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NETHERLANDS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

Elimination of Restrictions applied under Article XII

1. The Government of the Kingdom of the Netherlands has advised that it has eliminated all restrictions applied for balance-of-payments reasons and has ceased to resort to the provisions of Article XII of the General Agreement.
2. Consequently, the consultation with the Netherlands under paragraph 4(b) of Article XII, which has been scheduled to take place in May 1959, is no longer required.
3. The communication from the Netherlands Government, which includes a list of products which continue to be affected by certain import control measures, is reproduced herewith.

Communication from the Netherlands Dated 24 February 1959

"I have pleasure in communicating to you the following information on certain changes in the Netherlands import regime.

"The Netherlands Government has repeatedly reconsidered the question whether the Netherlands external financial position still justifies the maintenance of qualitative restrictions for balance-of-payments purposes.

"The Government has recently decided that this is no longer the case and that, therefore, the remaining restrictions applied under Article XII of the General Agreement should now be removed.

"In the meantime the necessary steps to this effect have been taken and the relevant restrictions, which were solely related to imports from the dollar area, have been eliminated.

"I should be grateful if you could pass the above information on to the contracting parties as soon as possible in view of the consultations with the Netherlands provided for under Article XII:4 which, following these decisions, can be discontinued.

"For your convenience I enclose a list of products which are still submitted to quantitative restrictions on importation into the Netherlands. I may point out that these restrictions are administered in such a way that their restrictive effect is extremely limited. As far as the Netherlands authorities are aware, practically no reasonable interests of other contracting parties are adversely affected."

ANNEX: List of goods

<u>Tariff Number</u>	<u>Designation of goods</u>
ex 1 b	Foals for slaughter
1 c	Horses, other than thoroughbred breeding-animals and other than horses for slaughter
3 b 1 - b 4	Bovine cattle, other than thoroughbred breeding-animals excluding oxen
6 b	Swine, other than thoroughbred breeding-animals
13 a 1	Beef and veal, fresh or chilled
ex 13 c 2	Pork, excluding bacon, other, fresh or chilled
ex 13 d	Horseflesh, fresh or chilled
17	Bacon
ex 18	Meat (beef, veal, pork, horseflesh), salted, dried, smoked, cooked or otherwise simply prepared
ex 19 a	Eel, fresh (live or dead) or preserved fresh by some frigorific or other process
ex 19 b	Sea fish, fresh (live or dead) or preserved fresh by some frigorific or other process, excluding smelt and sprat
20 a	Herring, simply salted, dried or smoked
ex 21 a 2	Shrimps, fresh, also if simply cooked or salted
22	Fresh milk, whole or skimmed; buttermilk, curdled milk, fermented milk
23	Milk cream
ex 24 a	Milk and cream, condensed (syrupy), without addition of sugar
25	Butter, fresh or salted, also if melted
27 a 1	Eggs in the shell, of poultry
43 a	Cut flowers and buds for bouquets or for ornaments, fresh
47	Tomatoes
ex 48	Onions
49 a, c	Potatoes, excluding seed potatoes
50 b 1	Cauliflower, fresh
50 c	Other brassica of all kinds, fresh
ex 50 d	Spinach, lettuce, endive and various salads, fresh, excluding chicory
ex 50 e	Carrots, fresh
50 f 1	French beans and peas, fresh
ex 50 h 3	Celery and leeks, fresh
57a	Grapes
59 a, b	Apples and pears, fresh

<u>Tariff Number</u>	<u>Designation of goods</u>
60 a 2, b, c	Peaches, cherries and plums, fresh
ex 61 a 2	Strawberries, fresh
68	Wheat, spelt and meslin
ex 69	Seed-rye
ex 70 b	Rice, husked, glazed or not, fully polished, not broken
ex 71	Seed-barley
ex 72	Seed-oats
75a	Flour of wheat, spelt or meslin
76a	Groats, semolina and husked or pearled grains of wheat
85	Sugar best, whether or not cut up and dried
86	Chicory roots, green or dried, cut up or not, unroasted
87	Hops: hop cones and lupulin
100	Lard and other pig fats; lard oil; poultry fats
105 h	Castor-oil, fluid or solid
ex 109	Fatty acids, excluding fatty acids derived from tall oil
112	Margarine, imitation lard and other edible fats obtained by similar process
122	Beet sugar, cane sugar and like sugars
123 e	Invert sugar and artificial honey
173	Rock salt, saline salt, sea salt (sodium chloride), including motherlye; sea water
199	Coal and agglomerates
ex 202	Peat litter
217 b	Chlorine
ex 217 g	Methylchloride
220	Hydrochloric acid
224	Sodium hydroxide (caustic soda)
233 a	Sodium borate
237 b	Sodium silicate
245 b	Salts of hypochlorous acid, other
ex 291 bis	Penicillin, its salts and other combinations and
ex 292 a 2	preparations made with these substances,
ex 292 b 2	put up for retail sale or not
320 a 2	Soft soap (black soap, green soap and the like)
320 b	Ordinary soap in blocks, slabs or bars, if the price is lower than Hfl.0.76 per kilogramme, not cleared
320 d	Soap, other (toilet, medicinal and similar soap), if the price is lower than Hfl.1.14 per kilogramme, not cleared

<u>Tariff Number</u>	<u>Designation of goods</u>
343	Nitrogenous mineral or chemical fertilizers
351	Calfskins
396	Wooden packing-cases, assembled or unassembled
397	Casks, tubs, buckets and other coopers' wares and finished parts thereof, with or without metal hoops, accessories or lining
546	Hemp yarn
ex 549	Hemp yarn, put up for retail sale
ex 566 b	Cabling, cordage and twines, also if plaited, of hemp
567 a	Nets for fishing
666 a	Sheet-glass, drawn or blown, unworked (window glass)
675	Blown or pressed glassware, n.e.s.i.
693	Gold coin
727 a	Tacks, nails, cramps and hooks of iron or steel wire, unforged
729	Bolt- and screw makers' wares, threaded, such as screws, bolts, ringbolts, coach screws, nuts, etc., of iron, steel or malleable cast iron
890 a 2	Automobiles for the conveyance of passengers, including sports cars, n.s.m.
ex 891	Automobile chassis not intended for the public conveyance of passengers

