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

Addendum

KUWAIT

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. The system of licensing comprises two categories: general licences and special licences. General licences are granted to Kuwaiti merchants, to companies registered in Kuwait and to the Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Kuwait. There are two classes of special licence:

- (a) Licences granted to oil companies operating in Kuwait, to co-operatives and to aliens resident in Kuwait.
- (b) Licences granted to Saudi Arabian nationals to import into Kuwait goods for re-export to the Kingdom (transit).

2. There are several ministerial orders regulating or restricting imports of certain goods for political, religious or economic reasons or in order to protect local industries (for example: alcoholic beverages, wheat and flour).

3. On the other hand, other ministerial orders exempt certain goods from import licences. These include meat, dead chickens, animal products used in preparing foods, fodder and barley.

4. The department responsible for supervising all imports and exports works in co-operation with the Kuwaiti Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the customs and ports administration and the office in charge of the application of regulations relating to the boycotting of Israeli products and of foreign companies on the black list.

5. Canada showed interest in cereal flours (11.01) which are subject to a State-trading régime. The delegation of Kuwait indicated that under a 1965 order of the Ministry of Commerce, imports of flour into Kuwait are restricted to Kuwait Flour Mills S.A.K.

6. Reference: COM.AG/W/72/Add.40.