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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 1982 to 31 December 1982.

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 1982 quantitative restrictions applied to the same products as in 1981.

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 1982 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 somewhat higher than that of the preceding year. However, the quality was seriously affected by rain, so that nearly half the harvest could not be used for milling. Imports therefore increased. On the other hand, imports of feed grains and fodder decreased. The hay fodder crop was larger than that of the preceding year and, because of ideal weather conditions, the maize fodder crop yield was a record.

2. Livestock and meat

The number of head of dairy cattle and livestock for breeding imported again showed a slight increase as compared with the previous year.

Slaughterings of home-reared cattle increased by about 5 per cent over the level of the preceding year. Imports of livestock for slaughter were not as high as in 1981, reaching the level of the preceding years. Imports of meat, however, rose by 12 per cent and imports of meat preparations and preserved meat declined slightly. It should be noted that, since 1980, measures have been taken with the aim of influencing meat production. These have included the setting of a ceiling on the number of livestock per farm, the requirement to obtain a permit for the construction of cowsheds and the payment of subsidies for the cessation of livestock farming.

3. Dairy products

The application of quota restrictions on domestic milk production was continued. Deliveries to dairies decreased by 1.8 per cent as compared with 1981 and were below the total quota fixed.

4. Eggs in shell

Domestic production reached the same level as in 1981. Imports continued to increase.

5. Vegetables

The domestic crop was average. Yields were below those of the preceding year, which was, admittedly, a record year. Imports of fresh vegetables reached the same level as in the previous year.

6. Fruit

Imports of stone-fruit increased early in the season. Subsequently they were curtailed as the domestic crop was larger than had been anticipated. The production of domestic dessert apples was 60 per cent greater than that of 1981. Deliveries to cider factories were 140 per cent higher than in the previous year and stocks were at a record level at the end of the harvest. The cherry crop was double that of 1981 and the strawberry crop was more than one-third larger.

7. Cut flowers

Imports of cut flowers were again at a very high level and even slightly above that of the preceding year.

8. Wine and grape juice

After several years of mediocre production, the domestic crop in 1982 was the largest since 1900 at 1.84 million hectolitres (average of the last ten years: 1 million hectolitres). Imports reached the same level as in the preceding year.

9. Ethyl alcohol

Imports of ethyl alcohol decreased slightly from the level of the preceding year.

It should be noted that these imports do not include liqueurs and other spirituous beverages, to which no quantitative restrictions apply.

ANNEX I

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

	<u>1980</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>1981</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>1982</u> <u>Tons</u>
1. <u>Cereals and feeding stuffs</u>			
(a) <u>Bread wheat</u>	215,152	177,215	214,604
(b) <u>Flour (including hard wheat meal)</u>	43	38	39
(c) <u>Feedgrains and feeding stuffs</u>	1,031,917	1,043,466	951,294
(d) <u>Grain for sowing</u>	3,403	3,177	4,101
2. <u>Livestock and meat</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Head</u>	<u>Head</u>
(a) <u>Dairy cattle and livestock for breeding</u>	2,186	2,302	2,394
(b) <u>Cattle for slaughter</u>	5,794	8,405	5,618
(c) <u>Meat and animal fats</u>	<u>Tons</u> 17,328	<u>Tons</u> 17,629	<u>Tons</u> 19,741
(d) <u>Meat preparations and preserved meat</u>	6,709	6,526	6,381
3. <u>Dairy products</u>			
(a) <u>Fresh butter</u>	13,151	12,324	15,350
(b) <u>Whole milk powder</u>	1,746	2,321	1,973
(c) <u>Casein</u>	221	191	155
4. <u>Eggs in shell</u>	24,985	26,965	28,832

	<u>1980</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>1981</u> <u>Tons</u>	<u>1982</u> <u>Tons</u>
5. <u>Vegetables</u>			
(a) <u>Fresh vegetables</u>	172,285	153,648	149,934
(b) <u>Food potatoes</u>	8,809	5,018	4,733
(c) <u>Potato products</u>	309	264	311
(d) <u>Seed potatoes</u>	1,448	1,016	1,809
(e) <u>Seedling onions for planting</u>	4	53	100
6. <u>Fruit and fruit preparations</u>			
(a) <u>Apples and pears</u>	22,917	18,770	42,243
(b) <u>Stone fruit (except peaches)</u>	14,622	14,764	13,473
(c) <u>Fresh berries</u>	15,994	13,891	13,523
(d) <u>Apples and pears for cider and perry</u>	2	291	3
(e) <u>Pectin</u>	181	234	234
(f) <u>Apple juice and pear juice</u>	7	36	7
7. <u>Cut flowers, 1 May to 25 October</u>	2,454	2,432	2,517
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>	1,789	2,031	2,032
(b) <u>White wine in bottles</u>	59	72	68
(c) <u>Grape juice</u>	134	128	1
9. <u>Ethyl alcohol</u>	189	192	181

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. Cereals

		<u>Tons</u>	
<u>1001.08-10 Bread wheat</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Federal Republic of Germany	46	5,172	4,860
France	18,909	21,735	26,348
Italy	83	132	192
Austria	235	-	4,407
Sweden	13	10	-
Canada	91,700	51,112	63,959
United States	103,750	98,708	109,910
Argentina	287	-	400
Commonwealth of Australia	87	-	76
Netherlands	-	316	53
Hungary	-	-	4,386
Miscellaneous	-	28	13
Total	215,152	177,215	214,604
<u>1001.12 Denatured wheat</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	496	6,256	62,106
France	118,756	168,585	56,310
Austria	253	2,922	3,305
Hungary	106	910	-
Romania	-	130	-
United States	667	380	484
Argentina	-	50	152
Commonwealth of Australia	-	58	524
Miscellaneous	-	7	72
Total	120,303	179,298	122,953

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>1003.01 Barley</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	1,333	5,972	17,782
France	448,875	375,419	278,686
Italy	22	40	66
Netherlands	189	292	313
Belgium-Luxembourg	185	-	-
United Kingdom	-	-	2,337
Austria	44	4,587	-
Denmark	233	75	-
Yugoslavia	1,436	68	473
Canada	-	-	3,674
United States	-	69	42,977
Commonwealth of Australia	53	-	3,886
Sweden	-	30	-
Miscellaneous	-	28	101
Total	452,406	386,579	350,295
<u>1004.01 Oats</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	-	39	187
France	88,084	74,281	44,228
Italy	19	24	-
United Kingdom	-	-	159
Denmark	159	64	623
Norway	-	2,064	12,567
Sweden	11	5,029	38,661
Canada	21,048	24,847	25,115
United States	12,431	6,861	2,333
Argentina	7,444	1,960	3,505
Commonwealth of Australia	235	-	-
Netherlands	-	263	168
Miscellaneous	-	22	15
Total	129,441	115,454	127,561

	<u>1980</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>1005.01 Maize</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	95	60	107
France	2,512	2,763	3,265
Italy	92	366	142
Netherlands	-	9	-
Austria	57	43	19,605
Hungary	176	22,104	44,298
Romania	21	-	-
Yugoslavia	51,245	13,849	21,708
South Africa	60	127	328
Israel	6	-	-
Canada	188	-	-
United States	207,925	213,788	131,460
Argentina	8,957	10,220	12,009
Miscellaneous	-	-	15
Total	271,334	263,330	232,937

2. Meat

<u>0201.10-12 Veal</u>			
France	77	85	79
Netherlands	382	849	579
Denmark	1	-	-
Zimbabwe-Rhodesia	2	4	4
Canada	15	6	33
United States	18	22	21
Commonwealth of Australia	87	130	-
Miscellaneous	-	2	1
Total	584	1,098	717

	<u>1980</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>0201.20-24 Bovine meat</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	9	83	3
France	257	351	268
Italy	1	-	-
Netherlands	2	-	-
United Kingdom	21	12	8
Poland	-	10	49
Yugoslavia	-	80	164
South West Africa	49	26	-
South Africa	162	-	-
Zimbabwe-Rhodesia	204	503	870
Canada	388	437	484
United States	480	315	313
Costa Rica	84	8	-
Brazil	1,436	2,802	2,295
Uruguay	302	667	1,009
Argentina	4,894	6,293	4,623
Commonwealth of Australia	162	311	159
New Zealand	85	238	93
Hong Kong	-	-	4
Miscellaneous	-	1	6
Total	8,537	12,142	10,348
<u>0201.30 Mutton</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	3	-	-
France	11	33	47
United Kingdom	1,556	1,822	1,997
Hungary	920	914	864
Yugoslavia	9	18	-
Argentina	32	27	124
Commonwealth of Australia	86	330	559
New Zealand	1,680	1,716	1,413
Spain	-	130	167
Bulgaria	-	34	-
Uruguay	-	-	21
Total	4,296	5,025	5,192

	<u>1980</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>0201.40-42 Pigmeat</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	15	982	53
France	7	1,999	2
Italy	11	25	4
Belgium-Luxembourg	73	-	-
Austria	8	14	14
Denmark	15	49	-
Finland	-	293	-
Poland	25	29	25
Hungary	13	170	-
USSR	31	24	50
Czechoslovakia	-	3	-
Yugoslavia	-	-	4
Bulgaria	-	6	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	2
Total	197	3,593	154
<u>0201.50-52 Other meat</u>			
(Meat of horses, goats, etc.)			
France	251	243	274
Poland	222	189	55
Canada	701	632	541
United States	769	755	621
Brazil	14	20	-
Argentina	1,270	1,034	857
Commonwealth of Australia	-	-	620
Total	3,227	3,106	2,968

	<u>1980</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>0206.10 Meat salted, smoked, etc.</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	10	7	7
France	8	5	6
Italy	448	447	475
Netherlands	3	4	3
Austria	12	11	4
United Kingdom	1	-	-
Ireland	1	1	1
United States	4	5	5
Total	486	480	501

		<u>Kg.</u>	
<u>1601.10-20 Salami and the like</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	103,841	91,336	86,536
France	147,830	137,952	137,895
Italy	2,884,115	2,834,960	2,802,269
Belgium-Luxembourg	4,924	-	-
Spain	-	5,688	-
Hungary	72,366	78,322	76,595
Miscellaneous	2,668	1,712	5,663
Total	3,220,088	3,149,970	3,108,958

		<u>Kg.</u>	
<u>1602.20 Tinned ham</u>			
Netherlands	20,048	19,861	23,073
Denmark	36,084	36,251	33,392
Belgium-Luxembourg	3,030	3,120	-
Romania	29,850	34,320	20,163
Miscellaneous	587	428	4,549
Total	90,499	93,980	81,177

		<u>Tons</u>	
	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>1602.26 Corned beef</u>			
France	147	134	132
South Africa	15	-	-
Brazil	191	208	183
Argentina	111	93	143
Total	464	435	458

3. Dairy products

<u>0403.10 Butter, fresh</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	4,740	5,285	6,070
France	34	32	34
Italy	4	4	3
Netherlands	3,286	1,361	3,948
Sweden	2,630	4,406	5,295
Finland	2,450	1,200	-
Greece	7	1	-
Ireland	-	18	-
New Zealand	-	17	-
Total	13,151	12,324	15,350

ex 0402.10 Whole milk powder

Federal Republic of Germany	477	419	364
France	311	265	144
Italy	0	0	2
Netherlands	174	290	144
Denmark	-	0	-
Austria	741	1,336	1,319
Finland	42	10	-
United Kingdom	-	1	-
Total	1,746	2,321	1,973

	<u>1980</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>ex 3501.10 Acid casein</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	14	39	47
France	167	121	81
Netherlands	10	0	10
Belgium-Luxembourg	8	8	-
Poland	-	10	-
New Zealand	21	13	17
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Total	221	191	155

4. <u>0405.10 Eggs in shell</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	5,975	5,316	9,209
France	4,363	5,673	6,941
Netherlands	1,541	3,519	4,741
Belgium-Luxembourg	727	246	217
United Kingdom	-	-	488
Sweden	180	84	28
Finland	1,819	1,494	1,441
Spain	1,419	475	1,222
German Democratic Republic	-	5,049	3,397
Poland	4,282	1,214	-
Czechoslovakia	1,897	1,424	106
Hungary	2,273	2,427	1,041
Portugal	-	47	-
Austria	-	24	-
Denmark	-	13	-
Miscellaneous	2	2	1
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Total	24,985	26,965	28,832

	<u>1980</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
5. <u>Vegetables</u>			
<u>0701.22 Tomatoes</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	6	7	15
France	4,757	3,063	4,615
Italy	2,887	2,360	1,775
Netherlands	5,508	4,691	8,947
Belgium-Luxembourg	7	-	-
Austria	32	28	17
Spain	14,486	14,612	13,821
Poland	-	-	70
Albania	395	705	865
Bulgaria	1,807	1,991	922
Romania	3,138	2,894	1,269
Egypt	9	-	-
Morocco	3,512	3,196	3,420
South Africa	12	15	11
Israel	536	42	382
United States	202	163	32
Chile	8	4	-
Cyprus	-	8	-
Miscellaneous	-	4	16
Total	37,306	33,783	36,177

	<u>1980</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>0701.30 Onions</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	35	12	12
France	918	1,154	1,028
Italy	3,774	3,265	2,564
Netherlands	1,387	1,005	1,089
Austria	30	91	-
Spain	1,521	1,333	593
Hungary	170	449	132
Egypt	1,131	219	93
United States	16	10	44
Chile	193	22	-
Commonwealth of Australia	36	-	25
South Africa	-	15	-
New Zealand	93	-	-
Israel	-	474	139
Miscellaneous	-	4	8
Total	9,306	8,053	5,727

<u>0701.42 Food potatoes</u>			
France	1,999	2,550	2,505
Italy	6,569	2,078	2,117
Austria	4	-	25
Spain	25	-	-
Cyprus	36	358	39
Morocco	168	-	27
Miscellaneous	-	33	20
Total	8,809	5,018	4,733

6. <u>Fruit</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>Tons</u>	
		<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>0806.20-22 Stone-fruit</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	179	201	767
France	2,364	1,229	4,331
Italy	5,395	9,115	17,109
Netherlands	-	-	56
Spain	709	992	1,337
Romania	59	170	-
Turkey	-	46	-
South Africa	11,719	5,677	13,574
United States	64	7	71
Argentina	518	100	541
Chile	435	264	3,637
Commonwealth of Australia	504	466	155
New Zealand	823	551	626
Austria	-	56	28
Yugoslavia	-	177	-
Miscellaneous	-	2	20
Total	22,771	19,053	42,252
<u>0807.10-12 Apricots</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	17	-	-
France	312	175	339
Italy	3,308	2,501	3,048
Spain	4,194	4,633	3,852
Greece	1,443	2,024	1,794
Hungary	273	113	43
South Africa	10	2	-
Austria	-	10	-
Tunisia	-	-	53
Miscellaneous	-	9	3
Total	9,561	9,466	9,132

	<u>1980</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>0807.30-32 Plums and prunes</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	1,142	893	736
France	114	192	108
Italy	1,286	1,374	1,003
Austria	42	10	-
Spain	209	171	131
Hungary	124	231	32
Yugoslavia	-	22	-
South Africa	42	16	28
Chile	8	9	-
Miscellaneous	-	1	8
Total	1,968	2,919	2,046
<u>0807.40 Cherries</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	309	416	312
France	935	875	1,086
Italy	705	617	585
Austria	50	222	89
Spain	85	214	117
South Africa	2	-	-
Chile	2	2	-
Greece	-	6	-
Hungary	-	10	28
Yugoslavia	-	15	74
Miscellaneous	-	2	4
Total	2,093	2,379	2,295

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>0808.10-30 Berries, fresh</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	540	519	433
France	949	891	1,006
Italy	11,380	8,688	7,923
Netherlands	131	210	81
Austria	22	39	172
Portugal	6	39	12
Spain	176	466	735
Greece	-	-	27
Poland	277	243	342
Czechoslovakia	36	-	-
Hungary	641	813	816
Bulgaria	314	388	383
Romania	87	-	152
USSR	62	50	19
Yugoslavia	430	449	290
South Africa	10	-	8
Israel	91	93	185
United States	540	543	389
Mexico	27	31	11
Commonwealth of Australia	-	1	-
New Zealand	274	426	511
Miscellaneous	-	2	20
Total	15,994	13,891	13,523

	<u>Kg.</u>		
	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
7. <u>0603.10-12 Cut flowers</u> <u>imported between 1 May</u> <u>and 25 October</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	11,834	4,111	11,117
France	30,726	38,944	50,814
Italy	655,509	561,767	439,281
Netherlands	1,236,371	1,308,960	1,437,885
Denmark	3,965	2,090	1,270
Portugal	3,454	4,964	-
Spain	135,401	164,374	174,820
Bulgaria	-	1,318	-
Israel	107,715	103,079	104,170
Thailand	52,784	46,734	37,409
Malaysia	1,121	2,562	3,762
Singapore	25,624	18,775	24,219
United States	22,881	14,230	10,199
Brazil	-	2,282	-
Colombia	86,729	69,450	100,374
Commonwealth of Australia	9,086	7,565	9,861
New Zealand	3,055	4,206	5,055
Ivory Coast	-	3,371	-
Kenya	33,322	28,746	40,172
South Africa	31,295	41,902	58,166
Miscellaneous	3,298	2,375	8,302
Total	2,454,170	2,431,805	2,516,876

	<u>1980</u>	<u>hL</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
8. <u>Wines</u>			
<u>2205.10, 20 Red wine in casks</u>			
France	317,268	371,429	383,063
Italy	501,313	530,387	519,904
Austria	2,981	4,343	14,834
Portugal	154,577	157,940	110,480
Spain	413,585	412,652	407,450
Greece	12,704	21,235	18,884
Turkey	12,101	12,299	11,255
Hungary	19,906	23,021	18,694
Bulgaria	15,420	25,726	17,174
Romania	-	-	2,005
Yugoslavia	19,561	20,651	36,577
Cyprus	7,525	9,940	15,413
Malta	813	818	902
Tunisia	2,914	4,771	17,363
Egypt	153	-	-
Algeria	81,399	84,822	86,376
Morocco	4,856	5,250	7,468
South Africa	3,016	2,694	4,754
United States	-	-	1,664
Israel	59	142	-
Argentina	13,060	9,100	11,002
Chile	2,992	395	601
Miscellaneous	12	1	55
Total	1,588,215	1,697,619	1,685,918

	<u>1980</u>	<u>hL</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
<u>2205.12, 22 White wine</u>			
<u>in casks</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	5,232	5,127	7,225
France	38,944	71,309	76,534
Italy	21,131	44,679	40,939
Austria	34,164	91,029	96,753
Spain	73,370	75,712	91,749
Malta	5,499	6,403	-
Greece	287	-	-
Czechoslovakia	-	-	309
Hungary	7,461	19,537	9,387
Yugoslavia	-	13,179	4,853
Miscellaneous	34	46	211
Total	186,122	327,020	327,960

		<u>Tons</u>	
<u>ex 2205.30 White wine</u>			
<u>in bottles</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	909	1,022	895
France	2,108	3,412	3,538
Italy	3,636	4,027	3,920
Netherlands	0	0	0
Belgium-Luxembourg	1	0	1
United Kingdom	0	1	2
Denmark	0	1	0
Austria	669	772	532
Portugal	107	160	155
Spain	2,373	2,779	2,425
Greece	68	60	76
German Democratic Republic	0	-	-
Hungary	724	735	611
Bulgaria	-	2	2

<u>ex 2205.30 White wine</u> <u>in bottles (cont'd)</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>
Romania	-	38	1
Yugoslavia	17	35	11
Malta	0	0	0
Tunisia	3	13	6
South Africa	8	7	27
Israel	20	12	12
China	11	16	10
Singapore	0	-	-
United States	8	61	63
Argentina	3	0	1
Commonwealth of Australia	0	3	12
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Total	10,665	13,158	12,301
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