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UNITED STATES AGRICULTURAL ADJUSTMENT ACT

Tariff Commission Investigation on Peanut Oil,
Flaxseed and Linseed Oil

The following communication, dated 2 December 1960, has been received from the United States permanent delegation in Geneva:

"Reference is made to the Decision of 5 March 1955 of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade granting a waiver to the United States in connexion with import restrictions imposed under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1953, as amended.

"In accordance with the terms of that Decision, you are informed that on 10 November 1960 the United States Tariff Commission instituted an investigation under Section 22(d), supplemental to its earlier investigation on peanut oil, flaxseed and linseed oil, to determine whether fees on imports of these products should be terminated or modified. A public hearing in this connexion will be held on 13 December 1960.

"A copy of the Tariff Commission's announcement is enclosed."¹

¹ See Annex overleaf.

ANNEX

United States Tariff Commission Notice of Supplemental
Investigation and Date of Hearing on
Peanut Oil, Flaxseed, and Linseed Oil

Investigation instituted. The United States Tariff Commission, on 10 November 1960, instituted an investigation for the purposes of Section 22(d) of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended (7 U.S.C. 624(d)), supplemental to its investigation No. 6 under Section 22, to determine whether the fees proclaimed by the President on imports of peanut oil, flaxseed, and linseed oil and combinations and mixtures in chief value of such oil should be terminated or modified.

Import fees were imposed on peanut oil, flaxseed, and linseed oil and combinations and mixtures in chief value thereof by Proclamation No. 3019, dated 8 June 1953 (3 CFR 1949-1953 Comp., p.189), following an investigation by the Tariff Commission under Section 22 of the Agricultural Adjustment Act, as amended, the President having found such fees to be necessary in order to prevent imports of these products from rendering or tending to render ineffective, or materially interfering with, certain programmes of the Department of Agriculture. The import fee on peanut oil is 25 per cent ad valorem on imports entered in any twelve-month period beginning 1 July in any year in excess of 80 million pounds. A fee of 50 per cent ad valorem was imposed on flaxseed, and on linseed oil and combinations and mixtures in chief value thereof.

Public hearing ordered. A public hearing in connexion with this supplemental investigation will be held in the Tariff Commission's hearing room, Tariff Commission Building, 8th and E Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C., beginning at 10 a.m. E.S.T. on 13 December 1960. Interested parties desiring to appear and to be heard at the hearing should notify the Secretary of the Commission, in writing, at least three days in advance of the date set for the hearing.

10 November 1960

