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Paragraph 4 of the Protocol for the Accession of Switzerland to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provides that Switzerland shall furnish annually to the CONTRACTING PARTIES a report on the measures maintained consistently with its reservation "with regard to the application of the provisions of Article XI of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to permit it to apply import restrictions pursuant to Title II of the Federal Law of 3 October 1951 as well as pursuant to Article 11 of the Federal Decree of 28 September 1956/28 September 1962 and to the Swiss legislation concerning alcohol and wheat based on Articles 32 bis and 23 bis of the Federal Constitution".

The present report covers the period 1 January 1981 to 31 December 1981.

A. Legal basis of the Swiss restrictions

There was no amendment during the period under consideration to the provisions relating to the restrictions applied by Switzerland to agricultural products. These provisions are governed by the following laws:

- (1) Federal Law on the Improvement of Agriculture and the Maintenance of the Peasant Population (Agriculture Act), 3 October 1951;
- (2) Federal Law on Alcohol, 21 June 1932/25 October 1949;
- (3) Federal Decree on External Economic Measures, 28 June 1972;
- (4) Federal Law on National Wheat Supplies (Wheat Act), 20 March 1959.

B. Products subject to quantitative restrictions

In 1981 quantitative restrictions applied to the same products as in 1980.

C. Description of the various systems of restrictions

There was no change in either the systems of restrictions or the basis of their operation. These systems were described in detail in documents L/3124, L/3250 and L/5311. They are also described in part in document MTN/3E/DOC/2/Add.22.

D. Application of restrictions during the period under consideration

There was no change in 1981 in the system of quantitative restrictions applied by Switzerland. Generally speaking, imports reached a level comparable to that of the previous year, as may be seen from the tables in Annexes I and II.

The various sectors call for the following comments:

1. Cereals and feeding stuffs

The domestic harvest of bread wheat was satisfactory, and one or two percentage points better than the preceding year. The quality was also better, so that imports fell in comparison with previous years. On the other hand, imports of feed grains and fodder increased, as the percentage of domestic wheat used for animal feed decreased, although the hay fodder crop was good as a result of favourable weather conditions.

2. Livestock and meat

The number of head of dairy cattle and livestock for breeding imported continued to increase slightly as compared with the previous year.

Imports of livestock for slaughter rose sharply, with slaughterings of home-reared cattle about 6 per cent lower than the preceding year, while imports of meat, meat preparations and preserved meat remained steady.

3. Dairy products

The application of quota restrictions on domestic milk production was even more stringent, but there was nevertheless a slight increase in output. Imports of butter fell slightly, but the other products remained stable.

4. Eggs in shell

Domestic production decreased still further. This affected imports of fresh eggs, which showed a marked increase.

5. Vegetables

The domestic harvest was better than had been expected. As a result, imports of fresh vegetables were less than in the previous year, but they were nevertheless higher than in 1979.

6. Fruit

Imports of stone-fruit remained at a relatively high level, even though the domestic harvest was fairly good. With regard to other fruits, there were variations in the export levels due to relative differences in the abundance of the crop.

7. Cut flowers

Imports of cut flowers were almost at the level of the preceding year and are tending to become stable.

8. Wine and grape juice

The domestic harvest in 1981 was once again poor - similar to that in 1980. As a result, imports of wine in casks and of bottled white wine again increased.

9. Ethyl alcohol

Imports of ethyl alcohol again increased slightly over the figures for the preceding year.

ANNEX ITrend in Swiss Imports of Products Covered by the
Reservation under Paragraph 4 of the Protocol
for the Accession of Switzerland to GATT

	<u>1979</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>1980</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>1981</u> <u>Tons</u>
1. <u>Cereals and feeding stuffs</u>			
(a) <u>Bread wheat</u>	207'248	215'152	177'215
(b) <u>Flour (including hard wheat meal)</u>	80	43	38
(c) <u>Feedgrains and feeding stuffs</u>	1'025'983	1'031'917	1'043'466
(d) <u>Grain for sowing</u>	4'934	3'403	3'177
2. <u>Livestock and meat</u>			
(a) <u>Dairy cattle and livestock for breeding</u>	<u>Head</u> 1'961	<u>Head</u> 2'186	<u>Head</u> 2'302
(b) <u>Cattle for slaughter</u>	5'872	5'794	8'405
(c) <u>Meat and animal fats</u>	<u>Tons</u> 19'818	<u>Tons</u> 17'328	<u>Tons</u> 17'629
(d) <u>Meat preparations and preserved meat</u>	6'863	6'709	6'526
3. <u>Dairy products</u>			
(a) <u>Fresh butter</u>	8'201	13'151	12'324
(b) <u>Whole milk powder</u>	1'642	1'746	2'321
(c) <u>Casein</u>	227	221	191
4. <u>Eggs in shell</u>	24'218	24'985	26'965

	<u>1979</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>1980</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>1981</u> <u>Tons</u>
5. <u>Vegetables</u>			
(a) <u>Fresh vegetables</u>	149'949	172'285	153'648
(b) <u>Food potatoes</u>	4'156	8'809	5'018
(c) <u>Potato products</u>	312	309	264
(d) <u>Seed potatoes</u>	2'529	1'448	1'016
(e) <u>Seedling onions for planting</u>	43	4	53
6. <u>Fruit and fruit preparations</u>			
(a) <u>Apples and pears</u>	12'682	22'917	18'770
(b) <u>Stone fruit (except peaches)</u>	13'926	14'622	14'764
(c) <u>Fresh berries</u>	16'872	15'994	13'891
(d) <u>Apples and pears for cider and perry</u>	26	2	291
(e) <u>Pectin</u>	166	181	234
(f) <u>Apple juice and pear juice</u>	7	7	36
7. <u>Cut flowers, 1 May to 25 October</u>	2'352	2'454	2'432
8. <u>Wine and grape juice</u>	<u>'000 hl.</u>	<u>'000 hl.</u>	<u>'000 hl.</u>
(a) <u>Wine in casks</u>	1'656	1'789	2'031
(b) <u>White wine in bottles</u>	48	59	-
(c) <u>Grape juice</u>	153	134	128
9. <u>Ethyl alcohol</u>	96	189	192

ANNEX II

Imports by Origin, of the Main Products Covered by the
Reservation Under Paragraph 4 of the Protocol for the
Accession of Switzerland to GATT

1. <u>Cereals</u>		<u>Tons</u>		
		<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
	<u>1001.08-10 Bread wheat</u>			
	Federal Republic of Germany	36	46	5'172
	France	28'512	18'909	21'735
	Italy	63	83	132
	Austria	2'403	235	-
	Sweden	-	13	10
	Canada	92'360	91'700	51'112
	United States	76'887	103'750	98'708
	Argentina	6'690	287	-
	Commonwealth of Australia	-	87	-
	Netherlands	-	-	316
	Miscellaneous	-	-	28
	Total	207'248	215'152	177'215
	<u>1001.12 Denatured wheat</u>			
	Federal Republic of Germany	-	496	6'256
	France	98'150	118'756	168'585
	Austria	17'127	253	2'922
	Hungary	1'019	106	910
	Romania	-	-	130
	Canada	311	-	-
	United States	1'013	667	380
	Argentina	165	-	50
	Commonwealth of Australia	-	-	58
	Miscellaneous	-	-	7
	Total	117'816	120'303	179'298

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>1003.01 Barley</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	7'081	1'333	5'972
France	377'143	448'875	375'419
Italy	22	22	40
Netherlands	381	189	292
Belgium-Luxembourg	233	185	-
Austria	6'193	44	4'587
Denmark	473	233	75
Yugoslavia	-	1'436	68
Canada	5'496	-	-
United States	-	-	69
Commonwealth of Australia	1'375	53	-
Sweden	-	-	30
Miscellaneous	-	-	28
Total	398'398	452'406	386'579

1004.01 Oats

Federal Republic of Germany	41	-	39
France	115'205	88'084	74'281
Italy	20	19	24
Denmark	662	159	64
Norway	1'894	-	2'064
Sweden	4'137	11	5'029
Canada	13'054	21'048	24'847
United States	745	12'431	6'861
Argentina	8'918	7'444	1'960
Commonwealth of Australia	399	235	-
Netherlands	-	-	263
Miscellaneous	-	-	22
Total	145'084	129'441	115'454

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>1005.01 Maize</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	52	95	60
France	1'538	2'512	2'763
Italy	21	92	366
Netherlands	-	-	9
Austria	86	57	43
Spain	33	0	-
Hungary	22'133	176	22'104
Romania	75	21	-
Yugoslavia	-	51'245	13'849
Republic of South Africa	123	60	127
Mozambique	1'004	-	-
Israel	28	6	-
Canada	42	188	-
United States	199'703	207'925	213'788
Argentina	21'011	8'957	10'220
Total	245'851	271'334	263'330

2. Meat

0201.10-12 Veal

Federal Republic of Germany	-	0	-
France	72	77	85
Netherlands	741	382	849
Denmark	2	1	-
Zimbabwe-Rhodesia	5	2	4
Canada	91	15	6
United States	12	18	22
Commonwealth of Australia	135	87	130
Miscellaneous	-	-	2
Total	1'059	584	1'098

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>0201.20-24 Bovine meat</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	-	9	83
France	217	257	351
Italy	5	1	-
Netherlands	6	2	-
United Kingdom	28	21	12
Poland	61	-	10
Yugoslavia	8	-	80
South West Africa	85	49	26
Republic of South Africa	272	162	-
Zimbabwe-Rhodesia	1'064	204	503
Canada	280	388	437
United States	496	480	315
Costa Rica	111	84	8
Brazil	707	1'436	2'802
Paraguay	38	-	-
Uruguay	136	302	667
Argentina	7'048	4'894	6'293
Commonwealth of Australia	143	162	311
New Zealand	126	85	238
Miscellaneous	-	-	1
Total	10'833	8'537	12'142

0201.30 Mutton

Federal Republic of Germany	-	3	-
France	29	11	33
United Kingdom	1'528	1'556	1'822
Hungary	767	920	914
Yugoslavia	20	9	18
Argentina	68	32	27
Commonwealth of Australia	34	86	330
New Zealand	1'633	1'680	1'716
Spain	-	-	130
Bulgaria	-	-	34
Total	4'079	4'296	5'025

		<u>Tons</u>	
	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>0201.40-42 Pigmeat</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	4	15	982
France	1	7	1'999
Italy	13	11	25
Belgium-Luxembourg	-	73	-
Austria	11	8	14
Denmark	-	15	49
Finland	-	-	293
Poland	42	25	29
Hungary	2	13	170
USSR	6	31	24
Czechoslovakia	-	-	3
Argentina	1	-	-
Bulgaria	-	-	6
Total	82	197	3'593

0201.50-52 Other meat

(Meat of horses, goats, etc.)

France	261	251	243
Netherlands	12	-	-
Belgium-Luxembourg	1	-	-
Poland	195	222	189
Canada	622	701	632
United States	683	769	755
Brazil	4	14	20
Argentina	1'474	1'270	1'034
Total	3'250	3'227	3'106

	<u>1979</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>0206.10 Meat salted, smoked, etc.</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	11	10	7
France	4	8	5
Italy	488	448	447
Netherlands	6	3	4
Austria	2	12	11
United Kingdom	-	1	-
Ireland	1	1	1
United States	3	4	5
Total	515	486	480

	<u>Kgs</u>		
<u>1601.10-20 Salami and the like</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	98'886	103'841	91'336
France	158'640	147'830	137'952
Italy	3'113'185	2'884'115	2'834'960
Belgium-Luxembourg	8'744	4'924	-
Spain	5'175	-	5'688
Hungary	55'382	72'366	78'322
Romania	5'204	-	-
Miscellaneous	1'641	2'668	1'712
Total	3'446'860	3'220'088	3'149'970

	<u>Kgs</u>		
<u>1602.20 Tinned ham</u>			
Netherlands	24'594	20'948	19'861
Denmark	48'726	36'084	36'251
Belgium-Luxembourg	3'065	3'030	3'120
Romania	28'560	29'850	34'320
Miscellaneous	138	587	428
Total	105'083	90'499	93'980

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>1602.26</u> <u>Corned beef</u>			
France	128	147	134
Republic of South Africa	-	15	-
Brazil	126	191	208
Paraguay	39	-	-
Argentina	165	111	93
<u>Total</u>	<u>457</u>	<u>464</u>	<u>435</u>

3 Dairy Products

0403.10 Butter, fresh

Federal Republic of Germany	3'742	4'740	5'285
France	35	34	32
Italy	3	4	4
Netherlands	1'026	3'286	1'361
Sweden	1'795	2'630	4'406
Finland	1'600	2'450	1'200
Greece	1	7	1
Ireland	-	-	18
New Zealand	-	-	17
<u>Total</u>	<u>8'201</u>	<u>13'151</u>	<u>12'324</u>

ex 0402.10 Whole milk powder

Federal Republic of Germany	439	477	419
France	168	311	265
Italy	0	0	0
Netherlands	430	174	290
Denmark	-	-	0
Austria	605	741	1'336
Finland	-	42	10
United Kingdom	-	-	1
<u>Total</u>	<u>1'642</u>	<u>1'746</u>	<u>2'321</u>

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>ex 3501.10 Acid casein</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	22	14	39
France	189	167	121
Netherlands	10	10	0
Belgium-Luxembourg	4	8	8
Poland	-	-	10
New Zealand	2	21	13
Total	227	221	191

<u>0405.10 Eggs in shell</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	4'853	5'975	5'316
France	1'940	4'363	5'673
Netherlands	304	1'541	3'519
Belgium-Luxembourg	309	727	246
Sweden	256	180	84
Finland	2'122	1'819	1'494
Spain	4'972	1'419	475
Germany, Democratic Republic	-	-	5'049
Poland	2'580	4'282	1'214
Czechoslovakia	374	1'897	1'424
Hungary	5'844	2'273	2'427
Republic of South Africa	39	-	-
Israel	11	-	-
Portugal	-	-	47
Austria	-	-	24
Denmark	-	-	13
Miscellaneous	1	2	2
Total	24'218	24'985	26'965

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
5 <u>Vegetables</u>			
<u>0701.22 Tomatoes</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	11	6	7
France	4'612	4'757	3'063
Italy	2'650	2'887	2'360
Netherlands	5'479	5'508	4'691
Belgium-Luxembourg	30	7	-
Austria	-	32	28
Spain	13'615	14'486	14'612
Albania	231	395	705
Bulgaria	1'534	1'807	1'991
Romania	2'208	3'138	2'894
Egypt	30	9	-
Morocco	3'932	3'512	3'196
Republic of South Africa	14	12	15
Israel	336	536	42
United States	15	202	163
Mexico	8	-	-
Chile	-	8	4
Cyprus	-	-	8
Miscellaneous	-	-	4
Total	34'712	37'306	33'783

	<u>1979</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>0701.30 Onions</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	76	35	12
France	706	918	1'154
Italy	2'635	3'774	3'265
Netherlands	946	1'387	1'005
Belgium-Luxembourg	10	-	-
Austria	-	30	91
Spain	302	1'521	1'333
Hungary	-	170	449
Egypt	-	1'131	219
United States	-	16	10
Chile	-	193	22
Commonwealth of Australia	-	36	-
Republic of South Africa	-	-	15
New Zealand	-	93	-
Israel	-	-	474
Miscellaneous	-	-	4
Total	4'676	9'306	8'053

0701.42 Food potatoes

France	1'858	1'999	2'550
Italy	2'174	6'569	2'078
Austria	-	4	-
Spain	-	25	-
Cyprus	-	36	358
Morocco	55	168	-
Israel	63	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	33
Total	4'156	8'809	5'018

	<u>1979</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
6 <u>Fruit</u>			
<u>0806.20-22 Stone-fruit</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	43	179	201
France	906	2'364	1'229
Italy	5'473	5'395	9'115
Netherlands	11	-	-
Spain	358	709	992
Romania	110	59	170
Turkey	18	-	46
Republic of South Africa	4'210	11'719	5'677
United States	10	64	7
Argentina	472	518	100
Chile	391	435	264
Commonwealth of Australia	425	504	466
New Zealand	81	823	551
Austria	-	-	56
Yugoslavia	-	-	177
Miscellaneous	-	-	2
Total	12'516	22'771	19'053

0807.10-12 Apricots

Federal Republic of Germany	-	17	-
France	75	312	175
Italy	1'889	3'308	2'501
Spain	3'971	4'194	4'633
Greece	2'786	1'443	2'024
Hungary	137	273	113
Republic of South Africa	-	10	2
Israel	91	-	-
Chile	2	-	-
Austria	-	-	10
Miscellaneous	-	-	9
Total	8'956	9'561	9'466

	<u>1979</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>0807.30-32 Plums and prunes</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	191	1'142	893
France	82	114	192
Italy	1'545	1'286	1'374
Austria	-	42	10
Spain	164	209	171
Hungary	-	124	231
Yugoslavia	-	-	22
Republic of South Africa	22	42	16
Chile	11	8	9
Miscellaneous	-	-	1
Total	2'016	1'968	2'919

0807.40 Cherries

Federal Republic of Germany	559	309	416
France	1'177	935	875
Italy	1'079	705	617
Austria	-	50	222
Spain	129	85	214
Republic of South Africa	5	2	-
Chile	4	2	2
Greece	-	-	6
Hungary	-	-	10
Yugoslavia	-	-	15
Miscellaneous	-	-	2
Total	2'953	2'093	2'379

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
<u>0808.10-30 Berries, fresh</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	566	540	519
France	613	949	891
Italy	12'668	11'380	8'688
Netherlands	84	131	210
Austria	52	22	39
Sweden	48	-	-
Portugal	-	6	39
Spain	305	176	466
Poland	451	277	243
Czechoslovakia	-	36	-
Hungary	542	641	813
Bulgaria	317	314	388
Romania	57	87	-
USSR	18	62	50
Yugoslavia	241	430	449
Republic of South Africa	11	10	-
Israel	256	91	93
Canada	4	-	-
United States	412	540	543
Mexico	55	27	31
Commonwealth of Australia	1	-	-
New Zealand	168	274	426
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Total	16'872	15'994	13'591

	<u>1979</u> kg.	<u>1980</u> kg.	<u>1981</u> kg.
7 <u>0603.10-12 Cut flowers imported</u> <u>between 1 May and 25 October</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	10'774	11'834	4'111
France	42'810	30'726	38'944
Italy	631'184	655'509	561'767
Netherlands	1'071'738	1'236'371	1'308'960
Denmark	4'065	3'965	2'090
Portugal	7'069	3'454	4'964
Spain	181'469	135'401	164'374
Bulgaria	3'699	-	1'318
Israel	84'455	107'715	103'079
Thailand	53'504	52'784	46'734
Malaysia	-	1'121	2'562
Singapore	24'532	25'624	18'775
United States	10'327	22'881	14'230
Brazil	6'311	-	2'282
Colombia	119'313	86'729	69'450
Commonwealth of Australia	11'439	9'086	7'565
New Zealand	2'586	3'055	4'206
Ivory Coast	-	-	3'371
Kenya	41'300	33'322	28'746
Republic of South Africa	42'564	31'295	41'902
Miscellaneous	2'438	3'298	2'375
Total	2'351'577	2'454'170	2'431'805

	<u>1979</u> hl.	<u>1980</u> hl.	<u>1981</u> hl.
8 <u>Wines</u>			
<u>2205.10,20 Red wine in casks</u>			
France	290'987	317'268	371'429
Italy	494'148	501'313	530'387
Austria	2'970	2'981	4'343
Portugal	84'741	154'577	157'940
Spain	407'206	413'585	412'652
Greece	20'046	12'704	21'235
Turkey	15'147	12'101	12'299
Hungary	20'405	19'906	23'021
Bulgaria	10'272	15'420	25'726
Yugoslavia	26'904	19'561	20'651
Cyprus	12'632	7'525	9'940
Malta	975	813	818
Tunisia	5'727	2'914	4'771
Egypt	-	153	-
Algeria	89'201	81'399	84'822
Morocco	5'035	4'856	5'250
Republic of South Africa	3'131	3'016	2'694
Israel	-	59	142
Argentina	6'032	13'060	9'100
Chile	4'020	2'992	395
Miscellaneous	78	12	1
Total	1'499'656	1'588'215	1'697'619

	<u>1979</u> hl.	<u>1980</u> hl.	<u>1981</u> hl.
<u>2205.12,22 White wine in casks</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	1'659	5'232	5'127
France	23'430	38'944	71'309
Italy	23'143	21'131	44'679
Austria	20'008	34'164	91'029
Spain	35'365	73'370	75'712
Malta	5'523	5'499	6'403
Greece	24'415	287	-
Hungary	5'813	7'461	19'537
Yugoslavia	-	-	13'179
Miscellaneous	-	34	46
Total	139'355	186'122	327'020

<u>ex 2205.30 White wine in bottles</u>	<u>Tons</u>		
Federal Republic of Germany	933	909	1'022
France	1'585	2'108	3'412
Italy	2'960	3'636	4'027
Netherlands	0	0	0
Belgium-Luxembourg	0	1	0
United Kingdom	6	0	1
Denmark	-	0	1
Austria	532	669	772
Portugal	81	107	160
Spain	1'779	2'373	2'779
Greece	52	68	60
German Democratic Republic	0	0	-
Czechoslovakia	0	-	-
Hungary	656	724	735
Bulgaria	0	-	2
Romania	6	-	38
Yugoslavia	13	17	35
Malta	-	0	0
Tunisia	3	3	13
Republic of South Africa	4	8	7

		<u>Tons</u>	
	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>
Israel	12	20	12
China	2	11	16
Singapore	-	0	-
United States	12	8	61
Argentina	0	3	0
Commonwealth of Australia	0	0	3
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Total	8'639	10'665	13'158
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