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REFERENCES ON NON-TARIFF MEASURES NOTIFIED BY CONTRACTING PARTIES

Note by the Secretariat

The present paper has been prepared on the request of the Sub-Committee. It gives references to existing documents which contain information on import restrictions, State trading, subsidies and certain other trade measures which have been notified by contracting parties either in connexion with the implementation of the General Agreement or of the Trade Expansion Programme.

A. Residual import restrictions

1. At their seventeenth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted procedures to deal with residual import restrictions. These are given in BISD, Ninth Supplement, pages 19 to 20. Under these procedures contracting parties applying import restrictions contrary to the provisions of the General Agreement and without the authorization of the CONTRACTING PARTIES are invited to communicate lists of such restrictions and subsequent changes to those lists. At their nineteenth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES appointed a Panel of Experts to examine the adequacy of these notifications. The reports of the Panel are given in BISD, Eleventh Supplement, pages 206 to 213. At their twentieth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed that the Council should review from time to time lists of restrictions communicated by contracting parties under these procedures (SR.20/3, page 29). L/2014 and Add.1 give a summary of these procedures, take stock of the restrictions notified up to June 1963, and describe consultations which have been held on the notified restrictions.

2. Lists of residual import restrictions maintained at present by contracting parties are given in the following documents:

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| (a) Australia | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769/Add. |
| (b) Austria | Lists of items liberalized circulated with L/1725, L/1825 and L/1978/Add.1 and 2 |
| (c) Belgium, Luxemburg and the Netherlands | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769/Add.8 |
| (d) Canada | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, pages 9 and 10 |

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| (e) France | (i) List of products subject to licensing control when imported from OECD countries in L/1769, pages 12 to 36 |
| | (ii) List of products the import of which has been liberalized for other specified countries in L/1943 and Add.1 and 2 |
| (f) Federal Republic of Germany | Residual restrictions list in L/1963 (and Corr.1) and Add.1 |
| (g) Italy | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769/Add.6 |
| (h) Japan | Residual import restrictions list in L/2078 |
| (i) Norway | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769/Add.5 |
| (j) Portugal | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, pages 54 to 74 with quotas for certain items shown in L/1769/Add.1 and Corr.1 |
| (k) Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, page 75 |
| (l) Sierra Leone | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, page 76 |
| (m) Sweden | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, page 77 |
| (n) United Kingdom | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, pages 78 to 81, as modified by L/1769/Add.7 |
| (o) United States | Residual import restrictions list in L/1769, pages 82 and 83 |

B. Balance-of-payments restrictions

3. Under Articles XII and XVIII contracting parties applying import restrictions for balance-of-payments reasons are required to consult annually or bi-annually. For these consultations the governments concerned are asked to supply details on their restrictions including, if possible, a list of the products subject to the various types of restrictions. Such lists, where supplied, were circulated as working documents, which are referred to in the reports on the respective consultations.

4. The reports on the most recent consultations with contracting parties applying import restrictions for balance-of-payments reasons are set out in the following documents:

Brazil	L/1777	Indonesia	L/2019
Burma*	L/1658	Israel*	L/1775
Ceylon	L/1847 & Add.1	New Zealand*	L/1853
Chile	L/2018	Pakistan	L/1787
Denmark*	L/1851	South Africa*	L/1852
Finland	L/2017	Turkey	L/2020
Ghana	L/1778	Uruguay	L/1856
Greece	L/1776	United Arab	
India	L/1897	Republic*	-
		Yugoslavia*	-

C. Import restrictions applied under a waiver or declaration

5. The United States applies import restrictions under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act under a waiver decision of 5 March 1955 (BISD, Third Supplement, page 32). The ninth annual report of the United States Government which describes restrictions currently in force, is contained in document L/2081.

6. Luxemburg applies restrictions on certain agricultural products under a waiver decision of 3 December 1955. The products are listed in the Annex to the decision, and the situation was last reviewed in 1960, and noted in L/1382 (BISD, Ninth Supplement page 255).

7. The Declaration on the Provisional Accession of Switzerland permits in paragraph 1(b) the Swiss Government to maintain certain import restrictions. The most recent description available to the CONTRACTING PARTIES of the restrictions applied under that authority is to be found in the 1962 annual report submitted by Switzerland in document L/1862.

D. Subsidies and E. State trading

8. At their twentieth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted new procedures for notifications of subsidies and State trading. These are set out in BISD, Eleventh Supplement, pages 58 and 59.

9. At its meeting on 19 to 21 June 1963 the Council of Representatives agreed that the most recent series of notifications of subsidies and State trading should be transmitted to the Trade Negotiations Committee. Accordingly a list of references to these documents has been drawn up and circulated in document TN.64/8 and Add.1.

* New consultations to be held shortly.

F. Restrictions notified to Committee II

10. Committee II's terms of reference were, inter alia, "to assemble ... data regarding the use by contracting parties of non-tariff measures for the protection of agriculture or in support of incomes of agricultural procedures". Document COM.II/112 sets out in a consolidated form the non-tariff measures employed by thirty-four countries with respect to cereals, dairy products, fish, meat, vegetable oils, and sugar, as of 3 March 1961. Certain important changes have occurred since that date. Document L/1771/Rev.2 gives the text of regulations concerning the implementation of the EEC Common Agricultural Policy on cereals, pigmeat, eggs, poultry meat, fruit and vegetables, grapes and wine. The second and third reports of Committee II have been published in a separate volume (Sales No. GATT/1962-2). Reports of Committee II on thirty-eight country consultations are also contained in a separate volume (except the reports on Pakistan and Chile which will be found in L/1813 and L/1915).

G. Non-tariff barriers on products of specific interest to the less-developed countries

11. Committee III has examined three lists of products of export interest to the less-developed countries and the Action Programme is being applied to these products. A list of these items will be found in L/1989, page 27. Schedules of quantitative import restrictions on these products are contained in COM.III/116 and of internal fiscal charges on coffee, cocoa and tea in AC/5. Information on State-trading operations affecting products examined by Committee III is contained in COM.III/87 and Addenda.

12. Sub-Committee 1 of the Action Committee has agreed to hold country-by-country consultations on quantitative restrictions and internal taxes, and for this purpose has drawn up a list of these measures among which the less-developed countries are asked to indicate their primary interest. This list is to be found in the Annex to document AC/SC.1/3.

13. At its last meeting, Committee III agreed to study a further list of products (L/2080, paragraph 12). Spec(63)283 and Add.1 contain some information on quantitative restrictions on these products and a revision of this document is to be circulated shortly as COM.III/124.

H. Restrictions for economic development

14. Measures affecting imports are maintained by Ceylon under Section C of Article XVIII. For the measures in question, see the latest review in BISD, Eleventh Supplement, pages 158-164.