

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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UNITED STATES - AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT

Peanuts - Tariff Commission Investigation

The following communication has been received from the Government of the United States:

"Reference is made to the Decision of 5 March 1955 granting a waiver to the United States in connexion with import restrictions imposed under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1933, as amended, and to the First Annual Report by the United States Government under this Decision (L/443).

"On 9 July 1956 the United States Tariff Commission instituted and gave notice of an investigation under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended, with respect to peanuts, shelled (not including peanut butter or peanuts blanched, salted, prepared or preserved), of sizes averaging in representative samples not more than 40 kernels per ounce.

"The purpose of this supplemental investigation, which is made under the provisions of Section 22 (d) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended, is to determine whether there is a need for an additional quantity of imported peanuts consisting of the larger size "Virginia type" and, if so, what additional quantity may be permitted to be entered during the early months of the next quota year under conditions which would avoid material interference with the program of the Department of Agriculture for peanuts. Section 22 (d) provides in effect that existing restrictions may be modified by the President whenever he finds on the basis of an investigation and report by the Tariff Commission that changed circumstances require such modification.

"This action is in accord with the intent of the Decision that, if the United States finds that the circumstances requiring a restriction no longer exist or have changed so as no longer to require its imposition in its existing form, it will remove or relax such restrictions."

