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RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM POLAND

Notifications by Contracting Parties

1. Contracting parties were invited in airgram GATT/AIR/718 of 13 May 1969 to notify, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Protocol for the Accession of Poland and in preparation for the second annual review under the Protocol:

- (a) prohibitions or quantitative restrictions maintained on 30 June 1967 on imports from Poland, and
- (b) action taken or envisaged under paragraph 3(a) of the Protocol towards removing such restrictions and the results of such actions.

2. Notifications have been received from the following Governments:

Australia	Madagascar
Czechoslovakia	Malta
Denmark	Norway
Finland	South Africa
Ireland	Sweden
Japan	United States

These notifications are reproduced hereunder.

3. Contracting parties, which have not yet submitted notifications, are invited to do so without delay. It was indicated in GATT/AIR/718 that governments which had already notified their restrictions in connexion with the first review under the Protocol, as restrictions applied contrary to GATT or as restrictions maintained for balance-of-payments reasons, would only be required to refer to their previous notifications, to the extent that these fulfilled the particular requirements laid down in GATT/AIR/718.

AUSTRALIA

(a) Please refer to the letter of 16 May 1969 concerning the Australian notification of import restrictions contrary to GATT (L/3212/Add.1). Australia does not maintain any import restrictions on Polish goods contrary to Article XIII.

(b) Not applicable to Australia as this sub-paragraph refers only to restrictions contrary to Article XIII.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

As was notified in connexion with the first annual review, Czechoslovakia does not maintain any discriminatory restrictions on imports from Poland.

DENMARK

The increase by 25 per cent of the quotas for the commodities not subject to free licensing mentioned in the last notification reproduced in Annex V to document L/3093^{1/}, has in certain cases proved to be sufficient in relation to the marketing possibilities existing in Denmark. The abolition of these formal restrictions is therefore now being considered by the Danish Government.

The quotas for commodities involving market disruption risks have, as a result of bilateral negotiations in the spring this year, been increased by 7 per cent. At the same time quotas have been established for commodities not previously imported from Poland.

Trade between Denmark and Poland has developed as follows:

	(DKr million)			
	1966	1967	1968	1st quarter 1969
Import from Poland	244.1	269.9	312.9	73.3
Export to Poland	189.3	227.8	199.5	55.4

As can be seen, Poland's exports to Denmark are increasing fairly rapidly. The Danish deficit will be reduced substantially in the coming years due to deliveries of ships to Poland.

FINLAND

The Permanent Mission of Finland presents its compliments to the secretariat of GATT and, with reference to GATT/AIR/718, has the honour to enclose herewith a list showing the Finnish imports in 1967 and 1968 from Poland in headings completely liberated from licensing and a list showing the imports from Poland in 1967 and 1968 in headings wholly or partly subject to licensing.

In the opinion of the Finnish authorities this information corresponds best to the material requested under paragraph (B) of GATT/AIR/718.

^{1/} See also BISD, Sixteenth Supplement, page 75.

The information requested in paragraph (A) of GATT/AIR/718 has already been notified and appears in L/3093, page 36.

I. HEADINGS COMPLETELY LIBERATED FROM LICENSING

		Import in Fmk	
		1967	1968
05	Products of animal origin; not elsewhere included	30,816	34,706
06	Live trees and other plants	6,415	11,569
07	Edible vegetables	120,375	95,343
08	Edible fruit	48,155	177,544
09	Coffee, tea, maté and spices	-	7,354
12	Oilseeds and fruit, miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial and medical plants; straw and fodder	83,123	223,789
13	Raw vegetable materials suitable for use in dyeing or tanning; lacs, gums, resins	35,641	4,318
14	Vegetable plaiting and carving materials; vegetable products not elsewhere included	18,495	4,112
16	Preparations of meat, fish, crustaceans or molluscs	72,414	39,194
19	Preparations of cereals, flour or starch	-	203
20	Preparations of vegetables and fruit	-	4,462
22	Beverages, spirits and vinegar	256,813	101,955
24	Tobacco	38,864	38,914
25	Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement	2,946,148	5,266,249
27	Mineral fuels and oils	16,438	107,692
28	Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements and of isotopes	2,190,981	4,022,915
29	Organic chemicals	944,282	1,449,265
31	Fertilizers	47,649	38,802
32	Tanning and dyeing extracts; tannins; dyes, colours, paints and varnishes; putty, fillers and stoppings; inks	15,594	144,018

		Import in Fmk	
		1967	1968
34	Soap, washing preparations, waxes, candles and similar articles	14,855	9,510
35	Albuminoidal substances; glues	1,083,508	1,211,951
36	Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches	17,073	-
37	Photographic and cinematographic goods	3,695	1,383
38	Miscellaneous chemical products	158,865	235,604
39	Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers, articles thereof	-	1,536
40	Rubber, synthetic rubber, factice and articles thereof	2,953	11,723
42	Articles of leather and of animal gut	220	191,085
43	Fur skins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof	1,093	1,933
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	2,063,303	561,014
46	Manufactures of straw, of esparto and of other plaiting materials	125,612	86,039
47	Paper-making material	547,187	76,376
48	Paper and paperboard; articles thereof	26,807	10,343
49	Printed books, other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, type-scripts and plans	31,116	45,781
58	Carpets, tapestries, lace and similar articles	199	-
63	Old clothing; rags	31,423	170,298
65	Hand-gear and parts thereof	17,809	-
67	Prepared feathers and down; artificial flowers; articles of human hair; fans	633	-
68	Articles of stone, plaster and similar materials	963	-
69	Ceramic products	25,356	85,314
70	Glass and glassware	133,186	74,272
71	Pearls, precious stones and metals and articles thereof; imitation jewellery	29	451

		Import in Fmk	
		1967	1968
73	Iron and steel and articles thereof	379,912	306,895
76	Aluminium and articles thereof	4,952	-
79	Zinc and articles thereof	70,296	1,342,532
82	Tools, spoons and forks of base metal	54,204	140,770
83	Miscellaneous articles of base metal	483	2,476
84	Boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof	3,622,866	3,563,996
85	Electrical machinery and equipment; parts thereof	40,334	39,523
87	Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling stock and parts thereof	349,398	296,801
88	Aircraft and parts thereof; aircraft launching gear; ground flying trainers	9,152	163
89	Ships, boats	1,417	99
90	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; parts thereof	78,346	107,289
91	Clocks and watches and parts thereof	8,123	11,867
92	Musical instruments; sound recorders and reproducers; parts and accessories of such articles	43,830	28,658
93	Arms and ammunition	42,062	32,469
94	Furniture; bedding, mattresses	256,013	225,230
95	Articles of carving or moulding material	-	9
96	Brooms, brushes, feather dusters, powder-puffs and sieves	783	4,751
97	Toys, games and sports requisites	2,905	4,597
98	Miscellaneous manufactured articles	442	4,231
99	Works of art, collectors pieces and antiques	773	4,128
Total:		16,144,014	20,663,579

II. HEADINGS WHOLLY OR PARTLY SUBJECT TO LICENSING

	Import in Fmk	
	1967	1968
01 Live animals	31,554	143,404
02 Meat and edible meat offals	-	46,960
03 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs	-	2,006
04 Dairy products; birds' eggs, natural honey	51,122	26,259
06 Live trees and other plants	-	50
07 Edible vegetables	385,609	1,586,160
08 Edible fruit	682,438	633,417
10 Cereals	866,974	1,049,718
12 Oilseeds and fruit; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial and medical plants; straw and fodder	8,040	13,902
16 Preparations of meat, of fish, of crustaceans or molluscs	-	481
17 Sugars and sugar confectionery	1,589,653	4,120,573
20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit or other parts of plants	543,610	1,231,932
21 Miscellaneous edible preparations	6,746	-
27 Mineral fuels and oils	49,724,796	62,540,648
28 Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements and isotopes	8,800	-
30 Pharmaceutical products	135,186	81,187
32 Tanning and dyeing extracts; dyes, colours, paints and varnishes; fillers and stoppings; inks	1,160,869	-
39 Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers; articles thereof	5	-
40 Rubber, synthetic rubber, factice, and articles thereof	8,754	3,267
42 Articles of leather and of animal gut	273,297	45,457

		Import in Fmk	
		1967	1968
44	Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal	166,157	61,973
48	Paper and paperboard; articles thereof	19,511	16,441
51	Man-made fibres (continuous)	61,644	93,011
53	Wool and other animal hair	674,348	163,677
54	Flax and ramie	137,592	175,856
55	Cotton	60,600	67,904
56	Man-made fibres (discontinuous)	26,703	7,117
58	Carpets, tapestries, lace and similar articles	9,548	15,580
59	Wadding and felt; twine, cordage, ropes and cables; special fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use	50,892	3,302
60	Knitted and crocheted goods	335,330	377,244
61	Clothing	-	5,320
62	Other made-up textile articles	195,138	30,598
64	Footwear	145,807	166,915
69	Ceramic products	179,013	117,476
70	Glass and glassware	-	6,008
73	Iron and steel and articles thereof	14,763,104	12,889,644
76	Aluminium and articles thereof	804,104	809,310
82	Tools, spoons and forks of base metal	143,444	18,267
85	Electrical machinery and equipment; parts thereof	2,341	1,066
87	Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling stock, and parts thereof	26,119	-
90	Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; parts thereof	37,786	9,288
93	Arms and ammunition	214,040	232,267
96	Brooms, brushes, feather dusters, powder-puffs and sieves	31,987	32,099
97	Toys, games and sports requisites	365,105	236,998
Total:		72,857,266	87,062,782

IRELAND

The Permanent Representative wishes to inform the Director-General that there has been no change in the position as regards restrictions on imports into Ireland from Poland from that set out in the Permanent Representative's letter of 10 May 1968 (cf. BISD, Sixteenth Supplement, page 69, paragraph 11) and the notification of residual import restrictions applied by Ireland, contained in document L/2981/Add.1 of 5 March 1968.

JAPAN

The Permanent Delegation of Japan to the International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the secretariat of the GATT and has the honour to notify, with regard to the GATT/AIR/718, that the Government of Japan has no discriminatory import restrictions against Poland.

MADAGASCAR

I have the honour to inform you that the regulations in force in Madagascar do not contain any restrictive measure directed particularly to imports from Poland; the restrictive measures applying to imports involve no discrimination.

MALTA

Imports from Poland are treated in the same way as imports from other GATT member countries except that a licence is required for all imports from countries of the "Eastern bloc". Licences, however, are freely issued except for those products which are restricted on importation from any country. A list of restrictions in force on 30 June 1967 is contained in document L/2749/Add.3.

NORWAY

Referring to GATT/AIR/718, I have the honour to enclose the list of items in the Norwegian Customs tariff subject to restrictions when imported from Poland.

In response to point (B) in the above-mentioned airgram, I should like to recall what was stated in our last notification¹ that my Government has for a number of years pursued on an autonomous basis a liberal policy with regard to imports from Poland.

¹L/3093, page 50.

COMMODITY LIST I ACCORDING TO THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE'S
REGULATIONS OF 10 JUNE 1966

Position and commodity number ¹	Item
	<u>Chapter 10</u>
10 06 900	Rice grits and broken rice
	<u>Chapter 27</u>
27 10 210)	
27 10 220)	Motor spirit (gasoline, etc.)
27 10 290)	
27 10 420)	
27 10 430)	
27 10 492)	Kerosene
27 10 499)	
27 10 511)	
27 10 519)	
27 10 551)	
27 10 552)	Fuel oil, furnace oil and bunker oil
27 10 553)	
27 10 554)	
27 10 555)	
	<u>Chapter 46</u>
46 03 902	Baskets and similar articles
	<u>Chapter 54</u>
	<u>Flax and ramie</u> (except bleached fabrics)
54 05 911	Other fabrics of flax or of ramie
54 05 925)	
54 05 931)	Towelling containing cotton
54 05 941)	

¹The nomenclature follows the Brussels Nomenclature with Norwegian sub-specifications - the last three ciphers - where necessary.

Position and commodity number	Item
	<u>Chapter 55</u>
	<u>Cotton</u>
	Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, of cotton
	Other woven fabrics of cotton:
55 09 506)	Other unbleached fabrics (not containing continuous
55 09 507)	man-made fibres) than cord fabrics, down-proof
55 09 509)	cambric, and gauze for dressings
55 09 601)	
55 09 603)	
55 09 604)	Bleached fabrics (<u>except fabrics printed or dyed in</u>
55 09 605)	<u>one colour containing discontinuous man-made fibres</u>
55 09 608)	<u>or other printed fabrics</u>)
55 09 609)	
55 09 951)	
55 09 952)	
55 09 957)	Other fabrics (<u>except fabrics printed or dyed in</u>
55 09 959)	<u>one colour containing discontinuous man-made fibres,</u>
55 09 961)	<u>other printed fabrics, down-proof cambric and gauze</u>
55 09 962)	<u>for dressings</u>)
55 09 964)	
55 09 967)	
55 09 969)	
	<u>Chapter 56</u>
	<u>Man-made fibres (discontinuous)</u>
	Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (<u>except fabrics</u>
	<u>containing continuous man-made fibres and fabrics</u>
	<u>printed or dyed in one colour</u>):
56 07 101)	
56 07 109)	
56 07 201)	
56 07 209)	Bleached fabrics
56 07 701)	
56 07 709)	
56 07 401)	
56 07 402)	
56 07 409)	
56 07 901)	Other fabrics
56 07 902)	
56 07 909)	

Position and commodity number	Item
	<u>Chapter 60</u>
	<u>Knitted and crocheted goods</u>
of 60 03	Stockings, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized
of 60 04	Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized:
60 04 150	Men's shirts of cotton
60 04 250	Nightwear of cotton
60 04 650	Ladies' tights of cotton
60 04 750)	
60 04 850)	Other undergarments of cotton
60 04 950)	
	<u>Chapter 61</u>
	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of textile fabric, <u>other than knitted or crocheted goods</u>
of 61 01	Men's and boys' outer garments:
61 01 050)	
61 01 150)	
61 01 250)	
61 01 350)	Men's and boys' outer garments of cotton, not impregnated, coated with oil, etc.
61 01 450)	
61 01 550)	
61 01 650)	
61 01 750)	
61 01 950)	
of 61 02	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments (except knitted or crocheted)
61 02 050)	
61 02 084)	
61 02 150)	
61 02 250)	
61 02 350)	Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments of cotton, not impregnated, coated with oil, etc.
61 02 450)	
61 02 550)	
61 02 650)	
61 02 750)	
61 02 850)	
61 02 950)	

Position and commodity number	Item
	<u>Chapter 61</u> (cont'd)
61 03	Men's and boys' undergarments, including collars, shirt-fronts and cuffs
61 04	Women's, girls' and infants' undergarments
	<u>Chapter 62</u>
	<u>Other made-up textile articles</u>
of 62 02	Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen, kitchen linen and the like; curtains and other furnishing articles:
62 02 152)	
62 02 153)	
62 02 155)	
62 02 156)	Bed linen, containing cotton or of flax (except articles containing silk or man-made fibres)
62 02 192)	
62 02 193)	
62 02 195)	
62 02 196)	
62 02 251)	
62 02 252)	
62 02 253)	
62 02 255)	
62 02 256)	Table linen containing cotton or of flax (except articles containing silk or man-made fibres)
62 02 291)	
62 02 292)	
62 02 293)	
62 02 295)	
62 02 296)	
62 02 351)	
62 02 352)	
62 02 353)	
62 02 355)	
62 02 356)	Toilet linen, kitchen linen and the like containing cotton or discontinuous man-made fibres or of flax
62 02 391)	
62 02 392)	
62 02 393)	
62 02 395)	
62 02 396)	
	<u>Chapter 93</u>
93 07 301	Lead shot cartridges

SOUTH AFRICA

I have the honour to refer to GATT/AIR/718 of 13 May 1969, and to inform you that South Africa's import restrictions, as is stated in paragraph 3 of document BOP/87 of 14 October 1968, do not discriminate among countries from which goods are imported. South Africa does not discriminate against Poland in the administration of its quantitative import restrictions.

SWEDEN

Since 1 October 1965, when a large number of products imported from Poland were liberalized, only a few products are subject to import restrictions. On 30 June 1967 the quotas mentioned below were applied for Swedish imports from Poland. With effect from 1 January 1968 respectively 1 January 1969 certain of these quotas have been increased. Most of these quotas have not been fully utilized.

	BTN numbers	Quotas 30.6.1967		Changed quotas for 1968	Changed quotas for 1969	Imports			
						1967		1968	
		Tons	SKr'000	SKr'000	SKr'000	Tons	SKr'000	Tons	SKr'000
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
A. <u>Quotas which constitute upper limits of licensing</u>									
Zinc white	ex 38.19	800				58	81	20	28
Leather gloves	ex (42.03; 43.03)		400				334		265
Finished textile goods, including fabrics (excluding grey-cloth)	51.01; 51.03-04; 53.10-13; 54.03-05; 55.05-09; ex (56.01; 56.04; 56.05); 56.06-07; 57.09-10; 58.01-02, 04-06, ex (58.08; 59.01); 59.02-05, 07-09, 11-13, 15-17; 60.01-06; 61.01-04, 06-07, 09-10; 62.01-62.05		7,500		8,000		6,981		7,325
Footwear	64.01-02		1,300		1,450		1,181		1,432
Porcelain and faience	69.11-13		1,000	1,200			996		988
Cast iron drain pipes and pipe fittings	ex 73.17; 73.20	5,000				2,631	2,152	1,948	1,606
Iron and steel	73.06-10; ex 73.11; 73.12; ex 73.13; 73.14-15	60,000				45,495	21,790	46,172	20,676
B. <u>Quotas which after consideration may be licensed beyond the amounts mentioned</u>									
Fish	ex 03.01		1,000				976		645
Miscellaneous agricultural and food products	Various numbers mainly within chapters 1-24		14,000	16,000	17,000		23,111		22,197
Methanol	ex 29.04	2,000				15	5	105	24
Miscellaneous chemical products including plastics and products thereof	ex (28.27; 29.02); 29.04; 39.01-02		1,500				213		235
Grey-cloth	ex (51.04; 55.09; 56.07)		1,000	1,500			1,038		1,485
Ferro-alloys	73.02		1,000				-		49
Miscellaneous products of iron and other base metals including containers and cast iron covers and boxes	ex (73.11; 73.13); 73.16, 18.40; 76.02-04, 06; 82.09-10, 14		7,500				6,342		3,012
Pleasure craft	ex 89.01		1,000				187		58
C. <u>So-called PM positions</u>									
Sugar	17.01; ex 17.02					24,534	6,717	10,716	2,618
Steel tubes, seamless, welded, galvanized	ex 73.18					487	371	379	253
Graphite electrodes	ex 85.24						41		-
Camping articles	ex 62.04						86		1
Other miscellaneous goods ¹	Various numbers not enumerated above						909		1,400

¹Goods for which import licences are required and which are not mentioned above.

UNITED STATES

In response to the invitation conveyed in GATT/AIR/718 of 3 May 1969, I have been instructed to inform you that the previous notification (see BISD, Sixteenth Supplement, page 69, paragraph 11) that the United States maintains no discriminatory prohibitions or quantitative restrictions in respect of imports from Poland remains valid.