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Addendum

The replies to the questions put regarding the Additional Protocol between the European Economic Community and Turkey (L/3554) were communicated to the contracting parties in document L/3713.

The replies to questions 29, 44 and 45 were, however, left pending in that document; these questions and the replies given to them are set forth below.

Question 29

Article 30:1 provides that the Parties shall adapt the State monopolies in such a way as to ensure the exclusion, in a period of twenty-two years, of all discrimination in conditions relating to supplies and outlets, as between nationals of member States of the EEC and Turkey. What is the present situation between the Parties including the existing treatments to third countries in this matter?

Reply

The present situation between the Parties results from Article 16, paragraph 1 of the Interim Agreement, which provides that "The Contracting Parties shall refrain, in respect of State monopolies of a commercial character, from introducing any new measure limiting the scope of the articles concerning the elimination of customs duties and quantitative restrictions between them." In addition, the Parties grant each other the preferential treatment provided for in Agreement to the extent that the regulations of the monopolies do not prevent it.

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Question 44

What percentage of total Turkish imports (both on a world-wide basis and on imports from the European Communities alone), are accounted for by products included in Annex 3? (Article 11)

Reply

In 1967, the base year, the products included in Annex 3 represented 42.8 per cent of total Turkish imports on a world-wide basis and 45.1 per cent of Turkish imports from the EEC.

Question 45

Can more detailed information be supplied regarding the preferential treatment which Turkey according to Article 17 of Annex 6 shall give to the Community, for instance product coverage and estimated percentage of Turkey's total agricultural imports from the EEC?

Reply

Under Article 35 of the Additional Protocol, Annex 6 to that Protocol and Annex 5 to the Interim Agreement lay down the régime applicable to agricultural products from the beginning of the transitional stage, pending determination by the Association Council of the scope and details of the preferential régime which the Community and Turkey shall accord one another for their trade in agricultural products, in other words the process of establishing the customs union in respect of those products. In this context, therefore, the provisions of Article 17 of Annex 6 of the Additional Protocol and of Annex 5 of the Interim Agreement are of a temporary nature and are intended to provide an ad hoc arrangement, that would be in conformity with the spirit and objective of the Association Agreement, for dealing with the situation that would arise if Turkey were to effect commercial imports of such products.