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UNITED STATES ACTION REGARDING THE ANNUAL TARIFF RATE QUOTA ON CERTAIN STAINLESS STEEL FLATWARE

The following communication dated 4 September 1974 has been received from the United States mission.¹

The President, acting under the provisions of headnote 2 to part 2, sub-part D, of the (appendix to the) tariff schedules of the United States, has notified the Secretary of the Treasury that he has increased the annual tariff rate quota applicable to certain stainless steel flatware by 6 per cent, effective 1 October 1974, the opening of the new quota year. Sub-paragraph (B)(II) of that headnote provides, in effect, that the tariff rate quota may be increased, whenever domestic consumption increases, but not by more than 6 per cent and subject to certain specified conditions.

The President's action follows a report from the Tariff Commission pursuant to paragraph (C) of headnote 2 advising that in 1973 domestic consumption of the flatware subject to headnote 2 had increased by 12 per cent over 1972.

As a result of the President's action, the annual tariff rate quota will be increased by nearly a million dozen pieces, or from 16.2 million dozen to somewhat more than 17.1 million dozen. Each country quota allocation will also be increased by 6 per cent.

¹For a previous communication on this subject see document L/3582 of 27 September 1971.