

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Files and Rasps

Addendum

The following communication dated 29 March 1978 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

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The Australian Government wishes to advise the CONTRACTING PARTIES with regard to the notification of temporary quantitative restrictions on the importation of certain types of files and rasps (L/4351) that it has decided to accept the recommendations of the Australian Industries Assistance Commission that additional short term assistance should be provided by restricting imports of these goods to 75,000 dozen for the calendar year 1978. It has also been decided to include round blunt chainsaw files within the scope of the temporary import restrictions.

This decision followed consideration of the Industries Assistance Commission report of 16 December 1977 on files and rasps. The Commission noted that as stocks of files and rasps in the Australian market were still excessive, the local industry was likely to remain depressed for some time. It therefore recommended the continuation of the temporary import restrictions until 31 December 1978 and further recommended that round blunt chainsaw files should be included in the import restrictions.

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