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

Addendum

JAMAICA

Explanatory Notes

1. The products subject to the various restrictions are shown in the list and arranged by their respective BTN numbers.

2. Canada has indicated an interest for the BTN numbers 11.02, 20.01, 20.02, 20.05, 21.04, 21.05.

3. Type of restrictions:

Import restrictions fall into two categories:

- (a) Controls which are pre-eminently concerned with such matters as safeguarding human, animal and plant health or ensuring that certain imports are authorized by or effected through the appropriate authorities. These are applied through the Collector General who is responsible to the Ministry of Finance. A limited number of provisions have economic significance. These are by and large subsumed under the licensing policy (see under (b)).

The following symbols have been used:

P: Prohibition;

R: Some importation conditional on compliance with special regulations

- (b) Controls effected through import licensing policy under the Trade Law, 1955, and administered by the Trade Administrator who is responsible to the Ministry of Trade and Industry. The products subject to import licensing are identified by the symbol L.

Imports subject to State trading are identified by the symbol ST. Imports subject to bilateral or regional agreement are identified by the symbol BQ.

4. All imports from the following countries and territories are subject to specific licensing, on political grounds:

Albania, Bulgaria, China, Cuba, Czechoslovakia, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, North Korea, North Viet-Nam, Poland, Rhodesia, Romania, South Africa, USSR.

Imports from Japan are subject to specific licensing, Article XXXV of the General Agreement being applied to that country.

5. Jamaica is a member of the Caribbean Free Trade Association (CARIFTA). According to the provisions of the Agreement: "Subject to anything to the contrary in any agricultural marketing arrangements made pursuant to paragraph 6 of

Annex A¹ and laid down in a Protocol between the Parties to this Agreement, a Member Territory shall not apply any quantitative restrictions on imports of goods from any other part of the Area". (Article 13, paragraph 1).

The Protocol laying down marketing arrangements for sugar indicates that any Member country in which sugar is produced may apply quantitative restrictions on imports of sugar from any other part of the area. The Protocol laying down agricultural marketing arrangements indicates that:

"Paragraph 3

Subject to paragraphs 4 and 5, imports of any commodity² into a Member Territory shall be from within the Area;

Provided that, during a period of three years commencing with the date of the coming into operation of this Protocol, imports of any commodity into a Member Territory from outside the Area may, in the aggregate for each of those years, amount to not more than 30 per cent of the imports of such commodity into that Member Territory from outside the Area during the year 1966.

Paragraph 4

(1) Imports of any commodity into a Member Territory from outside the Area, not being allowed under the proviso to paragraph 3, are permissible by prior sanction of the Secretariat at the Member Territory's request made through notification thereof by its Government to the Secretariat.

(2) The Secretariat shall give such sanction only when a deficit in reference to the commodity in question has been declared to exist in the said Member Territory under sub-paragraph (4) of paragraph 6.

Paragraph 5

Any participating Government may import as mentioned in sub-paragraph (1) of paragraph 4, but without the sanction of the Secretariat, or may permit to be so imported, planting material for any crop, or breeding stock for livestock, of which any commodity is a product."

6. Comments: Comments are taken from the reference documents.

7. References: L/2577/Add.12, L/3074.

¹Annex A, paragraph 6: "Marketing agreements for an agreed list of agricultural commodities should be sought to come into effect at the same time as the commencement of free trade and the territories in the region should examine the possibilities of restricting imports from extra-regional sources of agricultural products that are produced within the region and are available for satisfying regional demand."

²The commodities concerned are the following: pork and pork products (ex 02.01, 02.05, ex 02.06 ex 16.01, ex 16.02), poultry meat (02.02), eggs (04.05), potatoes, carrots, tomatoes, red kidney beans, garlic, onions, string beans, cabbages, okra, pigeon (Congo) peas, (ex 07.01), sweet potatoes (ex 07.06), plantains and pineapples (ex 08.01), fresh oranges (ex 08.02), pepper (ex 09.04), cinnamon (09.06), cloves (09.07), peanuts (ex 12.01).

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
01.01	Live horses, asses, mules and hinnies	R	
01.02	Live animals of the bovine species	R	
01.03	Live swine	R	
01.04	Live sheep and goats	R	
01.05	Live poultry, that is to say, fowls, ducks, geese, turkeys, and guinea fowls	R, L	Licenses are granted for imports for breeding purposes only
01.06	Other live animals	R	
	- Dogs for racing	L	No imports allowed
ex 02.01	Meat of the animals falling within heading No. 01.01, 01.02, 01.03 or 01.04, fresh, chilled or frozen		
	- from certain areas	P	
	- from others	R	
	- fresh, frozen or chilled pork	BQ, L	No imports are allowed except in limited quantities for processing
02.02	Dead poultry (that is to say, fowls, ducks, geese, turkeys and guinea fowls) and edible offals thereof (except liver), fresh, chilled or frozen	BQ, L	Licences are granted for imports of chicken necks and backs and poultry meat other than chicken meat
ex 02.05	Unrendered pig fat free of lean meat, fresh, chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, dried or smoked	BQ	

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
ex 02.06	Meat, cured or pickled		
	- from certain areas	P	
	- from others	R	
	- pork products	BQ,L	Licences are granted freely for imports of pickled pork and pig trotters. Licences are granted under quota for imports of smoked and canned hams, bacon and sausages.
03.01	Fish, fresh (live or dead), chilled or frozen	L	Licences are granted for imports of luxury types not available locally; under quota for imports of types available locally to meet shortfalls in local catches.
04.01	Milk and cream, fresh, not concentrated or sweetened	L	Licences are granted for imports to meet shortfalls in local production of fresh products.
04.02	Milk and cream, preserved, concentrated or sweetened		
	- Condensed	R	
	- Evaporated and sweetened condensed milk, canned	L	Licences are granted for imports to meet shortfalls in local production.
	- Powdered	L	Licences are granted for powdered milk.
04.05	Birds' eggs and egg yolks, fresh, dried or otherwise preserved, sweetened or not	BQ, L	Licences are granted for imports of table eggs only to meet shortfalls in local production. Licences are granted freely for hatching eggs. Licences granted for frozen single yolk, double yolk and pure white and dried eggs for bakeries if there is a shortfall in local production.

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
ex 05.15	Squirrel tails, animal semen, silk worm eggs	R	
06.01	Bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corms, crowns and rhizomes, dormant, in growth or in flower	R	
06.02	Other live plants, including trees, shrubs, bushes, roots, cuttings and slips	R	
-	Trees, Christmas	L	No imports of natural trees are allowed.
06.04	Foliage, branches and other parts (other than flowers or buds) of trees, shrubs, bushes and other plants, and mosses, lichens and grasses, being goods of a kind suitable for bouquets or ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared	R	
07.01	Vegetables, fresh or chilled	BQ, ¹ L	Licences granted freely for imports of onions and garlic only. Licences are granted for limited imports of other vegetables for hotels' use.
-	Potatoes, from some areas	P	No imports of table potatoes (Irish) (fresh or prepared in any form) allowed.
-	Potatoes, from others	R	
-	Seed potatoes	R	
	Other vegetables		
-	from most areas except for seeds	P	
-	from some areas	R	

¹ Potatoes, carrots, tomatoes, red kidney beans, garlic, onions, string beans, cabbages, okra, pigeon (Congo) peas

BIN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
07.02	Vegetables (whether or not cooked), preserved by freezing	L	See item 07.01
-	from most areas	P	
-	from some areas	R	
07.03	Vegetables, provisionally preserved in brine, in sulphur water or in other preservative solutions, but not specially prepared for immediate consumption	L	See item 07.01
-	from most areas	P	
-	from some areas	R	
07.05	Dried peas and beans of all kinds	L	Licences are granted for split peas No imports of other varieties allowed
ex 07.06	Sweet potatoes	BQ	
08.01	Dates, bananas, coconuts, Brazil nuts, cashew nuts, pineapples, avocados, mangoes, guavas and mangosteens, fresh or dried, shelled or not		
-	Coconuts	R	
-	Other fruit		
-	from certain areas except dried fruit	P	
-	from certain areas	R	
-	plantains and pineapples	BQ	
08.02	Citrus fruit, fresh or dried		
-	from most areas	P	
-	from other areas	R	
-	fresh oranges	BQ	
08.03	Figs, fresh or dried	P, R	
08.04	Grapes, fresh or dried	P, R	
08.06	Apples, pears and quinces, fresh	P, R	
08.07	Stone fruit, fresh	P, R	

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
08.08	Berries, fresh	P, R	
-	Strawberries	L	No imports except to processors to supplement local supplies.
08.09	Other fruit, fresh	P, R	
-	Melons	L	No imports allowed.
ex 08.10	Strawberries, frozen	L	See item 08.08
ex 09.01	Coffee, except for parchment coffee, roasted coffee and soluble coffee	R	
-	Coffee and substitutes	L	No imports are normally allowed.
ex 09.04	Pepper (including black pepper) ground	L	No imports allowed
09.06	Cinnamon	BQ	
09.07	Cloves	BQ	
ex 09.10	Thyme, processed and unprocessed	L	No imports allowed
10.06	Rice	R	
-	in bulk	ST	Government is the sole importer
-	packaged	L	Imports are allowed under quota
ex 11.01	Wheat flour, other than whole wheat flour and flour enriched as follows:	L	Imports allowed in special circumstances.
	Thiamine - 2 to 2.5 milligrammes for each lb. of flour		
	riboflavin - 1.2 to 1.5 milligrammes for each lb. of flour		
	niacin - 16 to 20 milligrammes for each lb. of flour		
	iron - 13 to 16.5 milligrammes for each lb. of flour		

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
ex 11.02	Corn meal	L, R	
	- in bulk		Licences are granted for imports to meet shortfalls in local production.
	- packaged		Licences granted under quota.
	- Rolled oats	P	
ex 11.08	Starches	L	Licences are granted freely.
ex 12.01	Oilseeds and oleaginous fruit, whole or broken, excluding flax seeds, tung nuts, castor beans, perilla seeds	L	Licences are granted for imports of copra to meet shortfalls in local production.
	- Peanuts	BQ, L	Licences for peanuts are granted under quota.
	- Copra	R	
12.07	Plants and parts (including seeds and fruit) of trees, bushes, shrubs or other plants, being goods of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy, or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or dried, whole, cut, crushed, ground or powdered	R	
12.09	Cereal straw and husks, unprepared, or chopped but not otherwise prepared	R	
12.10	Mangolds, swedes, fodder roots; hay, lucerne, clover, sainfoin, forage kale, lupines, vetches and similar forage products	R	
15.01	Lard and other rendered pig fat; rendered poultry fat	L	Licences are granted for limited imports of edible oils and fats for hotels

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
15.02	Unrendered fats of bovine cattle, sheep or goats; tallow (including "premier jus") produced from those fats	L	See item 15.01
15.03	Lard stearin, oleostearin and tallow stearin; lard oil, oleo-oil and tallow oil, not emulsified or mixed or prepared in any way	L	See item 15.01
ex 15.04	Fats and oils, of fish and marine mammals, whether or not refined except for fish liver oil	L	See item 15.01
	- Oils	R	
15.06	Other animal oils and fats (including neat's-foot oil and fats from bones or waste)	L	See item 15.01
	- Oils	R	
15.07	Fixed vegetable oils, fluid or solid, crude, refined or purified	R, L ¹	See also item 15.01 Licences are granted for limited imports of edible oils, other than coconut oil. Licences are granted for imports of copra or oil to meet shortfalls in local production.
15.08	Animal and vegetable oils, boiled, oxidized, dehydrated, sulphurized, blown or polymerized by heat in vacuum or in inert gas, or otherwise modified	R, L ¹	See items 15.01 and 15.07.

¹Except for linseed oil, tung oil, castor oil, oiticica oil and perilla oil

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
15.12	Animal or vegetable oils and fats, wholly or partly hydrogenated, or solidified or hardened by any other process, whether or not refined, but not further prepared	L ¹	See item 15.01
15.13	Margarine, imitation lard and other prepared edible fats	L	See item 15.01
ex 16.01	Beef sausages and pork sausages	BQ, L	Licences are granted under quota for imports of smoked and canned hams, bacon and sausages.
ex 16.02	All types of pork products	BQ, L	See item 16.01
17.01	Beet sugar and cane sugar, solid	R, L	Licences are granted for imports to meet shortfalls in local production.
ex 17.02	Glucose and invert sugar	R	
ex 17.04	Boiled sugar confectionery	L	Licences granted under quota.
18.01	Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted	L	Licences are granted for imports to meet shortfalls in local production.
18.05	Cocoa powder (unsweetened)	L	See item 18.01.
ex 18.06	Chocolate preparations for making food drinks	L	Licences granted under quota.

¹See note 1. under 15.07.

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
19.01	Malt extract	L	No imports allowed.
19.03	Macaroni, spaghetti and similar products	L	Licences granted under quota.
ex 19.08	Biscuits of all kinds (for human consumption)	L	Licences granted under quota, except for dietetic biscuits: licences granted freely.
20.01	Vegetables and fruit, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, with or without sugar, whether or not containing salt, spices or mustard	L, R	No imports of chutney allowed.
20.02	Vegetables prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid (i.e. canned vegetables)	L, R	No imports of table potatoes (Irish) allowed.
20.03	Fruit preserved by freezing, containing added sugar	L	No imports of citrus products allowed.
20.04	Fruit, fruit-peel and parts of plants, preserved by sugar (drained, glacé or crystallized)	L	See item 20.03.
20.05	Jams, marmalades, fruit pulp and pastes, fruit jellies including cranberry sauce and jellies, mint jelly and similar types	L, R	<p>Licences are granted for: imports of jams and fruit jellies (other than of strawberry, citrus and guava) under quota.</p> <p>No imports of marmalade are allowed.</p> <p>Licences are granted for fruit pulp and pastes for manufacturing purposes.</p> <p>No imports of citrus products allowed.</p>

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
20.06	Fruit otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or spirit (i.e. canned fruit)	L	<p>Citrus products: No imports allowed.</p> <p>Pineapple in airtight containers: Licences are granted to processors.</p> <p>Strawberries, canned: No imports except to processors to supplement local supplies.</p> <p>Other canned and bottled fruit: Licences granted under quota.</p>
20.07	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, whether or not containing added sugar, but unfermented and not containing spirit	L	<p>Citrus juices: No imports allowed.</p> <p>Pineapple juice in airtight containers: Licences are granted to processors for imports of concentrates.</p> <p>Tomato juice: Licences are granted to processors for imports of concentrates to meet shortfalls in local production.</p> <p>Other fruit juices and nectars: No imports of peach, apple, apricot, pear.</p> <p>Licences granted to processors to import products.</p> <p>Licences granted freely for grape juice.</p>
ex 21.01	Roasted coffee substitutes extracts, essences and concentrates thereof	L	No imports are normally allowed.
ex 21.02	Extracts, essences or concentrates of coffee	L	No imports are normally allowed.

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
ex 21.04	Catsup	L, R	
	Sauces	L	Tomato sauces: Licences are granted freely. Hot sauces: No imports allowed. Other sauces: Licences granted under quota.
21.05	Soups and broths, in liquid, solid or powder form	L,R	Licences granted under quota.
ex 21.07	Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included:		
	- Ice-cream, frozen sherbets and water ices	L	No imports allowed.
	- Jelly and dessert powder	L	Licences granted for items not produced locally. No licences are granted for certain slab-type jelly desserts.
	- Milk based infant and invalid food	L	Licences are granted for imports not falling within the classification of evaporated milk
	- Cream substitutes made from vegetable fats	L	No imports allowed of substitutes made from vegetable fats.
	- T.V. dinners	L	No imports allowed.
ex 22.02	- Citrus flavoured juices	L	No imports allowed.
	- Cocoa and chocolate flavoured drinks	L	Licences granted under quota
	- Artificially sweetened beverage preparations (whether liquid or solid form)	L	No imports allowed.

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
22.03	Beer made from malt	L	No imports allowed
22.05	Wine of fresh grapes; grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol	R	
22.06	Vermouths, and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with aromatic extracts	R	
22.07	Other fermented beverages (for example, cider perry and mead)	R	
ex 22.08	Ethyl alcohol or neutral spirits, undenatured, of a strength of 80° or higher; denatured spirits (including ethyl alcohol and neutral spirits) exceeding 50 per cent of alcohol by weight	P	
22.09	Spirits (other than those of heading No. 22.08); liqueurs and other spirituous beverages; compound alcoholic preparations (known as "concentrated extracts") for the manufacture of beverages	R..	
	- Rum		
	- from certain countries	P	
	- from other countries	L	Licences are granted for imports of Commonwealth rum only.
22.10	Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar	L	Cane: No imports allowed. Other: Licences are granted freely.
ex 23.04	Coconut meal	L	Import licences are granted in special circumstances.
	Cotton seed meal	L	Licences are granted for imports for use as animal feed.

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
23.06	Vegetable products of a kind used for animal food, not elsewhere specified or included	R	
23.07	Sweetened forage; other preparations of a kind used in animal feeding	R	
24.01	Unmanufactured tobacco; tobacco refuse	L	Licences are granted under quota for imports of Virginia tobacco. Licences are granted freely for imports of cigar wrapper leaf.
ex 24.02	Cigars, that is to say any rod of cigar tobacco, the outer covering of which is: (a) tobacco leaf; (b) homogenized tobacco; or (c) brown pectoral paper; and whether filtered or tipped with plastic paper or any other type of tip	L	No imports allowed.