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Import Licensing System for Sugar

The following communication, dated 30 September 1974, has been received from the Permanent Representative of Norway.

The Norwegian Government has decided with effect from 27 September 1974, to introduce a licensing system for all imports of sugar for domestic consumption as well as for industrial use. The import licensing system relates to the following sub-headings in the Norwegian customs tariff:

1701.902 - Refined sugar

1701.909 - Other (for example powdered and crushed)

The developments in the sugar market during the last year has led to an unprecedented increase in sugar prices. The uncertainty as to the future development of sugar prices has caused problems with regard to the conclusion of long-term contracts. The object of the import licensing system is to secure long-term supplies of sugar through a system of centralized imports and does not imply any limitations of the quantities imported.

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