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Inventory of Quantitative Import Restrictions
Applied by Countries Covered by the Joint Working Group

Addendum

SWEDEN

Note: The notifications concerning BTN numbers 02.01, 02.02, 02.03, 02.06, 03.03, 04.02, 04.05, 10.01, 11.08 and 16.02 have been deleted.

ANNEX

Products subject to quantitative restrictions applied to imports from Poland.

BTN numbers

ex 03.01

ex 03.02

ex 17.01

Various numbers within chapters 1-4, 7-8, 10-11, 15-17, 19-20.

Reference: L/3930

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Products subject to quantitative restrictions applied to imports from Romania.

Various numbers within chapters 1-4, 7-8, 11, 15-17, 19-20.

Reference: L/3858

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Fish, fresh (live or dead), chilled or frozen (03.01)	Sweden	Canada

(a) Description:

Licensing: Baltic herring and other herring, whole, cleaned or cut up; fillets of herring and mackerel, except frozen.

Minimum price system fillets: of cod and haddock, frozen.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

(Applies also to 03.02.)

The general guidelines for the fishery policy were settled by the Swedish Parliament already in 1948. In order to secure an adequate income for the fishermen a system of minimum prices for the main kinds of fish was introduced. This system is still in force, although some changes have been made since then. The legal basis for the import regulation in this field is to be found in a Royal Decree from 1947 (1947:82) and some special Royal Ordinances published later, as well as several directives issued by the Government to the licensing body concerned. The general concept of these regulations and directives is that the importation of fish has to be restricted to the extent necessary in order to maintain the minimum prices.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Fish, fresh (live or dead), chilled or frozen (03.01) (cont'd)	Sweden	Canada

The purpose of the import regulation is thus to secure the functioning of the internal price regulation system. As can be seen from the list, only a few species of fish are still subject to import regulation. These are on the other hand considered to be very important for the fishing industry (for example herring and cod).

As regards frozen fish fillets of cod and haddock, import levies are applied (except for fillets from EFTA). In addition an import minimum price system is in force since 1 January 1970 for these products. For the time being, however, this system has no practical importance as the prices prevailing on the external market are considerably higher than the minimum prices.

- As regards the development of trade it might be mentioned that there has been a considerable increase in the imports. In 1960 imports of fillets of cod amounted to 2,000 tons (SKr 26.5 million). The corresponding figures for 1973 were 9,500 tons (SKr 54 million). As to fillets of haddock, frozen, there has also been an important increase, from 1,300 tons (or SKr 3.8 million) in 1960 to 2,000 tons (or SKr 7.7 million) in 1969. In 1973 the import amounted to 1,250 tons (SKr 8.8). - It may be recalled that the import figures for 1973 would have been much higher if not for technical reasons some imports now are reported under another heading (chapter 16).

Finally, it might be mentioned that a Royal Commission is at present reviewing the fishery policy in order to find solutions to various problems encountered in this sector.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Fish, salted, in brine, dried, or smoked (03.02)	Sweden	Canada

(a) Description:

Licensing for certain salted herring and spillanga (dried ling)

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

The concept of "certain salted herring" refers to some special species of herring - i.e. "herring other than Icelandic, slce or spring herring". Licences are here granted very liberally. The imports amounted earlier to 1,000-5,000 tons a year; in 1973 the imports reached the figure of 10,000 tons. For other species of salted herring no licences are required.

Also as regards spillanga - dried ling - the import régime applied is very liberal. Imports currently are about 50 tons a year. It should be noted that the domestic production of dried ling, about 600-700 tons a year, is mainly based on imported fresh ling. The production is concentrated to some small places on the West Coast and for social reasons it has been considered necessary to support this production.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Apples, pears and quinces, fresh (08.06)	Sweden	Argentina Hungary United States

(a) Description:

Seasonal restrictions for: apples and pears (ex 08.06)

1. First phase: (1 July-20 August: Licences formally required for apples)
(1 July-31 August: Licences formally required for pears)
2. Second phase: Imports restricted (period varies from year to year), for about four and a half months (apples) and about two months (pears).
3. Third phase: Free imports.

(b) Comments by other countries:

Hungary: temporary import ban on pears

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Measure designed to protect Swedish fruit-growers during their marketing season. Customs duties (also seasonal) are not considered to offer sufficient protection from foreign competition. Imports of both fruits have increased since this system went into effect in the early fifties (the quantity of apples four and the quantity of pears three times).

Apples are duty-free from 1 March to 15 July.

Quinces are duty-free from 1 January to 15 July.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Beet sugar and cane sugar, solid (17.01)	Sweden	EEC United States

(a) Description:

Licences are granted automatically.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

These products were - due to Sweden's accession to the International Sugar Agreement 1968 - subject to quantitative restrictions as regards imports from countries which had not acceded to that agreement. When imported from member countries licences were required but granted in accordance with the rules of the agreement. - Since 1 January 1974 Sweden is a member of the International Sugar Agreement 1973 which does not contain any special market regulation provisions. Licences are therefore granted automatically.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Other sugars; sugar syrops, artificial honey (whether or not mixed with natural honey); caramel (17.02)	Sweden	

(a) Description:

Syrup and other sugar syrups (ex 17.02):

Licences are granted automatically.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See under 17.01

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Molasses, whether or not decolourized (17.03)	Sweden	

(a) Description:

Edible molasses (ex 17.03):

Licences are granted automatically.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See under 17.01

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Flavoured or coloured sugars, syrups and molasses, but not including fruit juices containing added sugar in any proportion (17.05)	Sweden	

(a) Description:

Licences are granted automatically.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See under 17.01

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Beer made from malt (22.03)	Sweden	Philippines

(a) Description:

State trading for imports of strong beer (with alcohol content over 3.6 per cent)(ex 22.03).

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

(Applies also to 22.04, 22.05, 22.06, 22.07, 22.08, 22.09)

The State-trading enterprise is maintained for social and financial reasons. The enterprise has in principle the exclusive right of importing alcoholic beverages into Sweden. The quantities imported are determined in accordance with commercial considerations.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
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Grape must in fermentation or with fermentation arrested otherwise than by the addition of alcohol (22.04)	Sweden	
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(a) Description:

State trading

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See under 22.03.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Wine of fresh grapes; grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol (22.05)	Sweden	Argentina United States

(a) Description:

State trading

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining measures:

See under 22.03.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Vermouths and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with aromatic extracts (22.06)	Sweden	United States

(a) Description:

State trading

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See under 22.03.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Other fermented beverages (22.07)	Sweden	

(a) Description:

State trading

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See under 22.03.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Ethyl alcohol or neutral spirits, undenatured 80° or higher ...; denatured spirits ... (22.08)	Sweden	Argentina Brazil EEC

(a) Description:

State trading

(b) Comments by other countries:

Brazil has an interest in increasing its exports of these products, the production of which can be of importance to a region that is under-developed.

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See under 22.03.

Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measures:	Countries indicating an interest:
Other spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages (22.09)	Sweden	Argentina EEC

(a) Description:

State trading

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

See under 22.03.