

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## NOTIFICATION AND SURVEILLANCE

### Note by the Secretariat

At their thirty-fifth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted an Understanding regarding Notification, Consultation, Dispute Settlement and Surveillance (BISD 26S/210) drawn up in the Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

In March 1980 the Council adopted the Proposal (C/111) relating to the implementation of the paragraphs of the Understanding dealing with Notification (paragraphs 2 and 3) and with Surveillance (paragraph 24). Subsequently, contracting parties were invited to submit the relevant notifications (GATT/AIR/1629).

In respect of Notification and Surveillance, it will be recalled that the Proposal contained in document C/111 provided, inter alia, for reviews to be conducted by the Council at sessions specially held for that purpose. Such reviews should be held twice a year, the first taking place in autumn 1980. (C/111, paragraphs 6(b) and (c).)

The Council had a first discussion of this matter on 10 November 1980 (C/M/144) on the basis of a factual note prepared by the secretariat, drawing on the notifications made and other relevant information (C/W/349).

As a basis for its further discussion and review, the secretariat has prepared a more comprehensive note, reproduced below, which sets out additional background information in respect of the various types of notifications covering the period from 1 January 1980 to 31 March 1981.

### NOTIFICATIONS RELATED TO PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE UNDERSTANDING

#### I. Notifications required from contracting parties

(See document C/111, Annex I.)

#### Article II:6(a) - Adjustment of specific duties

A contracting party wishing to adjust its specific duties under the provisions of Article II:6(a) is required to seek the concurrence of the CONTRACTING PARTIES pursuant to these provisions. Under current procedures the communication of the contracting party concerned is submitted to the Council for consideration. Since 1948, these procedures have been invoked ten times.

To the knowledge of the secretariat, no such action has been taken in the period under review.

No notifications.

#### Article VI - Anti-dumping and countervailing duties

Article VI does not provide for the notification of specific anti-dumping or countervailing duty cases. However, a contracting party wishing to impose an anti-dumping or countervailing duty for the purpose referred to in Article VI:6(b) - action in favour of third countries - is required to seek the prior approval of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Article VI:6(c) requires that if in exceptional circumstances a contracting party levies a countervailing duty for the purpose referred to in sub-paragraph 6(b) of this Article without the prior approval of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, such action shall be reported immediately to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

The provisions of sub-paragraph 6(b) and 6(c) have, so far, not been invoked.

No notifications.

Certain notifications are required under the provisions of the two (1967 and 1979) Agreements on the Implementation of Article VI and of the Agreement on Interpretation and Application of Articles VI, XVI and XXIII. These notifications have been made as required.

#### Article X - Publication of trade regulations

Under the provisions of Article X:1 contracting parties are required to publish promptly their trade regulations and matters relating thereto. In March 1964 the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted a recommendation that contracting parties should forward promptly to the secretariat copies of the laws, regulations, decisions, rulings and agreements of the kind described in Article X:1 (BISD 12S/49).

While the response to this recommendation has been limited, the secretariat does receive from a number of contracting parties copies of the national tariffs and amendments thereto.

See below for notifications related to paragraph 3 of the Understanding.

## Quantitative restrictions

### (a) Residual restrictions

Quantitative restrictions applied by eighteen developed contracting parties were examined by a Joint Working Group on Import Restrictions (JWG) set up by the Council in January 1970.

In June 1971 the Council decided that the data assembled by the JWG should be kept up to date and that the contracting parties concerned should be invited to notify annually by 30 September any changes which should be made concerning the restrictions listed in the consolidated document. This decision was reaffirmed by the Council in March 1980 (C/M/139).

Over the past few years, about half of the eighteen developed contracting parties concerned have responded to the invitation, issued each year by the secretariat in early May, to notify changes. For the 1980 exercise, a total of six delegations (Australia, Japan, Norway, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland) submitted notifications, either indicating certain changes to the existing documentation or the fact that no changes had occurred.

The revised data of the JWG are contained in document L/5090, dated 16 January 1981.

### (b) Licensing

At their twenty-eighth session in November 1972 the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided that the data assembled on licensing systems should be kept up to date and that contracting parties should be invited to notify annually by 30 September any changes which should be made concerning the information contained in the consolidated document.

Every year the secretariat issues an airgram inviting contracting parties to communicate any necessary changes to the basic documentation. Notifications in response to GATT/AIR/1632 have been submitted by Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, India, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, Peru, Portugal, Romania, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom (Hong Kong), United States, Zaire.

Document L/5106, dated 24 February 1981, includes the list of documents containing the latest information on licensing procedures received in response to the GATT questionnaire, originally circulated in L/3515 and reproduced in Annex to the document L/5106. Fifty-one notifications have been received since 1971 (fifty from individual contracting parties and one from the European Economic Community and its member States).

(c) Import restrictions applied for balance-of-payments purposes

A contracting party applying new restrictions or raising the general level of its existing restrictions by a substantial intensification of the measures applied under Articles XII or XVIII:B is required, pursuant to the provisions of Article XII:4(a) or Article XVIII:12(a), to enter into consultations with the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

In November 1960 the CONTRACTING PARTIES established procedures for the implementation of these provisions under which the contracting party concerned is required to furnish detailed information promptly for circulation to the contracting parties, after which the consultation is conducted by the Council (BISD, 9S/18).

In accordance with the provisions of Articles XII:4(b) and XVIII:12(b) the Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions conducts consultations with contracting parties. Procedures for the consultations were approved in April 1970 (BISD 18S/48); and in December 1972 simplified procedures were approved for regular consultations with developing countries (BISD 20S/47). In November 1979 the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted a Declaration on Trade Measures Taken for Balance-of-Payments Purposes (BISD 26S/205).

At the present time, sixteen countries are consulting under Article XII:4(b) and/or Article XVIII:12(b) and provide notifications on this subject. In the absence of notifications, it is not clear whether import restrictions maintained by certain other countries are also based on balance-of-payments grounds.

Article XVI - Subsidies

Article XVI requires that contracting parties which maintain subsidies having the effects described in paragraph 1 of the Article, are to notify in writing the nature and extent of the subsidization. The CONTRACTING PARTIES established procedures for such notifications and adopted a questionnaire with a view to achieving a standardized reporting system.

Under current procedures (BISD, 11S/59) the contracting parties are invited to submit by the end of January every third year, new and full responses to the questionnaire on subsidies (BISD, 9S/193), and to notify changes to the basic notifications in the intervening years.

The number of responses to the last full notification, in 1978, was thirteen. Another four contracting parties sent in response in 1979 and 1980. Annex I contains a table showing notifications received since 1975.

New full notifications are due to be submitted in 1981. The document (L/5102) inviting such notifications was circulated on 26 January 1981. Three notifications have so far been received in response to that invitation (from Finland, Luxembourg, and Romania).

#### Article XVII - State trading

Article XVII requires that contracting parties which maintain State-trading enterprises, in the sense of paragraph 1 of that Article, shall notify the CONTRACTING PARTIES of the products imported into or exported from their territories by such enterprises. The CONTRACTING PARTIES established procedures for such notifications and adopted a questionnaire designed to achieve a standardized reporting system.

Under current procedures (BISD, 11S/59) the contracting parties are invited to submit by the end of January every third year new and full responses to the questionnaire (BISD, 9S/184) and to notify changes to the basic notifications in the intervening years.

Every year the secretariat circulates a document inviting contracting parties to submit such a notification.

In 1980, notifications of changes which had occurred since the last full notifications in 1978 were received from the following thirteen delegations: Australia, Austria, Canada, Czechoslovakia, Japan, New Zealand, Peru, Romania, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom and Yugoslavia.

New and full notifications on State trading are due to be submitted in 1981. In response to the invitation to do so, issued by the secretariat in document L/5104, one delegation (Luxembourg) has already replied.

#### Article XVIII:A - Modification of concessions

A contracting party wishing to modify or withdraw a concession pursuant to the provisions of Article XVIII:7(a), in order to promote the establishment of a particular industry, is required to notify the CONTRACTING PARTIES and to enter into negotiations in this regard.

No notifications.

#### Article XVIII:C

A contracting party wishing to have recourse to the provisions of Section C of Article XVIII and to provide governmental assistance to promote the establishment of a particular industry is required to notify the special difficulties it meets and to indicate the specific measure which it proposes to introduce. A questionnaire for the guidance of contracting parties was approved in 1958 (BISD, 7S/85).

The MTN Decision on Safeguard Action for Development Purposes (BISD, 26S/209) provides additional flexibility for developing countries under unusual circumstances where delay in the application of measures may give rise to difficulties in the context of their programmes and policies of economic development. Under such circumstances, these contracting parties may deviate

from certain provisions of Article XVIII:C to the extent necessary for introducing the measures contemplated on a provisional basis immediately after notification.

No notifications.

Article XVIII:D

A contracting party wishing to have recourse to the provisions of Section D of Article XVIII is required to seek the approval of the CONTRACTING PARTIES for the introduction of the measure it desires to take to promote the establishment of a particular industry.

No notifications.

Article XIX - Emergency action

Article XIX:2 requires any contracting party, before taking emergency action pursuant to the provisions of Article XIX:1, to give notice in writing to the CONTRACTING PARTIES as far in advance as may be practicable. However, in critical circumstances action may be taken provisionally without prior consultation. In virtually all cases it has been this latter provision which has been applied.

Notifications have been received from:

Australia	- Works trucks and stackers	L/5026/Rev.1 + Add.1-2
EEC	- Mushrooms	L/4894 and Add.1
Spain	- Cheeses	L/4978 and Add.1-2
United States	- Porcelain - on steel cooking ware	L/4889 and Add.1-5
United States	- Preserved mushrooms	L/5088

Article XXII - Consultations

Procedures under Article XXII on questions affecting the interests of a number of contracting parties were adopted in 1958 (BISD, 7S/24). Under these procedures any contracting party seeking a consultation of this character under Article XXII is required to inform the Director-General for the information of all contracting parties, so as to enable any other contracting party to express its desire to be joined in the consultation.

The following notifications have been received:

- Japan - Request for consultations with the United States (tariff measures on light truck cab chassis - L/5019)
- Japan - Request for consultations with Austria (restrictions on imports of video tape recorders - L/5119)
- United States - Request for consultations with EEC (export refunds for wheat flour - L/5014)
- United States - Request for consultations with EEC (tariff preferences to citrus products - L/5037)

Article XXIV - Customs unions and free-trade areas; regional agreements

(a) Notifications

Article XXIV:7(a) requires that any contracting party deciding to enter into a customs union or free-trade area, or an interim agreement leading to the formation of such a union or area, shall promptly notify the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

At its meeting in October 1972 the Council established procedures for the examination of such agreements. The Council decided, without prejudice to the legal obligation to notify in pursuance of Article XXIV, to invite contracting parties that sign an agreement falling within the terms of Article XXIV, paragraphs 5 to 8, to inscribe the item on the agenda for the first meeting of the Council following such signature. This should allow the Council to determine the procedures for examination of the agreement (BISD, 19S/13).

The following notifications have been received<sup>1</sup>:

- Agreement between the EEC and Yugoslavia (L/5007 and Add.1)
- European Communities - Accession of Greece (L/4845)

(b) Progress reports

At their twenty-seventh session the CONTRACTING PARTIES discussed the question of periodic reports on progress under customs unions and free-trade areas notified under Article XXIV. The CONTRACTING PARTIES instructed the Council to establish a calendar fixing dates for the examination, every two years, of reports on developments under regional agreements submitted by the parties to the agreements (see L/4725).

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<sup>1</sup>In November 1980 the Council was informed that the Latin American Free-Trade Association was to be replaced by the Latin American Integration Association (C/M/144, page 26).

Progress reports have been submitted to the Council, as follows:

- Agreement between Finland and Hungary (L/4878);
- Agreements between the European Communities and Israel (L/4886);
- Association Agreement between the EEC and Malta (L/4966);
- Agreement between the EEC and Spain (L/4973);
- Association Agreement between the EEC and Cyprus (L/4982);
- Agreement between Finland and Czechoslovakia (L/4988);
- Agreements between the EEC and Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria (L/5029);
- Agreements between the EEC and Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia (L/5030);
- Association Agreement between the EEC and Turkey (L/5064)

A new calendar of biennial reports will be established by the Council.

Article XXVIII - Modification of schedules

(a) Article XXVIII:1

A contracting party wishing to have recourse to the provisions of Article XXVIII:1 for the renegotiation or withdrawal of certain concessions in its schedule is required to notify the CONTRACTING PARTIES. Such notification is to take place not earlier than six months, nor later than three months before the termination date of the three-year period referred to in Article XXVIII:1 (see Notes and Supplementary Provisions ad Article XXVIII).

The next notification period will begin on 1 July 1981.

(b) Article XXVIII:4

A contracting party intending to seek authorization of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to enter into negotiations for the modification or withdrawal of a concession under the provisions of Article XXVIII:4 should submit its request for consideration by the Council.

No action has been taken requiring notification.

(c) Article XXVIII:5

Any contracting party wishing to reserve the right, for the duration of the three-year period envisaged in paragraph 1, to modify its schedule is required to notify the CONTRACTING PARTIES before the termination of the current three-year period. The current three-year period will terminate on 31 December 1981.

Notifications concerning renegotiations under Article XXVIII:5 have been received from Canada, Finland (two notifications), South Africa (five notifications), Sweden, Switzerland (two notifications), and the European Economic Community.

Article XXXVII:2(a) - Non-fulfilment of Article XXXVII:1

The provisions of Article XXXVII:1 contain certain commitments of developed contracting parties. Under the provisions of paragraph 2(a) of Article XXXVII any contracting party not giving effect to any of the provisions of paragraph 1, or any other interested contracting party, is required to report the matter to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

No notifications.

Review of implementation of Part IV

In order to enable the Committee on Trade and Development to keep under continuous review the application of the provisions of Part IV, the Committee agreed, in March 1965, on reporting procedures (BISD 13S/79).

Guidelines were adopted by the Committee (COM.TD/24, paragraph 10), providing for the submission of notifications, the preparation of reports and the carrying out of reviews on the implementation of Part IV. Notifications made by governments should be as exhaustive and comprehensive as possible, and should relate both to measures specifically mentioned in paragraphs 1 and 3, or paragraph 4, as the case may be of Article XXXVII, as well as to all steps and measures of interest to the CONTRACTING PARTIES in relation to the objectives and provisions of Part IV.

Every year the secretariat issues an airgram inviting contracting parties to make the relevant information available.

In response to GATT/AIR/1651, notifications were received from seven contracting parties and the EEC (COM.TD/W/321 and Add.1-2) for consideration at the November 1980 meeting of the Committee.

Border tax adjustments

Based on the recommendations of the Working Party on Border Tax Adjustments, the Council, in December 1970, introduced a notification procedure on a provisional basis, whereby contracting parties would report changes in their tax adjustments (BISD, 18S/108). The notifications are to relate to any major changes in tax adjustment legislation and practices involving international trade, and in particular at bringing periodically up to date the information contained in the consolidated document on contracting parties' practices (L/3389) on tax adjustments drawn up in the course of the Working Party's work.

Notifications under this procedure are currently distributed as addenda to document L/3518. In practice, only the United Kingdom submits notifications.

One notification has been received (L/3518/Add.16).

#### Liquidation of strategic stocks

Under the Resolution of 4 March 1955 a contracting party intending to liquidate a substantial quantity of strategic stocks should give at least forty-five days' prior notice of such intention (BISD, 3S/51).

Since 1970 one contracting party has submitted a number of notifications under this procedure.

#### Marks of origin

In 1958 the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted certain rules on marks of origin, which elaborated the basic principles of Article IX in order to reduce the difficulties and inconveniences which marking regulations may cause to the commerce and industry of the exporting country (Recommendation of 21 November 1958, BISD 7S/30). The Recommendation also invites contracting parties to report, before 1 September each year, changes in their legislation, rules and regulations concerning marks of origin.

A number of contracting parties complied with this invitation; but since 1961 no further submissions have been received (see L/478 and addenda 1-20).

## II. Information required from some contracting parties

(See document C/111/Annex II.)

### (a) Accession protocols

- Hungary, paragraph 6(b): No notifications.
- Poland, paragraph 5: No notifications.
- Romania, paragraph 5: Romanian foreign trade statistics and balance-of-payments data circulated in L/4926.
- Switzerland, paragraph 4: Fourteenth annual report circulated in L/5073
- Hungary, paragraph 4(c): No notifications.
- Poland, paragraph 3(b): No notifications.
- Romania, paragraph 3(b): In response to GATT/AIR/1596, notifications were received from twenty-seven contracting parties and the European Communities. (L/4935 and Addenda)

(b) Waivers

- Australia: Products of Papua New Guinea, paragraph 3: No notifications. Formal action to disinvoke the 1953 waiver has not yet been taken.
- Turkey: Stamp duty, paragraph 3: Turkey has reported under the waiver. (L/4960, L/4964, C/M/139.)
- United States: Agricultural Adjustment Act, paragraph 6: The twenty-second annual report (L/4925) was examined by a Working Party, whose Report (L/4999) was adopted by the Council in October 1980 (C/M/143). The twenty-third annual report (L/5084) was before the Council at its meeting in March 1981 (C/M/146).
- United States: Imports of automotive products, paragraph 6: Annual report not yet received.
- Generalized System of Preferences, paragraph (c): Notifications have been received, as follows:
  - Australia (L/3982/Add.14, COM.TD/W/321/Add.2)
  - Austria (L/4108/Add. 6-10)
  - Canada (L/4027/Add. 12-14)
  - European Communities (L/4804/Add.1, L/5116)
  - Finland (L/3694/Add.9 and Corr.1, Add. 10-12)
  - Japan (L/4531/Add.2)
  - New Zealand (L/4366/Add. 7-10 and Add.8, Corr.1)
  - Norway (L/4242/Add. 14-17)
  - Sweden (L/4472/Add. 3 and 4)
  - Switzerland (L/4020/Add. 4 and 5)
  - United States (L/4299/Add.11)
- Protocol relating to Trade Negotiations among Developing Countries, paragraph (e): In their seventh annual report (L/5051), the Committee of Participating Countries included a reference to the CONTRACTING PARTIES' Decision of 28 November 1979 on Differential and More Favourable Treatment, Reciprocity and Fuller Participation of Developing Countries (BISD, 26S/203).

- (c) Decision on Differential and More Favourable Treatment, Reciprocity and Fuller Participation of Developing Countries (BISD 26S/203): The Committee on Trade and Development has primary responsibility for supervision of the operation of this Decision. Accordingly,

notifications are requested from governments for circulation at the same time as notifications relating to the implementation of Part IV are circulated, prior to end-of-year sessions of the Committee.

In response to GATT/AIR/1651, notifications were received from seven contracting parties of the EEC (COM.TD/W/321 and Add.1 and 2). See also Protocol Relating to Trade Negotiations among Developing Countries (above).

- (d) Trade arrangements between India, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia, operative paragraph: Report expected to be circulated to contracting parties shortly.
- (e) Bangkok Agreement, operative paragraph (c): No notification.
- (f) Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements, operative paragraph (c): No notification.
- (g) Committee on Trade and Development - Sub-Committee on Protective Measures

See documents COM.TD/SCPM/W/1-4 for information relating to notifications.

- (h) Arrangement regarding International Trade in Textiles (MFA)

The notifications of actions taken by participating countries under the Arrangement, and in particular Articles 2, 3, 4, 7, 8 and 11 thereof, are made to the Textiles Surveillance Body and subsequently circulated to the Textiles Committee. These notifications are summarized in the annual report by the TSB to the Textiles Committee for the purpose of its review of the operation of the Arrangement. Such a report, together with that of the Textiles Committee, are submitted to the GATT Council in accordance with Article 10:4 of the MFA. The TSB report submitted for the Major Review in 1980 is contained in COM.TEX/SB/610 and Addenda. The Textiles Committee's report on this Major Review is contained in COM.TEX/19, 19/ANNEX II and ANNEX II/Suppl.1.

Notifications of adjustment measures are made by participating countries under Articles 1:4 and 10:2 of the Arrangement. These are contained in COM.TEX/16 and Addenda, and COM.TEX/W/89.

Notifications by participating countries with respect to production, employment, value added and investment are made under Article 10:2 (regular reporting scheme). These are contained in document COM.TEX/W/77. Trade data are based on information supplied by governments to the United Nations and are contained in document COM.TEX/W/78.

(i) MTN Agreements and Arrangements

(Notification requirements applicable to the parties to these instruments.)

Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade: The Committee reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their thirty-sixth session. (L/5068 of 10 November 1980.)

Agreement on Government Procurement: The Agreement entered into force on 1 January 1981.

Agreement on Interpretation and Application of Articles VI, XVI and XXIII of the General Agreement: The Committee reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their thirty-sixth session. (L/5055 of 3 November 1980.)

Arrangement regarding Bovine Meat: The International Meat Council reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their thirty-sixth session. (L/5050 of 13 November 1980.) Notifications, in the form of replies to questionnaires, have been received on a regular basis.

International Dairy Arrangement: The International Dairy Products Council reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their thirty-sixth session. (L/5057 of 5 November 1980.) Notifications, in the form of replies to questionnaires, have been received on a regular basis.

Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement: The Agreement entered into force on 1 January 1981. Upon entry into force of the Agreement, the provisions of the Protocol thereto were deemed to be part of the Agreement.

Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures: The Chairman of the Committee on Import Licensing will report to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their thirty-seventh session in November 1981. The Committee will conduct the first biannual review of the Agreement at its meeting in October 1981 and will inform the CONTRACTING PARTIES of developments during the period covered by the review at their thirty-seventh session in November 1981.

Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft: The Committee reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their thirty-sixth session. (L/5075 of 21 November 1980.)

Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement: The Committee reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their thirty-sixth session. (L/5052 of 29 October 1980.)

NOTIFICATIONS RELATING TO PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE UNDERSTANDING

Notifications related to the adoption of new trade measures affecting the operation of the General Agreement have been received as follows:

- Czechoslovakia: Law on economic relations with foreign countries (L/5017)
- European Economic Community: Jute products (L/5000/Rev.1)  
Imports of preserved mushrooms (L/5105)  
Primary whale products (L/5125)  
Imports of grooved carped shells and other molluscs (L/5127)
- Hungary: Bilateral international agreements on foreign trade (L/5049)
- Peru: Amendments to the customs tariff (L/5038)
- South Africa: Reductions in duties (L/5010)
- Yugoslavia: Liberalization of import restrictions (L/5054)

SURVEILLANCE - PARAGRAPH 24 OF THE UNDERSTANDING

It will be recalled that paragraph 24 of the Understanding provided that particular attention would be paid, inter alia, to measures which have been subject to consultation, conciliation or dispute settlement procedures laid down in the Understanding.

The following matters have been taken up in this context:

European Communities:

- Imports of beef from Canada (L/4987): Report of the Panel (L/5099) adopted by the Council in March 1981 (C/M/146).
- Refunds on exports of sugar
  - (a) Recourse by Australia: Report of the Panel (L/4833) adopted by the Council in November 1979 (C/M/135). Considered by the Council in January, March, October and November 1980 (C/M/138, 139, 143, 144) and in March 1981 (C/M/146).
  - (b) Recourse by Brazil: Report of Panel (L/5011) adopted by the Council in November 1980 (C/M/144). Considered by the Council in March 1981 (C/M/146).
- Restrictions on imports of apples from Chile: Report of the Panel (L/5047) adopted by the Council in November 1980 (C/M/144).
- Imports of poultry from the United States (L/5033, L/5040): Panel established in October 1980 (C/M/143).

Japan:

- Restraints on imports of manufactured tobacco (L/4871): Panel established in March 1980 (C/M/139).
- Measures on imports of leather: Report of the Panel (L/5042) adopted by the Council in November 1980 (C/M/144).
- Measures on edible fats containing milk fat: Raised at the October 1980 meeting of the Council (C/M/143).

Norway:

- Restrictions on imports of textiles from Hong Kong: Report of the Panel (L/4959) adopted by the Council in June 1980 (C/M/141). Considered by the Council in October and November 1980 (C/M/143, 144).

Spain:

- Tariff treatment of unroasted coffee (L/4954): Panel established in June 1980 (C/M/141).
- Measures concerning domestic sale of soyabean oil (L/4859): Panel established in January 1980 (C/M/138).
- Denial of import licences for fish and fish products from Canada: raised at the March 1981 meeting of the Council (C/M/146).

United States:

- Prohibition of imports of tuna and tuna products from Canada (L/4931): Panel established in March 1980 (C/M/139).
- Imposition of countervailing duty without injury criterion/ Industrial fasteners imported from India (L/5028, L/5062): Panel established in November 1980 (C/M/144).
- Import duty on vitamin B12 in the United States - Request by the European Communities for consultations under Article XXIII:1 (L/5129 of 30 March 1981).

ANNEX I

NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XVI:1

	1975 (full)	1976	1977	1978 (full)	1979	1980	1981 (full)
Australia		X	X	X	X	X	
Austria	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Belgium	X			X		X	
Canada	X		X			X	
Czechoslovakia	X		X	X	X	X	
Denmark	X			X			
EEC	X	X		X	X		
Finland	X		X	X	X		X
France	X						
Germany, F.R.	X	X		X		X	
Japan	X						
Luxembourg				X			X
Malawi						X	
Norway	X						
Romania	X						X
South Africa	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Sweden	X		X			X	
Switzerland	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Tunisia				X			
United Kingdom	X			X	X	X	
United States	X	X					
Yugoslavia						X	

\*No notifications have been received from the other 64 contracting parties.