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## NOTIFICATIONS OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS APPLIED INCONSISTENTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF GATT AND NOT COVERED BY WAIVERS

### Addendum

#### SOUTH AFRICA

The following communication, dated 12 January 1970, together with the attached notification of South Africa's residual import restrictions, has been received from the Permanent Representative of South Africa.

In accordance with Section B, paragraph 7 of the procedures relating to residual import restrictions, approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 16 November 1960 (BISD, Ninth Supplement, page 18), I enclose three copies of a notification by the South African Government.

In amplification of the statement made in paragraph 5 of my letter of 19 December 1969 (see document L/3277/Add.1), I am directed to advise you that the South African Government is at present engaged in a full-scale revision of its remaining import restrictions with a view to determining which of these restrictions can be progressively dismantled without causing disruption of activity in certain sectors of the South African economy. It is the South African Government's intention to proceed with the liberalization of these controls as soon as the present survey has been completed.

This measure of liberalization will consist of the transfer of certain commodities which at present are subject to import permit but for which the full reasonable requirements of importers are met (see Annex B of my letter of 19 December 1969), to the list of goods which may be imported without permit as well as the transfer of certain goods from Annex C (those goods which are subject to special quotas) to Annex B. This procedure will be continued in subsequent liberalization moves. Details of these relaxations of South Africa's import restrictions will be communicated to you from time to time.

NOTIFICATION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS APPLIED  
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AND NOT COVERED BY WAIVERS

The following notification is submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES by the South African Government in terms of Section B, paragraph 7, of the procedures relating to residual import restrictions approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 16 November 1960 (BISD, Ninth Supplement, page 18).

The products listed in Annexes A and B to this notification are subject, on importation into South Africa, to restrictions maintained contrary to the provisions of the General Agreement and without authorization from the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

A list of commodities which may be imported into South Africa without an import permit may be found in Annex A to the list of restrictions contained in L/3277/Add.1. In addition to the items there listed it should also be noted that personal effects (excluding motor vehicles) imported for their own use by individuals intending to reside temporarily or as immigrants in South Africa, bona fide gifts not exceeding R 10 in value, samples of no commercial value and certain other categories of goods of the kinds customarily permitted free entry may likewise be imported without permit.

Permits for the importation of the classes and kinds of goods specified in Annexes A and B are granted on the following bases:

Annex A: Permits are granted on application to bona fide merchants and manufacturers to meet their full reasonable requirements.

Annex B: Permits are granted to individual importers in accordance with quotas determined from time to time.

South Africa's import restrictions do not distinguish between sources of supply. Permits are valid for the importation of goods from any country.

There is also attached, as Annex C to this notification, a list of commodities which may be imported into South Africa without an import permit.

South Africa proposes to move forward as rapidly as possible with the dismantling of its remaining restrictions. Reports on the progress made will be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

ANNEX A

Goods for which Permits are Granted to Meet the Full  
Reasonable Requirements of Bona Fide Merchants and  
Manufacturers

- (i) Raw materials, components, consumable stores and maintenance spares other than those specified in Annex B;
- (ii) plant, machinery, equipment and spares therefor, other than those specified in Annex B;
- (iii) agricultural tractors, machinery and spares therefor;
- (iv) commercial motor vehicles and spares therefor;
- (v) pedal cycles, components and spares therefor;
- (vi) components and sub-assemblies for passenger motor vehicles, covered by a currently valid manufacturing programme approved by or on behalf of the Minister of Economic Affairs;
- (vii) built-up passenger motor vehicles (S.U.P.), provided that such vehicles are imported by private individuals for their own use and the f.o.b. price is in excess of R 1,900;
- (viii) electronic equipment and spares therefor;
- (ix) machine and hand tools and spares therefor, other than those specified in Annex B;
- (x) pharmaceutical products and requisites other than those specified in Annex B;
- (xi) fungicides, pesticides and insecticides;
- (xii) hardwood and hardwood logs;
- (xiii) textile piece-goods other than those specified in Annex B;
- (xiv) artists' requirements and materials;
- (xv) ships, boats and all other types of vessels and spares therefor;
- (xvi) all classes and kinds of goods not specified elsewhere in Annex B or free from quantitative import restrictions (see L/3277/Add.1, Annex A).

ANNEX BGoods for which Quotas are Determined from Time to Time

| Description of goods   | Tariff heading No. |
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| Raw materials, components, consumable stores and maintenance spares for new industries and expansions of existing industries.  |                    |
| Plant, machinery, equipment and spares therefor for new industries and expansions of existing industries   |                    |
| Agricultural tractors, machinery and spares therefor, in respect of which after sales services are not adequately provided for in the Republic of South Africa.  |                    |
| Fruits (bottled, tinned or otherwise preserved, including candied peel and dried fruit)  | ex 08.01           |
|  | 08.02              |
|  | 08.04              |
|  | 03.06              |
|  | 08.07              |
|  | 08.08              |
|  | 08.09              |
|  | 08.10              |
|  | 08.11              |
|  | 08.12              |
|  | 08.13              |
|  | ex 20.01           |
|  | 20.03              |
| Crude and/or processed fish oil, including refined deodorized and hardened fish oil but excluding fats and oils imported under rebate of duty  | ex 15.04           |
|  | ex 15.12           |
| Tung oil and oiticica oil  | ex 15.07           |
| Confectionery, including slab chocolate, ice-cream mixes made with sugar, sweetened cocoa or chocolate, sweetmeats, crystallized fruits, chow-chow, but excluding ice-cream, ginger preserved in syrup or brine or in some other manner and candied ginger | ex 17.04           |
|  | ex 18.06           |
|  | ex 20.04           |
|  | ex 21.07           |
|  | ex 97.05           |
| Paste, pulp, purée, extract or concentrate of tomato   | ex 20.02           |
| Glacé cherries   | ex 20.04           |

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| The following commodities, including raw materials therefor as well as the finished product in dosage form: |                    |
| Paracetamol   | ex 29.25           |
| Dicyclamine hydrochloride   | ex 29.23           |
| Amylobarbitone and its salts  | ex 29.25           |
| Phenacetin; pentobarbitone and its salts  | ex 29.25           |
| Quinalbarbitone and its salts   | ex 29.25           |
| Phenylbutazone  | ex 29.25           |
| Furazolidone  | ex 29.25           |
| Chlorpromazine hydrochloride  | ex 29.35           |
| Nitrofurazone   | ex 29.35           |
| Nitrofurantoin  | ex 29.35           |
| Piperazine salts  | ex 29.35           |
| Phenolphthalein   | ex 29.37           |
| Digoxin   | ex 29.41           |
| Quinine and quinidine and their salts   | ex 29.42           |
| Lignocaine and its salts  | ex 30.03           |
| Thiopentone and its salts   | ex 30.03           |
| Ethyl chloride  | ex 29.02           |
| Acetylsalicylic acid and preparations thereof   | ex 29.16           |
|   | ex 30.03           |
| Salicylic acid and preparations thereof   | ex 29.16           |
|   | ex 30.03           |
| Methylsalicylate (raw material)   | ex 29.16           |
| Calcium methanesulphonate of isonicotinic acid hydrazide  | ex 29.35           |
| in raw material or finished dosage form   |                    |
| Injections (in finished dosage and ampoule form):   |                    |
| Vitamin B12 and vitamin B complex   | ex 29.38           |
| ACTH gel. solution and long-acting form (excluding the zinc salts)  | ex 29.39           |
| Injections containing salts of penicillin and/or salts of streptomycin                                      | ex 29.44           |
|   | ex 30.03           |
| Dental cartridges   | ex 30.03           |
| Hyaluronidase in raw material and/or in finished dosage form  | ex 29.40           |
| Narcotics derived from opium (in raw material and/or in finished dosage form)                               | ex 29.42           |

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| Aerosols (containing in finished dosage form):   |  |
| Polymixin and/or neomycin and/or bacitracin  | ex 29.44<br>ex 30.03   |
| Fertilizers  | 31.01<br>31.02<br>31.03<br>31.04<br>31.05  |
| Insecticides with trichlorodi (chlorophenyl) ethane (DDT) as active ingredient   | ex 38.11   |
| Polystyrene  | ex 39.02   |
| Ethylene polymers and copolymers in liquid, paste, blocks, lumps, powders and similar bulk forms   | ex 39.02   |
| Polyvinyl chloride and copolymers in liquid, paste, blocks, lumps, powders and similar bulk forms  | ex 39.02   |
| Plastic containers for the collection of blood transfusion   | ex 39.07<br>ex 90.17   |
| All clothing (including infants' napkins), excluding second-hand overcoats, infants' knitted outerwear not exceeding 20 inches chest measurement, infants' nightwear not exceeding 27 inches in length, infants' petticoats not exceeding 18 inches in length, bibs, feeders and saris | ex 39.07<br>ex 40.13<br>ex 42.03<br>ex 43.03 and<br>ex 43.04<br>ex 60.03<br>60.04<br>ex 60.05<br>ex 60.06<br>61.01<br>61.02<br>ex 61.03<br>61.04<br>ex 61.09<br>ex 61.10<br>ex 63.01<br>ex 64.06<br>ex 68.13 |

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| Wood of coniferous species (in the rough, whether or not stripped of its bark or merely roughed down, roughly squared or half-squared or planed, but not further manufactured), boxes and shooks   | 44.01<br>ex 44.03<br>ex 44.04<br>ex 44.05<br>ex 44.13<br>ex 44.21                            |
| Basketwork and wickerwork  | 46.03  |
| Polyester fibres   | ex 56.01<br>ex 56.02<br>ex 56.03<br>ex 56.04   |
| Woven fabrics in which synthetic fibres (continuous and discontinuous) predominate, of a weight per square yard of not less than 4.2 ounces and woven fabrics in which cellulosic fibres (continuous and discontinuous) predominate and which contain not less than 30 per cent of combed wool or other combed animal hair or synthetic fibres or mixtures thereof, of a weight per square yard of not less than 4.2 ounces, but excluding fabrics imported under rebate of duty and used in the manufacture of boys' shorts, women's and girls' outergarments and infants' wear | 50.09.15<br>50.09.25<br>50.10.15<br>50.10.25<br>51.04.70<br>51.04.85<br>56.07.80<br>56.07.87 |
| Sisal, raw or processed and twine, rope and cordage produced from sisal  | ex 57.04<br>ex 59.04   |
| Galvanized sheet steel in corrugated, flat, coil or strip form and cold-rolled steel, in sheet, coil or strip form, but excluding stainless steel  | ex 73.12<br>ex 73.13<br>ex 73.15   |
| Pressure stoves (Primus stove type)  | ex 73.36<br>ex 74.17   |
| Serrated saw banding   | ex 82.02   |
| Vices: mechanics', fitters', engineers', bench type (spindle-operated, with or without quick release), woodworkers' or carpenters' (excluding table, leg, swivel and pipe vices, including the combination type)   | ex 82.04   |

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| Hammers of base metal, being carpenters', claw, ballpein, club, sledge, joiners', telephone and brick-hammers                      | ex 82.04             |
| Screwdrivers, excluding the ratchet, screwholding and jewellers' types   | ex 82.04             |
| Hand punches - drive, rail, pin, centre, roofing and taper   | ex 82.04             |
| Trowels  | ex 82.04             |
| Twist drills - all types (excluding tungsten carbide drills and woodboring bitstock drills)  | ex 82.04<br>ex 82.05 |
| Other masons' hand tools (excluding stone cutting combs and holders, pitching tools, chiselpoint and stone chisels and plumb bobs) | ex 82.04             |
| Millings cutters, all types  | ex 82.04<br>ex 82.05 |
| Miners' safety lamps (cap lamps), electric   | ex 85.10<br>ex 83.07 |
| Conveyors  | ex 84.22             |
| Scrapers   | ex 84.23             |
| Guillotines (excluding hand guillotines for use in the paper industry)   | ex 84.33<br>ex 90.10 |
| Plate bending rolls  | ex 84.45             |
| Presses for the metal industry   | ex 84.45             |
| Press brakes   | ex 84.45             |
| Centre lathes  | ex 84.45             |
| Concrete mixers  | ex 84.56             |
| Electric floor polishers, including vacuum cleaner/floor polisher combinations   | ex 85.06             |
| Built-up passenger motor vehicles in SUP form other than those specified in Annex A  | ex 87.02             |



| Description of goods   | Tariff heading No.                           |
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| Engines, chassis, body parts, sub-assemblies and other materials in CKD or SKD form for the assembly of passenger motor vehicles other than those specified in Annex A | ex 87.02<br>ex 87.04<br>ex 87.05<br>ex 87.06 |
| Metal levels - straight-edged, exceeding 12 inches in length, of an f.o.b. price not exceeding R 10 per level  | ex 90.16                                     |
| Medical tubes for endotracheal, tracheostomic and urological drainage as well as for anaesthesia and for veterinary purposes   | ex 90.18                                     |