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THE UNITED KINGDOM WAIVER FROM ARTICLE I

Sixteenth Annual Report (1969) on the Use of the Waiver by the United Kingdom

1. The Government of the United Kingdom is requested to make an annual report on the use made of the partial waiver from the obligations of Article I of the General Agreement granted to them at the eighth session¹ of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and amended at the ninth session.²
2. Since the fifteenth report (L/3236) was submitted there has been only one duty change in respect of certain fatty alcohols classified ex United Kingdom tariff sub-heading 15.10(A). Our most-favoured-nation duty on some, but not all, of such alcohols was reduced back to 10 per cent with effect from 2 July 1970. The alcohols on which our duty was reduced are defined as those:

"Normal aliphatic alcohols containing eight or more carbon atoms in the molecule and having an iodine value not greater than 10:

Having a radioactivity of less than 3 disintegrations per minute per gramme of total carbon from B particles of energy between 10 kiloelectronvolts and 156 kiloelectronvolts and containing an even number of carbon atoms in each molecule, not less than 70 per cent by weight of the alcohols having 12 and 14 carbon atoms per molecule and not more than 5 per cent by weight of the alcohols having 8 carbon atoms per molecule."

Other fatty alcohols on which the GATT waiver was invoked in 1965 remain subject to full rate of import duty of 20 per cent. There has been no change in the rates of duty in force on alcohol ethers classified to United Kingdom tariff sub-heading 34.02(A), certain types of high purity silicon sub-heading 28.04(A)(1) or certain silicon products sub-heading 38.19(D)(1).

The United Kingdom has supplied import figures for 1969 for fatty alcohols, alcohol ethers and silicon; these figures are reproduced hereunder. Partial 1970 import figures for related items included in the exercise as a result of a change in the fatty alcohols coverage and a clarification of the high purity silicon heading are available in a limited number of copies in the secretariat (telephone 34 60 11 - ext. 4489).

¹BISD, Second Supplement, page 20.

²BISD, Third Supplement, page 25.

United Kingdom Imports of Fatty Alcohols and
Fatty Alcohol Ethoxylates

	1968		1969	
	Cwt.	£	Cwt.	£
Code No. 51221 Fatty alcohols				
Sweden			8	138
Norway	1,978	14,536	-	-
Denmark	6,937	85,263	1,052	14,008
Western Germany	91,616	736,916	65,867	572,996
Netherlands	45,508	267,236	121,501	757,435
Belgium	2,327	4,739	-	-
France	11,988	65,369	7	84
Switzerland ¹	-	27	1	15
Italy	2,567	32,660	9	97
Yugoslavia	197	1,074	-	-
Japan	2,488	27,984	2,086	20,436
United States	51,432	362,884	17,066	161,591
TOTAL	217,038	1,598,691	207,597	1,526,800
Code No. 55433 ² Fatty alcohol ethoxylates				
Belgium	2,016	12,367	-	-
Sweden	8,787	76,851	41,147	336,586
Western Germany	462	3,188	2,484	25,222
Netherlands	21	256	56	526
France	432	7,085	1,496	14,787
Italy	-	-	2	67
Austria	-	-	197	2,519
Japan	-	-	-	2
United States	479	8,052	187	3,773
Commonwealth including South Africa and Irish Republic	2	3	-	-
TOTAL	12,201	112,823	45,571	383,550

¹Includes figures for Liechtenstein.

²This heading is subject to restriction.

United Kingdom Imports of Silicon

	1968		1969	
	Lb.	£	Lb.	£
Code No. 51317 Silicon - 99.9 per cent minimum purity				
Norway	143,300	8,309	32	100
Sweden	1,102	2,762	-	-
Denmark	946	35,215	213	3,263
Western Germany	274	12,077	3,563	52,497
Belgium	1,148	14,407	139	8,947
France	946	2,815	738	1,393
Switzerland	-	22	-	-
Italy	37	4,914	408	32,012
Japan	704	22,411	648	22,739
United States	9,728	202,181	9,432	462,964
Netherlands	4	293	426	9,126
Czechoslovakia	2	127	-	-
TOTAL	158,191	505,533	15,599	593,041
Code No. 59990 Silicon products containing more than 99.9 per cent by weight of silicon				
Sweden				1
Denmark		80,535		145,705
Western Germany		51,209		47,313
Netherlands		384		27,858
Belgium		156,854		241,830
France		7,370		1,299
Switzerland ¹		3,082		4,106
Italy		129,676		220,612
Japan		95,033		114,888
United States		649,693		548,430
Republic of Ireland		311		126
Norway		208		-
TOTAL		1,174,355		1,352,177

¹Includes figures for Liechtenstein.