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STAGE REACHED BY THE SUB-COMMITTEE ON NON-TARIFF BARRIERS

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Sub-Committee has met twice, from 10-15 November 1963 and on 27 April 1964. It has so far concentrated on the question of identifying the non-tariff barriers on which governments wish to negotiate and on the procedure for their negotiation.
2. As a result of the request in GATT/AIR/343, a number of participating governments had indicated before the first meeting of the Sub-Committee the particular measures which they wished to be brought within the scope of the negotiations. A summary list of these is set out in TN.64/NTB/8.
3. At its meeting on 28-29 November 1963, the Trade Negotiations Committee agreed that governments should be asked to notify, before the next meeting of the Sub-Committee, any further questions they wished to raise. Following this request, papers were submitted by the delegations of Canada, New Zealand and Ceylon (TN.64/NTB/11, 12 and 13).
4. A summary list of all the issues so far notified, together with some explanatory notes, is annexed to this paper. It has been suggested that a broad distinction can be drawn between, on the one hand, those barriers which involve general issues which could require the drawing up of new rules or codes of conduct, and, on the other hand, those which require, at any rate in the first instance, bilateral or multilateral negotiations on particular measures affecting particular exporters and which do not involve the drawing up of new rules. The Sub-Committee agreed to continue its discussion at an early date with a view to establishing the procedure for the negotiation on the various issues notified and, where necessary, setting up subsidiary bodies. It was understood that this is without prejudice to the position of certain delegations on the question of the procedure for handling non-tariff barriers in the agricultural field.

Non-Tariff Barriers so far Identified

Subject	Notes	Countries which have indicated interest
Escape clauses	Review of application of Articles XIX and XXVIII (see section B(e) of MIN(63)9)	Sweden
Anti-dumping policies		Sweden United Kingdom United States
Customs valuation	Including (i) implications of c.i.f. valuation systems (ii) use of arbitrary or excessive values	Canada Sweden United Kingdom
Governments procurement policies	Preference for domestic production	Canada Sweden United States United Kingdom
State trading	Certain products are mentioned in TN.64/NTB/12	New Zealand United States
Border tax adjustments		United States
Dumping and restrictive import policies on coal		United States
Discriminatory import restrictions	Japanese delegation has mentioned also in this connexion voluntary export controls and invocation of Article XXXV against a contracting party	Japan United Kingdom
Bilateral quotas		Canada
Residual quantitative restrictions	Including list in paragraph 2(a) of TN.64/NTB/12	New Zealand United States United Kingdom
Mixing regulations		Canada

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Variable levies, sluice-gate pricing systems, minimum price schemes		Canada United States (This delegation has indicated that they expect to deal with these restrictions in the Agricultural Committee)
Administrative and technical regulations which hinder trade	Delays in obtaining classification rulings or in liquidating import entries Excessive documentation requirements Excessive penalties and fees Food and drug regulations Consular formalities Sanitary measures Quality standards Marking and labelling regulations	Canada Sweden United Kingdom Southern Rhodesia (see TN.64/NTB/4)
"Administrative guidance"	Informal use of administrative authority to influence trade	Canada
Subsidiaries	Influence by firms over export activities of subsidiary companies located in other countries	Canada
Import collateral	Mentioned in connexion with mutton and lamb and beef and veal	New Zealand
Subsidies	Subsidies which impede trade	Canada
Internal fiscal charges	Including fiscal charges on tea Charges with discriminatory effects	Ceylon New Zealand
United States system of wine gallon assessment on imported bottled spirits		United Kingdom