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ITALIAN IMPORT REGIME FOR BANANAS

The following communication has been submitted by the representative of Italy.

Following the abolition of the State banana monopoly as from 1 January 1965, the Italian Government has considered the desirability of introducing temporary measures for banana imports into Italy, to facilitate the transition to liberalization.

The principal reason for these new measures is the need to carry out undertakings already given to the Somali Government regarding banana purchases for the current year.

The measures are as follows:

- (a) Bananas (tariff item No. 08.01 B) are included in "Import List A", covering products for which a ministerial import permit is required;
- (b) An annual import quota of 1,800,000 quintals has been opened, to be used under the "controlled customs" régime;
- (c) Dried bananas and banana flakes may be imported without restriction.

This new system, which is of a provisional character, undoubtedly represents progress in comparison with the previous situation.

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