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RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM ROMANIA

Notifications by Contracting Parties

In airgram GATT/AIR/1596 of 21 December 1979, contracting parties were invited to notify by 30 January 1980, in accordance with paragraph 3(b) of the Protocol for the Accession of Romania, discriminatory prohibitions and quantitative restrictions still applied to imports from Romania.

Notifications have been received from:

Austria	Norway
Chile	Poland
Cyprus	Spain
Czechoslovakia	Turkey
Finland	United States
Hungary	Yugoslavia
Japan	

These notifications are reproduced hereunder.

Contracting parties which have not yet submitted notifications are invited to do so without delay. Further notifications will be reproduced in addenda to this document.

AUSTRIA

With reference to GATT/AIR/1596 of 21 December 1979 and furthermore with reference to paragraph 3(b) of the Protocol for the Accession of Romania I have the honour to inform you that Austria has eliminated by the end of 1974 the discriminatory prohibitions and quantitative restrictions applied at that time under the terms of paragraph 3(a) of the said Protocol to imports from Romania.

CHILE

The Permanent Delegation of Chile to the United Nations Office and other international organizations at Geneva presents its compliments to the Director-General of GATT and has the honour to refer to airgram GATT/AIR/1596 inviting contracting parties to notify any restrictions or prohibitions applied on imports from Romania.

In this connexion the Permanent Delegation of Chile wishes to state that the Government of Chile does not apply any restrictions or prohibitions on imports from Romania or any other origin.

CYPRUS

I am directed to refer to GATT/AIR/1596 of 21 December 1979 and to inform you that Cyprus does not impose any discriminatory prohibitions or restrictions aimed at imports from Romania.

It should also be noted that there now exists a new Trade Agreement between the two countries, involving payments in freely convertible currency.

On this occasion the following figures are given showing the trade between the two countries during the last few years. (£C1 = \$2.9 approximately.

	<u>Imports from</u>	<u>Exports to</u>
1975	(£) 501,000	(£) 411,000
1976	873,000	144,000
1977	1,079,000	59,000
1978	1,704,000	150,000
1979 (January-September)	1,439,000	636,000

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

In response to document GATT/AIR/1596 concerning the notifications for the purpose of the third consultations with Romania I wish to inform you that Czechoslovakia does not maintain any restrictions on imports from Romania.

FINLAND

The Permanent Mission of Finland presents its compliments to the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and has the honour, with reference to GATT/AIR/1596 concerning restrictions on imports from Romania, to inform the secretariat as follows:

1. Except for minor modifications in sub-headings due to modifications in the CCCN, the notification in document L/4170/Add.2 remains unchanged. Several measures have, however, been taken by the Finnish authorities to facilitate imports from Romania to Finland.
2. Finland included Romania in 1973 among the beneficiaries of her GSP scheme.
3. Finland and Romania have agreed to initiate negotiations for concluding an agreement on trade in textiles in accordance with the Arrangement Regarding International Trade in Textiles.
4. Quotas for imports from Romania continue to be negotiated bilaterally annually.
5. Discussions regarding a mutual relaxation of import treatment continue to be pursued bilaterally between Finland and Romania.

HUNGARY

Upon instruction of my authorities and with reference to GATT/AIR/1596, I have the honour to inform you that Hungary does not maintain any discriminatory restrictions on imports from Romania.

JAPAN

In response to GATT/AIR/1596, I wish to inform you as follows:

Japan does not maintain any discriminatory restrictions on imports from Romania.

NORWAY

With reference to GATT/AIR/1596 of 21 December 1979, I may submit the following information regarding Norwegian restrictions on imports from Romania:

As set out in L/3704 Norway and Romania agree on yearly protocols for the exchange of goods between the two countries.

The list of goods subject to quota regulations in L/3704 have not been altered, with the exception of petroleum oils (ex 27.10) which now are licensed liberally.

1. The Norwegian system of global quotas on various textile items introduced on 1 January 1979 and prolonged until 30 June 1980 (reference document L/4692/Add.1 and 3) is also applied on imports from Romania.

Most of the textile imports which were earlier bilaterally quota-restricted, are now being covered by the global quota system (Annex I).

2. For the textile goods subject to bilateral regulations, a quota of Nkr 850,000 has been established for 1979 (see Annex II).

3. From 1 February 1977 Romania was included in the general system of preferences of Norway.

NORWAY (cont'd)

ANNEX I

Total Imports of Textile Goods to Norway from Romania

Value in NKr'000

	1977	1978	Jan./Sept. 1979
Global quota restricted	-	-	2,251
Bilateral restricted	5,833	2,836	295
Free imports	<u>2,167</u>	<u>2,124</u>	<u>2,559</u>
Total textile imports	8,000	4,960	5,105

NORWAY (cont'd)

ANNEX II

Goods Subject to Bilateral Restrictions on
Imports to Norway from Romania

Value in Nkr'000

	Quota 1979	Imports 1977	Imports 1978	Imports Jan./ Sept. 1979
<u>Group 1</u>	<u>600</u>	<u>104</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>295</u>
Woven fabrics of flax (5404.011-025, 031, 041)				
Terry fabrics of cotton (5508)				
Woven fabrics of cotton not printed (ex 5509)		3	11	96
Woven fabrics of discontinuous man- made fibres not printed (ex 5607)				7
Knitted nightwear (6004.210-290)				
Coats (6101.120-190, 6102.120-190)				
Overalls, protective garments (6101.083-089, 620-690, 6102.083- 089, 720-790)				
Shorts and swimwear (6101.720-790, 6102.820-890)				
Dresses (6102.322, 342, 352, 362, 392)				
Skirts (6102.420-490)				
Table-cloths (6202.251-296)		101	1	
Stockings and socks (6003)				192
<u>Group 2</u>	<u>250</u>	-	<u>1</u>	-
Underwear and nightwear of woven material (6103.220-999, 6104)		-	1	-

POLAND

With reference to GATT/AIR/1596, I have pleasure to inform you that Poland does not apply any restrictions to imports from Romania.

SPAIN

With reference to airgram GATT/AIR/1596 of 21 December 1979, I have pleasure in stating that Spain does not apply any discriminatory preferences or restrictions on imports from Romania.

TURKEY

With reference to airgram GATT/AIR/1596, I have the honour to state once more that Turkey, in the context of its import régime, does not apply any discriminatory restrictions on imports from Romania.

UNITED STATES

I am writing in reference to GATT airgram 1596, relating to Romanian Protocol of Accession.

The United States does not presently maintain any discriminatory quantitative restrictions against Romania.

YUGOSLAVIA

In reference to your airgram No. 1596 of 21 December 1979 concerning restrictions and prohibitions applied to imports from Romania, we would like to inform you that Yugoslavia does not apply discriminatory prohibitions or quantitative restrictions to imports from Romania.

