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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

Committee on Trade in Industrial Products

INVENTORY OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS

Corrigendum

Supplemental Notifications

Country maintaining restriction and description	Products affected	Country notifying and comment
<u>To add to addendum 1:</u>		
A. <u>Government aids</u>		
ITALY	"Contributo encc" special 3 per cent tax, irrespective of source of goods.	Cardboard and other paper used for newsprint than newsprint.
<u>To add to addendum 2:</u>		
A. <u>Industrial standards</u>	DENMARK, FINLAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN	Testing. Electrical goods
UNITED STATES: The State testing organizations for electrical equipment in Denmark (DEMKO), Finland (FEMKO), Norway (NEMKO), and Sweden (SEMKO), each apply separate standards for electrical equipment and require individual testing in the country prior to certifying imports. Efforts to comply with these various requirements have proven to be costly and time-consuming. One of the adverse results has been an increase in the cost of electrical equipment to be sold in these countries, thus hindering US exports.		

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To add to Addendum 3: (cont'd)	Electrical goods (cont'd)	UNITED STATES (cont'd): While these Nordic countries have entered into a reciprocal agreement by which domestically produced electrical equipment which has been inspected and passed in one of the four member countries is automatically accepted in the others, such treatment is not extended to US products which have been approved in one of the countries. All foreign manufactured equipment which has been approved in one country is still subject to approval by the other three. The United States considers that the requirement that electrical equipment must be tested in each country is unnecessarily strict. Once a US product has been approved in one of the four countries, it should be accepted by the State testing organizations of the others.
A. Industrial standards (cont'd)	DENMARK, FINLAND, NORWAY, SWEDEN (cont'd)	

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To add to Addendum 4:A. Quantitative restrictions and import licensing

GENERAL NOTIFICATIONS BY COUNTRY NAMED:

NORDIC COUNTRIES

In their initial notification the Nordic countries did not include quantitative restrictions applied by other GATT members since there already existed a procedure in GATT to deal with these restrictions. This does not in any way mean that the Nordic countries do not consider existing quantitative restrictions as a barrier to trade.

While many of the quantitative restrictions are justified by balance-of-payment reasons there are cases where no such justification exists. In the case of quantitative restrictions maintained for balance-of-payment reasons there exist inter alia examples where these restrictions are applied in a manner which unduly affects the trade of certain countries.

In the view of the Nordic countries it is therefore necessary for the Committee on Industrial Products, at some stage of its work, to consider the possibility of a more comprehensive review in the appropriate bodies of existing quantitative restrictions whether they are maintained for balance-of-payment reasons or not, as well as of the way in which these restrictions are administered. At the present stage of the Committee's work the Nordic countries confine themselves to notify the examples included below of this type of non-tariff barrier which especially affect the trade of one or more of the Nordic countries (restrictions imposed by developing countries are not included).

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To add to Addendum 4: (cont'd)		
A. Quantitative restrictions and import licensing		(cont'd)
FRANCE		
Quantitative restrictions.	Pleasure boats (bateaux pour la navigation maritime)	NORDIC COUNTRIES: Restrictions have a significant effect on exports from the Nordic countries.
Discriminatory import restrictions.	Frozen and canned fruits and vegetables	CANADA: --
ITALY		
Restrictive import licensing.	Hydraulic fork-lift trucks, certain kinds of printing machinery, motor vehicles	NORDIC COUNTRIES: Restrictions affect exports from the Nordic countries.
JAPAN		
Import restrictions.	Many products, especially processed foods, tool tips, patent leather	NORDIC COUNTRIES: As is evident from the notification by Canada, Japan maintains import restrictions on a great number of products.
NEW ZEALAND		
Import restrictions.	Many products	NORDIC COUNTRIES: Many products of export interest to Nordic countries restricted, in certain cases so as to exclude foreign competition entirely. Past trade basis of licensing makes it difficult to introduce new products. Exports of certain products differ from one year to another for other reasons than changes in demand. In such cases it would be preferable if the New Zealand authorities used another base period than the usual one, e.g. average imports during 3-5 previous years.

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A. Quantitative restrictions and import licensing (cont'd)		
SOUTH AFRICA		
Import restrictions.	Most products exported by Nordic countries, i.e. canned fish, paper and wood pulp, lawn mowers, electrical appliances, hand- tools, iron and steel products, metal working machinery, household appliances and agricultural equipment	NORDIC COUNTRIES: --
SPAIN		
Import licences.	Many products of export interest to the Nordic countries, <u>inter alia</u> motor vehicles and blow lamps	NORDIC COUNTRIES: The administrative procedure is time-consuming. It is often uncertain if and when import licences are available.
B. Embargoes		
FRANCE		
Embargo.	Frozen lake trout	CANADA: --

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<u>To add to Addendum 4:</u> (cont'd)		
F. <u>Discriminatory sourcing</u>		
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO		
Discriminatory sourcing.	Paint	CANADA: Import permitted from Jamaica but not from Canada.
URUGUAY		
Discriminatory sourcing.	Steel products	CANADA: A particular importation of Canadian steel products was not permitted on the grounds that similar products were available from a country having a balance of trade favourable to Uruguay.
<u>To add to Addendum 5:</u>		
E. <u>Consular fees</u>		
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC		
Legalization fees (about RD\$8).		NORDIC COUNTRIES: Fees are included in the price for the forms.
HAITI		NORDIC COUNTRIES: Fee is levied on the f.o.b. value.
URUGUAY		NORDIC COUNTRIES: Fees are very high....
		Legalization fees (about 12 per cent).

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<u>To add to Addendum 6:</u>		
X. <u>Other</u>		
AUSTRALIA		
NEW ZEALAND	Have advanced plans to make special arrangements regarding access for New Zealand pulps and newsprint in the Australian market.	Pulp and newsprint,
		NORDIC COUNTRIES: ---