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RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM ROMANIA

Notifications by Contracting Parties

Addendum

In a communication from the Romanian Government, reproduced in document L/4343, the contracting parties were invited to communicate in writing to the secretariat:

(a) any modifications made since the notifications submitted in 1975[1], specifying the type of restriction maintained; and

(b) the exceptional reasons invoked for maintaining each prohibition and restriction and the measure adopted with a view to their elimination.

Notifications have so far been received from:

Australia	Norway
European Communities	Switzerland
Finland	United States

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AUSTRALIA

I refer to document L/4343 requesting Contracting Parties to notify any prohibitions and quantitative restrictions applied to imports from Romania which are inconsistent with Article XIII of the General Agreement.

I have been requested by my authorities to advise you that Australia does not maintain such restrictions against Romania.

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[1] See document L/4170 and addenda 1-3.

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

In its communication circulated by the GATT secretariat (L/4343 of 24 May 1976), the Romanian Government invited the Contracting Parties to furnish the secretariat with a list of any modifications made since the notifications submitted in 1975.

In this connexion I have pleasure in sending you herewith the notification for the Community. The first part of the notification is a list (List A) of the tariff headings appearing in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No. 1439/74 (Community liberalization, third countries), which have not yet been included in the Annex to Regulation (EEC) No. 109/70 (Community liberalization, State-trading countries).

The list in question contains 113 whole tariff headings and 80 partial headings. It should be recalled that imports from Romania of certain products in this list have been liberalized by one or more member States. The number of EEC economic areas maintaining quantitative restrictions is given in brackets next to each heading. The headings that specifically concern the United Kingdom and Ireland (temporary derogations under Annex VII to the Treaty of Accession) are indicated at the end of the list.

The second part (List B) of the notification reproduces the measures taken under paragraph 3(b) of the Protocol for the Accession of Romania (progress made in abolishing quantitative restrictions) since the notification submitted in 1975. This list gives four whole tariff headings and 17 partial headings.

It should also be pointed out that, as in the past, the Community has not increased the discriminatory element in the restrictions; on the contrary this has gradually been eased.

Furthermore, the unilateral import arrangement in respect of State-trading countries adopted by the Council on 18 December 1975 involve a distinct increase in import possibilities over the quotas opened in 1975.

LIST A

LIST OF PRODUCTS WHICH AT COMMUNITY LEVEL ARE COVERED BY PARAGRAPH 3(a) OF THE PROTOCOL FOR ACCESSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ROMANIA TO GATT

Position on 1 July 1976

N.B. The number of EEC economic areas applying quantitative restrictions is given in brackets.

CCT (Common Customs Tariff) heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)	CCT heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)
C2.01	A I	(1)	-	28.27		(1)	-
02.06	A	(1)	-	28.30	A I	(1)	-
17.04	C	(2)	-		VII	(1)	-
	D	(2)	-	28.38	A IV	(2)	-
18.06		(2)	-		B I	(1)	-
22.06		(1)	-	28.40	B II	(1)	12
22.09	A I	(2)	-	28.46	B	(1)	-
	B	(1)	-	28.47	B	(1)	-
	C II	(1)	-	28.50	B	(1)	1
	III	(1)	-	28.54		(1)	-
25.23		(2)	-	28.56	C	(2)	383
25.31		(1)	-		E	(1)	-
27.04	A I	(1)	-	29.01	D II	(1)	-
	C	(1)	-		IV	(1)	-
27.07	B II	(1)	574	29.02	A I	(1)	-
	D	(1)	-		II	(1)	9
	G I	(1)	-		V	(1)	-
28.17	A	(1)	-		C	(1)	-
28.19		(2)	-	29.03		(1)	11
28.20	A	(1)	2				
28.21		(1)	-				

CCT (Common Customs Tariff) heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)	CCT heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)
29.04	A II	(1)	-	29.22	A II	(1)	-
	III (a)	(1)	-		III	(1)	36
	V	(1)	-		B	(1)	-
	B II	(1)	-		C	(1)	-
	C IV	(1)	-		D II	(1)	-
	V	(1)	-		IV	(1)	-
29.06	A I	(1)	155		V	(1)	-
	B IV	(1)	-		VI	(1)	-
	V	(1)	-		VII	(1)	-
29.11	A I	(1)	-		E	(1)	-
	II	(1)	-	29.23	A II	(1)	-
	E I	(1)	-		D IV	(1)	-
	F I	(1)	-		V	(1)	-
	G	(1)	-		E	(1)	-
29.13	A I	(1)	561	29.27		(1)	-
29.14	A I	(1)	-	29.30		(1)	-
29.15	A III	(1)	-	29.35	H	(1)	12
	C I	(1)	-		ex Q	(1)	-
	III	(1)	35	29.38	B II	(1)	-
29.16	A III	(1)	-	29.44		(1)	351
	IV	(1)	-	30.03	A	(1)	-
	VIII	(1)	-	30.04		(1)	-
	B II	(1)	-	31.02	B	(2)	689
	IV	(1)	-	31.05	A	(2)	82
	V	(1)	-	32.07	A I	(1)	-
	VI	(1)	-		III	(1)	-
	C	(1)	-		V (b)	(1)	12
	D	(1)	-		VI	(1)	9
					B	(1)	-
					C	(1)	-

CCT (Common Customs Tariff) heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)	CCT heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)
33.02		(1)	-	42.03	B	(2)	471
36.01		(1)	12	ex 44.13		(1)	99
36.02		(3)	-	44.15		(1)	964
36.03		(1)	-	44.18		(2)	2,147
36.04		(1)	-	44.23	B	(1)	247
36.05		(1)	-	44.24		(1)	-
36.06		(2)	-	45.01		(1)	-
36.07		(1)	-	46.02	A	(1)	7
36.08		(1)	-		C I (a)	(1)	3
37.03		(1)	-	46.03		(1)	1,122
38.11	B	(1)	-	48.01	C	(1)	250
	C	(1)	1		E	(1)	-
38.14	B I (b)	(1)	-	48.05	B	(1)	-
	II	(1)	-	48.09		(2)	595
	III	(1)	-	51.01		(2)	153
38.19	A to D	(1)	81	54.05		(5)	328
	F to T	(1)	-	55.05		(5)	213
39.01	B	(1)	-	55.06		(4)	-
	C II (a)	(1)	-	55.07		(3)	-
	VII	(1)	28	56.01		(2)	504
39.02	B	(1)	-	56.02		(1)	377
	C I to XIII	(1)	27	56.03	B	(1)	-
39.03		(1)	25	56.04		(1)	622
40.02		(1)	748	56.06		(2)	-
40.06		(1)	-	57.05	A	(1)	-
40.10		(1)	-	57.06		(2)	-
40.11	A	(1)	-	57.09		(2)	167
41.02		(2)	18	58.10		(1)	-
41.04	B II	(1)	-	59.04		(3)	-
42.02	B	(1)	288	59.07		(2)	-

CCT (Common Customs Tariff) heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)	CCT heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)
59.08		(2)	-	70.12	B	(1)	-
60.01		(3)	-	70.13		(2)	2,102
60.03		(5)	2,325	70.14	A	(-)	-
60.06		(1)	-	70.16		(1)	-
61.07		(2)	2	70.17	A II	(-)	-
61.09		(3)	-	71.16		(1)	-
61.10		(2)	-	73.02	B	(1)	-
61.11		(2)	-		F	(1)	-
62.01	B	(4)	8		G	(2)	-
62.04		(5)	3	73.10	B	(2)	-
64.02	A	(4)	13,968		C	(1)	-
65.01		(2)	64		D I (b)	(1)	-
65.03		(1)	-		II	(1)	-
65.05		(1)	-	73.11	A II	(1)	-
65.06		(1)	-		III	(1)	-
68.01		(1)	441		IV (a) 2	(1)	-
68.12		(-)	-		(b)	(1)	-
68.16	B	(1)	-	73.12	B II	(1)	-
69.02		(1)	-		C I	(1)	-
69.04		(1)	-		II	(1)	-
69.06		(2)	-		III (b)	(1)	-
69.09	B	(1)	-		IV	(1)	-
69.10		(1)	-		V (a) 2	(1)	-
69.13		(1)	2		(b)	(1)	-
70.04		(1)	3		D	(1)	2
70.05		(1)	18	73.13	B II (a)	(1)	-
70.06		(1)	-		IV (a)	(1)	-
70.07		(1)	-		V (a) 1	(1)	-
70.10		(2)	-		(b)	(1)	-

CCT (Common Customs Tariff) heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)	CCT heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)
73.14		(2)	392	79.02		(1)	-
73.17		(2)	-	79.03	B	(1)	-
73.18		(2)	241	79.04		(1)	-
73.19		(1)	-	79.06		(1)	-
73.20		(2)	423	81.04	I J	(1)	-
73.21		(1)	9	82.01		(1)	130
73.23	B	(1)	-	84.23	A II	(1)	-
73.25		(1)	3	84.35	A ex III	(1)	-
73.32	B I	(2)	-	84.51	A	(1)	-
73.40		(1)	85	84.52		(1)	1
76.01		(3)	9,930	84.55		(1)	4
76.02		(2)	127	85.09	A	(1)	-
76.03		(1)	-	85.22	A	(1)	-
76.04		(1)	-		C	(1)	18
76.06		(1)	96	85.24	B	(1)	-
76.07		(1)	-	87.01		(1)	1,451
76.12		(3)	-	87.10		(3)	-
77.01	A	(1)	-	87.12	B	(2)	1
78.02		(1)	-	89.01	B II	(2)	16
78.03		(1)	-	90.23	A	(1)	-
78.04		(1)	-	92.05		(1)	6
78.05		(1)	-	92.10	B	(1)	1
78.06		(1)	-	93.02		(2)	-
79.01		(3)	692	93.04	A	(1)	-

CCT (Common Customs Tariff) heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)	CCT heading			Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)
93.07		(3)	-	97.02		(1)	1
94.01	B	(1)	1,055	97.04	A	(1)	-
94.03		(1)	727	97.05		(1)	41
94.04		(2)	16	97.06	C	(1)	69
96.02	A	(2)	-	98.15		(1)	-
	C	(2)	-				

Making a total of 113 whole tariff headings and 80 partial headings. The products listed represent imports from Romania to the relevant EEC economic areas totalling 46,904,000 EUR.

Products covered by paragraph 3 (a) of the Protocol for the Accession of Romania to GATT which specifically concern:

		Imports in 1974
Ireland:	ex 59.09	-
	ex 59.11	-
	ex 59.12	4
	ex 61.08	-
	ex 62.01	-
		4

		Imports in 1974
United Kingdom:	ex 39.07	1,162
	ex 40.13	-
	ex 43.03	-
	ex 43.04	-
	54.03	-
	54.04	-
		1,162

LIST B

MEASURES TAKEN UNDER PARAGRAPH 3(b) OF THE PROTOCOL FOR THE ACCESSION OF ROMANIA TO GATT (PROGRESS MADE) FROM 1 JANUARY 1975 to 30 JUNE 1976

CCT (Common Customs Tariff) heading	Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)	CCT heading	Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)
06.01 A	-	28.04 C V	-
06.02 C	-	28.28 M	-
07.03 B	-	28.36	46
ex E	825	28.38 A VI	-
F	-	28.39 A	92
08.11 B	-	28.42 A II	5,808
C	-	28.55 ex B	-
08.12 A	-	29.01 A	-
B	-	D I	5,743
D	24	III	-
E	-	V	-
F I	-	VI	-
G	182	29.04 A I	-
08.13	-	II	-
15.10 A	18	C I	-
B	-	29.06 B I	-
17.04 B	-	II	-
20.02 B	-	III	-
F	-	29.08 B	-
20.03	-	29.09	1
21.02 A	-	29.13 B II	-
21.07 F I	18	29.14 B I	-
25.01	304	29.15 C II	-
27.07 G II	-	29.16 B III	-

CCT (Common Customs Tariff) heading	Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)	CCT heading	Imports in 1974 ('000 EUR)
29.17	-	48.20	-
29.22 A I	118	58.01 C	-
D I	1,846	59.01 A II	-
III	-	70.17 B	-
29.23 A I	8	73.30	-
B	-	77.01 B	-
29.26 B II ex (c)	-	77.02	-
29.35 D	1	77.03	-
K	-	81.04 K	-
L	-	82.05 A	214
30.03 B II (a)	-	ex 84.53	75
31.03 A I	140	84.61	23
35.05	-	85.15 C I	-
38.19 E	-	88.02 B I	-
39.01 C II (b)	-	93.05	-
46.02 C I (b)	-	93.06 B	-

Making a total of 13 whole tariff headings and 44 partial headings.

The products listed represent imports from Romania totalling 15,486,000 EUR.

FINLAND

The Permanent Mission of Finland presents its compliments to the Secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and, with reference to document L/4343 of 24 May 1976 concerning restrictions on imports from Romania, has the honour to make the following notification:

(a) No modifications have been made with respect to the restrictions notified in 1975 in document L/4170/Add.2, which contained a list of products, which are licence free when imported from countries under multilateral import treatment and subject to licensing when imported from Romania.

(b) The products referred to above represent sensitive areas in the Finnish economy from the point of view of employment, regional development and balance of payments, and taking into account the serious economic difficulties experienced in the course of 1975 and 1976 it has not been feasible to envisage further measures in the field of import liberalization.

(c) Many aspects of the trade relations between Romania and Finland, including those related to quantitative import restrictions are expected to be dealt with in the context of a more comprehensive trade arrangement to be negotiated in the future.

NORWAY

With reference to document L/4343 of 24 May 1976, I have the honour to inform you that Norway and Romania agree on yearly protocols for the exchange of goods between the two countries.

I enclose herewith a list of goods subject to licence on import from Romania in which is shown the established quotas and the actual import under these quotas for 1975, as well as the quotas established for 1976. It will appear from the list that the quotas for 1975 were not filled, and that they therefore do not constitute any restriction on imports from Romania. Furthermore, the quotas established for 1976 have been increased as compared to the quotas for 1975.

The extent of Norway's restrictions on imports from Romania are shown in document L/3407 of 3 August 1972. There has to date been no change in the extent of these restrictions.

LIST OF GOODS SUBJECT TO LICENCE ON IMPORT FROM ROMANIA

Value in NKr '000

BTN	Description	1975		1976
		Quota	Imports	Quota
55.08 ex 55.09 ex 56.07 ex 61.01 ex 61.02 60.03 ex 60.04 ex 62.02	Woven piece goods of cotton, rayon, wool linen and hemp, ready-made garments and knitwear	800	702	900
61.03 61.04	Underwear and night-wear of woven material	200	-	250
ex 62.02	Towelling of cotton, linen and hemp	10 tons	5.3 tons	10 tons

SWITZERLAND

In reply to your circular L/4343 of 24 May 1976 concerning import restrictions on goods coming from Romania, I have the honour to inform you as follows:

The situation in respect of Swiss imports is as follows:

1. Industrial products

Taking into account the arrangements made to facilitate mutual trade, imports into Switzerland of industrial products (finished, semi-finished and basic products) from Romania are not subject to any quantitative restrictions.

2. Agricultural products

Imports of agricultural products from Romania are subject to the same régime as imports from all other countries.

The special regulation in respect of eggs in the shell, which was applicable during the first half of the year and was tantamount to a global quota, has been suspended on a trial basis since 1 January 1975. This means that imports of eggs are unrestricted throughout the year.

UNITED STATES

With respect to the request contained in L/4343 on Romania, the United States has not made any modifications since notifying the Secretariat that it maintains no discriminatory prohibitions or quantitative restrictions towards imports of Romanian goods into the United States.