as liberal a spirit as possible. This made it possible in general to maintain and in certain cases to increase the high level of imports. Fluctuations in production or in domestic demand were, however, apparent in certain sectors.

The development of imports calls for the following comments on the various sectors:

1. Cereals and feeding stuffs

Imports of bread wheat in 1967 fell back to the 1965 level following an abundant domestic harvest; nevertheless, the area under cultivation declined in 1967 as compared with the preceding year. The percentage of home-grown wheat which millers were required to take was 64.8 per cent on average (1966: 56.4 per cent) of their total requirements.

Imports of grains and feeding stuffs increased slightly, and were 100 per cent above the 1960 level.

2. Livestock and meat

There was a marked decline in imports of live cattle for slaughter, reflecting the trend towards imports of special cuts of meat. The pork production cycle reversed in the period under reference, and larger production caused a decline in imports. There was, however, an increase in beef imports.

Imports of lamb and mutton were liberalized on 1 January 1967, subject to a take-over system to ensure sales of the domestic product.

3. Dairy products

Following a substantial increase in milk production it was practically no longer possible to import butter. Because of uncontrolled imports by private persons, it became necessary to fix the quantity allowed to be imported in frontier traffic at 125 grs. per day per person.

Measures were taken to restore the surplus milk production to a more normal level.

There was no change in the take-over system for whole milk and casein.

4. Fresh eggs

The slight decline in imports of fresh eggs was not due to any change in the application of the import system, but simply to better productivity in Switzerland.

5. Vegetables

Imports continued at a very high level.

6. Fruit and fruit preparations

Despite a very abundant domestic harvest, imports increased substantially.

7. Wines and grape juice

Imports of wine were maintained; the domestic harvest was abundant in 1966 and in 1967. Imports of grape juice continue to increase and were 150 per cent above the 1960 level.

8. Fresh flowers

It was possible to grant import permits for a much greater quantity than in 1966.

9. Alcohol

As a result of the very abundant harvest of pip fruit, import requirements for alcohol declined.

Bern, 30 September 1968

Annex I

TREND OF SWISS IMPORTS OF AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS

1967	Tons	248,921	603	1,096,488	Head	2,571	Tons	47,179	4,721	
1966	Tons	297,796	252	1,046,823	Head	3,367	Tons	40,548	4,883	
1965	Tons	249,004	1,805	902,300	Head	2,299 37,108	Tons	38,052	5,636	
1964	Tons	270,444	2,640	776,692	Head	2,772 39,507	Tons	41,621	5,179	
1963	Tons	251,946	2,158	779,673	Head	2,875	Tons	33,312	4,941	
1962	Tons	313,923	1,326	692,588 11,187	Head	2,661	Tons	35,568	7,596	
1961	Tons	319,756	9,760	537,689	Head	2,644	Tons	20,278	4,146	
1960	Tons	345,183	2,772	579,849 11,853	Head	2,637	Tons	16,654	3,766	
	1. Cereals and feeding stuffs	Bread wheat	Flour (including hard wheat meal)	Fodder cereals and feeding stuffs Grain for sowing	2. Livestock and meat	Dairy cattle and livestock for breeding (princi- pally horses) Cattle for slaughter		Meat, and animal fats	meat preserved meat	

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Fruit and fruit proparations (cont'd)	Tons (Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
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7. Wine and grape juice Wine in casks Grape juice	1,000 hl 1,137	1,000 hl 1,074 15	1,000 hl	1,000 hl 1,000 hl 1,000 hl 1,000 hl 1,074 l,178 l,318 21.6	1,000 h1 1,342 25.5	1,000 h1 1,44,1 24,6		1,000 hl 1,000 hl 1,443 32.1 40.4
C. Fresh flowers	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
Frosh flowers 1 May-25 October	352	338	9977	435	777	<i>L</i> 79	653	726
9. Alcohol	hl 100% 35,415	h <u>l 100%</u> 84,622	hl 100% 99,639	hl 100% 134,267	hl 100% 209,274	h1 100% 234,924	hl 100% 136,573	<u>h1 100%</u> 123,105
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