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Temporary Export Control Measures

The following communication, dated 11 September 1973, has been submitted by the United States mission in Geneva.

GATT document L/3895 dated 9 August 1973 contained the texts of recent announcements by the United States regarding temporary export control measures affecting various agricultural products as well as ferrous scrap.

On 7 September 1973 liberalization of United States export restrictions on all agricultural commodities currently under validated licensing requirements was announced. The text is reproduced as Enclosure 1.

On 24 August 1973 a United States export licensing policy for ferrous scrap for shipments in September 1973 was announced. A summary of this announcement is reproduced as Enclosure 2.

Enclosure 1

The Department of Commerce announced today liberalization of export restrictions on all the agricultural commodities which are currently under validated licensing requirements. These commodities include soybeans, cotton-seeds, products thereof and other vegetable oils, animal fats and livestock protein feeds.

Effective immediately licences will be issued for exports during the month of September of such commodities on the basis of 100 per cent of any export contract entered into on or after 8 September 1973. This liberalization of current export restrictions for these commodities was issued after review of the current demand/supply situation for the month of September.

In accordance with President Nixon's statement of 18 July 1973, it is anticipated that all restrictions on exports of these commodities will be terminated as of 1 October 1973.

Reporting requirements on exports and anticipated export of these commodities remain in full force and effect.

An export control bulletin will be published Monday, 10 September 1973 setting forth complete details of this change.

7 September 1973

Enclosure 2

The United States Department of Commerce today announced an export licensing policy for ferrous scrap for shipments in September 1973.

Licences will be granted for exports against orders for 500 short tons or more accepted 1 July or earlier for export in September. These licences will have a validity period of 60 days following the date of issuance. Exporters will continue to be required to file with their application for a licence for orders of 500 tons or more an affidavit affirming that they have the necessary scrap earmarked for the particular export as of the date of filing.

Licences for September exports to Japan will only be granted if the export has been licensed for importation into Japan by the Japanese authorities. Ferrous scrap ordered by Japanese trading companies for export to a country other than Japan will be licensed only where satisfactory documentation has been supplied that the order was originally intended for the other country.

Licences will continue to be issued against orders for less than 500 short tons, regardless of when these orders were accepted. The validity period of licences for these small orders will be 30 days from the date of issuance. The Department will continue to watch the volume of exports under this licensing procedure so that it does not reach an unacceptable level. The Department emphasized that exporters may not substitute small orders of less than 500 short tons to fill a large order which is not eligible for export under our licensing system.

Further details on this announcement are covered in Export Control Bulletin 96 dated 24 August 1973.

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