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## SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

### Communication from the Government of South Africa

In document L/2434 was reproduced the text of a press statement issued by the Minister of Economic Affairs of South Africa concerning import permit allocations.

The Government of South Africa has now communicated to the secretariat the text, reproduced hereunder, of the official notification, dated 21 May 1965, of the additional import allocations.

### Import Control

It is hereby notified for general information that the Honourable the Minister of Economic Affairs has authorized the following additional import allocations for 1965:

(i) Consumer goods

(a) The second-round allocations for Group B consumer goods for 1965 will be 25 per cent of an importer's assessment basis thereby bringing the total allocations for 1965 up to 55 per cent of the assessment basis, i.e. the same as importers received for the first and second-round issues for 1964.

(b) The second-round allocation for those items of consumer goods which have not been placed on the Free List of imports will be an amount equal to that which will bring the total allocations for 1965 up to 90 per cent of the level of total 1964 imports of these same goods. (This is approximately the same level of issues made at this stage during 1964.)

(ii) Capital equipment

Importers of capital plant and equipment will be granted their full reasonable requirements, provided such capital plant and equipment are not manufactured or cannot be manufactured in the Republic of South Africa.

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(iii) Raw materials

(a) Manufacturers who are direct importers of raw materials will, on application, be granted facilities to bring their stocks of imported raw materials up to the level of six months' current consumption.

(b) Merchant imports of raw materials, with the exception of textile piece-goods, will on application be granted additional import facilities to bring their 1965 allocations up to 80 per cent of their 1964 import permits.

(In both cases, however, the Honourable the Minister of Economic Affairs requests that raw materials should be obtained from local sources wherever possible.)

(c) Merchant importers of textile piece-goods will receive, on application, an amount which will bring their 1965 issues up to 75 per cent of their assessment basis, viz, the same level of issue as that granted during the same period for 1964. The import permits so issued will, however, not be valid for the importation of poplin.

Applications, which may be made by letter in respect of consumer goods or on the prescribed application forms in respect of raw materials and capital plant and equipment, must be submitted to the Director of Imports and Exports, Private Bag 192, Pretoria.