

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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NOTIFICATIONS OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

Note by the Secretariat

1. In GATT/AIR/637 the secretariat reminded contracting parties of the standing procedures for notification of any quantitative import restrictions not justified either by one of the Articles of GATT or authorized by the CONTRACTING PARTIES. These procedures were approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES in 1962 (Eleventh Supplement, pages 206-213). Some countries have submitted 1968 lists of restrictions in force, as issued in L/2981 and addenda. Notifications of some newly-independent countries of a similar character are contained in L/2984 and addenda.
2. This reminder is directed to those contracting parties from which no current notifications have been received and to those whose notifications fail to give all of the information required.
3. Notifications, as set out in the approved procedures referred to above, should list all restrictions, including licensing requirements and prohibitions, still maintained against any contracting parties. A few countries have failed to submit comprehensive up-to-date negative lists, but the major shortcoming of most notifications is failure to list restrictions, additional to those maintained against most countries, which apply to only one or a few contracting parties. Other information not given in many cases concerns the type of restriction maintained and amounts of imports licensed and information concerning the intended duration of the restrictions.
4. All contracting parties maintaining such restrictions should provide the missing information by 1 November, as foreseen by the decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

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