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NIGERIAN ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XIX

Notification of Restriction of Imports of Cement

The following communication, dated 7 May 1962, has been received from the Government of Nigeria:

"I have the honour to inform you that the Government of the Federation of Nigeria has invoked Article XIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade thereby repealing the Open General Import Licence Nos. 2, 3 and 4 of 1959 (L.N.237-239) for imports of cement from all countries with effect from 14 December 1961. This action became necessary because of the increased quantities of cement imported into the Federation of Nigeria which threatened serious injury to domestic production of cement; delay of the action would inevitably have caused serious damage to the local industry, the repair of which would be difficult. There was grave danger that plans involving millions of pounds sterling would be stultified and a sizeable number of workers rendered jobless. Nevertheless import contracts of cement concluded under the Open General Import Licences prior to 14 December 1961, the execution of which has not yet been fulfilled may, on the Ministry's discretion be carried through.

"The following statistics relate to the importation of cement into the Federation of Nigeria from July 1960 - June 1961.

Imports of Cement into Nigeria during the Twelve Months' Period July 1960 - June 1961

Imported from	In long tons	Per cent of total
United Kingdom	380,360	69.8
Belgium	18,216	3.3
Western Germany	29,651	5.4
Denmark	12	.0
France	1,503	.2
Sweden	7,648	1.4
Italy	8,895	1.6
Finland	19	.0
Netherlands	610	.1
Norway	108	.0
Spain	55	.0
Egypt	23,146	4.2
Republic of South Africa	1,132	.2
Israel	53,519	9.8
Czechoslovakia	5,349	1.0
Poland	5,085	.9
Yugoslavia	9,367	1.7
	544,675	100.0

"Consultations under the provisions of Article XIX of the General Agreement are being initiated in Lagos with the United Kingdom and the Federal Republic of Germany."