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Brandy

Addendum

CONTINUATION OF ACTION

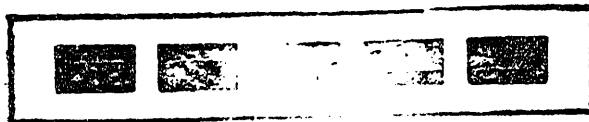
The following communication February 1978, has been received from
the Permanent Mission of Australia

The Government of Australia wishes to advise the contracting parties that following Government consideration of an interim report by the Industries Assistance Commission on whether short-term assistance arrangements for brandy should apply after 21 February 1978, it has decided to continue the temporary measures applying to the importation of brandy into Australia, in accordance with the provisions of Article XIX of the General Agreement, pending a review of this temporary assistance in the light of the outcome of the 1978 vintage.

Tariff quota arrangements for brandy entered for home consumption will continue and the existing rates of duty (as advised in L/4569) will continue to apply until the Government has given further consideration to the matter.

The Commission has been requested to provide a further interim report by 30 June 1978 on the question of short-term assistance for the brandy industry.

Pending a Government decision on that report, tariff quotas will be allocated to importers for a further period of six months commencing 22 February 1978. Quotas available for allocation in that period will be at the same levels as applicable in the previous quota period, i.e. at a level equivalent to 40 per cent of imports cleared for home consumption during 1975-76.



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