

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY AUSTRALIA

### Certain Footwear

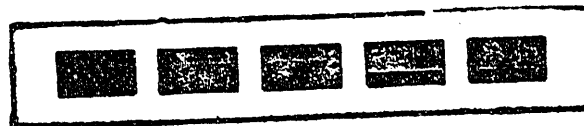
The following communication, dated 18 October 1974, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

The Government of Australia advises the CONTRACTING PARTIES that in accordance with the provisions of Article XIX of the General Agreement, it has decided to introduce temporary quantitative import restrictions on footwear falling within Australian tariff items 64.01.4, 64.02.3, 64.02.9, 64.03.9 and 64.04.9, but excluding gum boots, wading boots and specialist sporting footwear. The restrictions will not apply to parts for footwear or to thongs, sandals, galoshes, ski boots or divers' boots.

The restrictions are being introduced following a public enquiry and report by the Australian temporary assistance authority which in the face of rapidly increasing imports has recommended that urgent action be taken in the form of quantitative import restrictions. Imports under the relevant tariff items increased by 70 per cent from 13 million pairs in 1972/73 to 22.1 million pairs in 1973/74.

The restrictions are intended to limit imports between 1 October 1974 and 30 September 1975 under each of the tariff items concerned to a level 20 per cent greater than imports under those items in 1972/73. Quotas will be allocated to established importers without restriction as to source of supply.

The temporary restrictions will apply pending a report by the Australian Industries Assistance Commission on the nature and extent of longer-term assistance which should be accorded the Australian footwear industry.



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