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Corrigendum

Subsequent to the completion of the background document prepared for the special session of the Council on developments in the trading system (C/W/494), the following corrective, supplementary or additional information has been provided to the secretariat or otherwise become available to it.

Page 12, add new paragraph 47bis:

In May the United States announced, in response to measures introduced in Portugal on 1 March, that it would set quotas on a group of EC products. According to report the quotas, effective 19 May and relating to imports into the US of wine, fruit juice, beer and chocolate, set ceilings above levels of trade. However, should the Portuguese measures complained of begin to restrict US exports then the quotas will be adjusted to have a comparable effect, or the President may substitute tariff increases for the quotas. The United States has stated that it is willing to suspend its "mirror actions" if the whole question is submitted to a GATT panel. At the same time, as regards the modification of measures in Spain, the United States stated that it would suspend certain tariff concessions under the GATT, effective in thirty days after 20 May. These concern, inter alia, cheese, olives, endives, brandy and gin imports from the EC. The action does not lead to an increase in tariffs; however, if the question of compensation for the imposition of the variable levy on Spanish imports of maize and sorghum is not settled by 1 July, the US will consider the possibility of duty increases. The EC Commission, for its part, has proposed a Regulation containing firstly a list of products which would be subject to import surveillance and, secondly, granting it the authority to act to curb imports from the US if judged necessary. The proposal is at present subject to approval by the EC Council of Ministers.

Page 16, paragraph 74:

Second line: replace "4,558" by "4,646".

Page 16, paragraph 75:

First line: after "Japanese" insert "steel".

Second line: replace "their exports of steel pipes" by "the new business portion of their exports of oil country tubular goods".

Page 18, paragraph 94:

First line: after "representatives" add "exchanged views on the forecasts of the UK market for 1986 and".

Third line: add "volume" after "Japanese" and delete "in 1986" in the fourth line.

Fifth line: replace "confirmed" by "stated".

Page 19, paragraph 97:

Delete paragraph.

Page 19, paragraph 98:

At end of paragraph, add: "The primary tariff quota for footwear as from the aforementioned date will be not less than 2,453 million pairs - which is almost twice as large as the volume of imports in FY 1985".

Page 19, paragraph 102:

Sixth line: add "sets and" after "TV".

Page 20, paragraph 105:

Second/third line: replace "of 1 January" by "soon as possible in".

Third line: replace "will eliminate" by "eliminated".

Page 20, paragraph 107:

Fourth line: replace "265K" by "256K".

Tenth line: replace "40 per cent" by "35 per cent".

Eleventh line: replace "\$900" by "\$1400".

Page 23, paragraph 124:

Second line: replace "rollback" by "freeze".

Third line: delete "and".

Add to last sentence: "and to include items made from fibres not covered by the MFA".

Page 28, paragraph 162:

Replace text up to "domestic-related business" by: "With effect from 4 March 1986, a total of yen 300 billion was made available for subsidized loans (thereby changing the number of eligible industrial categories from 50 to 128 - these categories are specifically drawn from 183 designated industrial categories which are faced by structural difficulties) as well as the re-scheduling of loans used for equipment modernization. These loans are to be granted to companies with a view to facilitating business conversion and switching from exports to domestic-related business".

Page 29, paragraph 162 (cont'd):

Second line: replace "exporters" by "firms".

Fourth line: after the bracket add "as their lay-off allowance or as their business training expenses" and delete "most off".

Penultimate sentence should read: "The subsidy for their loan measure is expected to total about yen 1 billion in the first year of operation".

Page 29, paragraph 166:

Fifth line: delete "simultaneously", add "Japanese" after "abolish" and "peripherals and parts" after "computers".

Sixth line: replace "computer-related equipment" by "US tariffs on computer parts".

Seventh line: after "vener" add "(including plywood, reconstituted wood, etc.)".

Page 30, add new paragraph 172bis:

United States: In May the President announced in a written statement the Administration's intention to seek five-year voluntary restraint agreements limiting sales to the US by the Federal Republic of Germany, Japan, Switzerland and Taiwan of six main categories of machine tools. Such action is designed to reduce overall machine tool imports to around one-half of the US market compared to some 70 per cent at present.

Page 31, add new paragraph 181bis:

United States: On 22 May the House of Representatives voted (295-115) an omnibus trade bill to overhaul existing legislation. Among its clauses was a provision requiring the President to enter negotiations with those countries that run "excessive" trade surpluses with the United States while making it difficult for American enterprises to exploit their markets; should there be no satisfactory settlement, the President would be required to impose penalties (such as import quotas) on the offending countries. Other provisions would create a system to stabilize currency rates; remove export controls over some militarily sensitive products; and establish a fund that would help workers and industries damaged by foreign competition. A proposal to create a \$300 million war chest to help exporters counter foreign subsidies was eliminated. The Bill, which has been strongly opposed by the Administration, has been sent to the US Senate where similar proposals have been discussed.

Page 33, add new paragraph 196bis:

United States: In May the United States imposed a tariff on imports of Canadian cedar shingles and shakes effective 6 June. The five-year degressive tariff beginning at 35 per cent and declining to 8 per cent for the last six months, was imposed after the US International Trade Commission found that such imports were undermining the American industry. Canada has reacted by increasing tariff rates on a number of products up to their bound GATT rate.

Page 35, paragraph 222:

Add "surcharge" after "import".

Page 37, paragraph 233 (cont'd):

Fourth line: replace "L/3892" by "L/3982".

Page 37, paragraph 235:

Add reference "(see L/5116/Add.6)".

Page 37, paragraph 237:

Replace "L/5414" by "L/5141".

Page 37, paragraph 238:

Add new last sentence before the document reference: "Furthermore, Angola, Canary Islands, Ceuta and Melilla, Macao, Mozambique and Hungary have become eligible to receive preferential tariff treatment".

Page 38, paragraph 240:

Tenth line: replace "fine" by "five".

Page 38, paragraph 242:

Sixth line: replace "of" by "or", and delete "procedure".

Page 39, paragraph 246:

Second line: replace "for" by "from".

Page 40, paragraph 257:

Delete paragraph.

Page 43, add new paragraphs 274bis and ter:

"274bis. Austria has notified that, following the consequences of the accident in the nuclear power station Chernobyl in the Soviet Union, it has, in accordance with Article XX(b) of the General Agreement, temporarily prohibited the import of certain agricultural products including milk, dairy products, fresh vegetables and fruits originating in Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Greece, Italy, Poland, Romania, Turkey, USSR and Yugoslavia (see L/5998)".

"274ter. After the accident to the nuclear reactor at Chernobyl the EC Council adopted on 12 May a temporary ban on certain food and agricultural imports coming from the Soviet Union and six East European countries (Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Yugoslavia). The import suspension which expired 31 May 1986 was discussed in the GATT Council."

Page 44, paragraph 277:

Add reference "(see L/5889/Add.2)".

Page 45, paragraph 292:

Replace paragraph by "Ghana: the law on the importation of vehicles has been amended with retrospective effect from 2 March 1986 as follows: no person shall import any petrol engine motor vehicles exceeding 2,000 c.c.; for diesel engines the limit remains at 2,500 c.c."

Page 46, paragraph 304:

Delete reference in parentheses.

Page 53, add new paragraph 354bis:

Canada/Bulgaria: Canada modified its bilateral export restraint agreement with Bulgaria. The consultation level for winter outerwear was converted to a specific limit for the period 1 October 1985 - 31 December 1986.

Page 83, Appendix V(a):

First reference EEC delete "Japan" and for the duration replace "1985" by "1986".

Page 85, Appendix V(a):

Under "Textiles": after Canada/Mauritius add "Canada/Bulgaria - winter outerwear - 1985-1986".

Page 93, Appendix VI:

Third sub-heading, Preliminary determination of injury from subsidization: delete "table wine (Federal Republic of Germany, France, Italy)".

Page 95:

Last sub-heading, Cases withdrawn (anti-dumping): delete "table wine (Italy)".

Add a final sub-heading "Cases withdrawn (countervailing): table wine (Italy)".