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The following communication dated 12 January 1983 has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Indonesia.

I have the pleasure to transmit herewith a number of decisions issued by the Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives of Indonesia on the management of import regimes for several groups of industrial products.

With the objective of promoting the development of domestic industries and ensuring the smooth supply of goods at reasonable prices for the consumer, the Department of Trade and Cooperatives has issued a number of decisions regarding the management of import regimes for several groups of industrial products.

Those groups of industrial products are as follows:

- (i) electrical and electronic goods;
- (ii) chemicals;
- (iii) motor vehicle spare parts;
- (iv) metals;
- (v) machinery, machinery equipment and spare parts;
- (vi) textiles;
- (vii) heavy equipment and spare parts.

Management of the import regimes will be carried out as follows:

- (a) the above products shall be imported by approved importers recognized by the Ministry of Trade and Cooperatives;
- (b) to be recognized as an approved importer the following requirements must be fulfilled:
 - (i) Each Trading Company, Producer-Importer, National Importer must possess a recognition number as an importer knowledgeable and experienced in the imports of the industrial products concerned;

- (ii) for particular groups of industrial products like heavy equipment and spare parts, electrical and electronic goods, motor vehicles, spare parts, the designation as approved importer can only be granted to the companies which have been recognized as a sole agent/trade-mark holder or companies which have a recommendation as sole agent/trade-mark holder.
- (c) for specific industrial products facing heavy competition from imports of similar products, import quotas will be established in addition to the requirement of approved importership. Five industrial products covered by these provisions are:
 - (i) particular tyres of motor vehicles which have been produced domestically;
 - (ii) chrome yellow, molybdate/red and chrome green;
 - (iii) kraftliner and corrugating medium;
 - (iv) particular piston rings, piston rings with a diameter of less than 60 mm.;
 - (v) textiles with batik motives.

In the initial stage these decisions will be in force for 2 (two) years and will be subsequently adjusted pursuant to the level of industrial development.

The policy of the Indonesian Government on the above import regime was based on Article XVIII of GATT, particularly Section C. The complete text of the decisions in the Indonesian language is attached for consultation by interested parties.*

The Indonesian Mission stands ready to provide any further information Contracting Parties may require.

* Interested delegations are requested to contact Mrs. N. Herbst at GATT, Room 2010, ext. 2242.