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# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### Notifications Pursuant to Article XVII:4(a)

#### JAPAN

#### Supplement

The Permanent Delegation of Japan has transmitted the following supplement to the notification set out in document L/4140/Add.8.

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#### The Japanese Import System for Raw Silk

1. The Japanese Government has decided to extend, until 31 May 1976, the measure authorizing the Japan Raw Silk Corporation as the sole importer of raw silk which was notified to the contracting parties by the GATT document L/3833/Add.13, dated 2 September 1974.
2. This decision was made in order to avoid market disruption which would be caused by the termination at the originally envisaged date of this measure, since the unusual supply-demand imbalance in Japan still persists even though some signs of improvement in the market condition are seen as a result of the increased purchase by the said Corporation of domestic raw silk and the orderly importation by the Corporation under the current system.

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