

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Limited Distribution

ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY CANADA

Motor Gasoline

The following communication, dated 22 May 1970, has been received from the Government of Canada.

The Canadian Government wishes to advise the contracting parties that in accordance with the provisions of Article XIX of the GATT, it is applying as from 7 May 1970, a system of discretionary licensing to imports of motor gasoline into Canada, east of the Province of Manitoba.

This action was necessitated by the threat of injury to Canadian oil producers resulting from the conditions under which increasing quantities of motor gasoline have been entering the Ontario market west of the Ottawa Valley. It is not envisaged that the overall volume of imports of motor gasoline into Canada, which amounted to \$24.6 million in 1969 will be significantly affected by the measure. The text of amendments to the National Energy Board Regulations will be sent to the secretariat.