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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 1983 to 31 December 1983.

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 1983 quantitative restrictions applied to the same products as in 1982.

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 1983 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 feedingstuffs

The domestic harvest of bread wheat was 1.5 per cent below the previous year's level. The quality was satisfactory, so that virtually the entire harvest could be used for milling. Imports increased further, taking into account the poor harvest in the preceding year.

Imports of feed grains and fodder remained stable. The hay fodder crop varied in quantity and quality from one region to another and was affected by cold wet weather in the spring followed by an exceptionally hot and dry summer.

2. Livestock and meat

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

Slaughterings of home-reared cattle increased by about 2 per cent in relation to the preceding year; a decline in respect of cattle was offset by an increase in swine. Imports of livestock for slaughter continued at the preceding year's level. Imports of meat rose by 9 per cent, while 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 of a permit for the construction of cow-sheds and the payment of subsidies for the cessation of livestock farming.

3. Dairy products

The application of quota restrictions on milk production was continued. Although cow numbers declined, deliveries to dairies increased by about 4 per cent as compared with 1982, because of progress in animal husbandry and also abundant feedingstuffs. Butter imports declined in 1983, while imports of whole milk powder showed a slight increase.

4. Eggs in shell

Domestic production was up by 8 per cent in relation to 1982. Imports continued at a high level.

5. Vegetables

The domestic crop was abundant, and some disposal problems resulted. Imports of fresh vegetables were, nevertheless, larger than in the preceding year.

6. Fresh fruit

Although the domestic crop was smaller than in 1982 (production of domestic dessert apples was only 49 per cent of the 1982 crop and deliveries to cider factories were down by 50 per cent in relation to the preceding year), imports of pip-fruit declined because of substantial stocks remaining from the exceptional harvest of 1982. Imports of other fruits remained stable.

7. Cut flowers

Imports of cut flowers were again at a very high level, 5 per cent above that for the preceding year.

8. Wine and grape juice

After several years of mediocre production and a record domestic crop in 1982, the crop in 1983 was again exceptional in both quantity and quality. It totalled 1.61 million hectolitres, i.e. 50 per cent above the average for the past ten years. As a consequence, domestic wine stocks are very high and imports subject to quota were 20 per cent below the 1982 level.

9. Ethyl alcohol

Imports of ethyl alcohol were above the previous year's level.

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

ANNEX I

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

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
1. <u>Cereals and feeding stuffs</u>			
(a) Bread wheat (including rye)	128'378	221'412	279'202
(b) Flour (including hard wheat meal)	38	39	36
(c) Feedgrains and feeding-stuffs	1'043'466	951'294	962'550
(d) Grain for sowing	3'177	4'101	4'796
2. <u>Livestock and meat</u>			
(a) Dairy cattle and livestock for breeding	<u>Head</u> 2'302	<u>Head</u> 2'394	<u>Head</u> 2'269
(b) Cattle for slaughter	8'405	5'618	5'638
	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>
(c) Meat and animal fats	17'629	19'741	21'517
(d) Meat preparations and preserved meat	6'526	6'381	6'176
3. <u>Dairy products</u>			
(a) Fresh butter	12'324	15'350	11'811
(b) Whole milk powder	2'321	1'973	2'109
(c) Casein	191	155	203

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>	<u>Tons</u>
4. <u>Eggs in shell</u>	26'965	28'832	28'060
5. <u>Vegetables</u>			
(a) Fresh vegetables	153'648	149'934	152'723
(b) Food potatoes	5'018	4'733	16'317
(c) Potato products	264	311	316
(d) Seed potatoes	1'016	1'809	5'309
(e) Seedling onions for planting	53	100	137
6. <u>Fruit and fruit preparations</u>			
(a) Apples and pears	18'770	42'243	12'503
(b) Stone fruit (except peaches)	14'764	13'473	14'616
(c) Fresh berries	13'891	13'523	14'911
(d) Apples and pears for cider and perry	291	3	1
(e) Pectin	234	234	272
(f) Apple juice and pear juice	36	7	42
7. <u>Cut flowers, 1 May to 25 October</u>	2'432	2'517	2'645
8. <u>Wine and grape juice</u>	<u>'000 hl</u>	<u>'000 hl</u>	<u>'000 hl</u>
(a) Wine in casks	2'031	2'032	1'613
(b) White wine in bottles	72	68	46
(c) Grape juice	128	110	130
9. <u>Ethyl alcohol</u>	192	181	221

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>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
<u>1001.08-10 Bread wheat</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	5'172	4'860	1'364
France	21'735	26'348	35'359
Italy	132	192	570
Austria	-	4'407	588
Sweden	10	-	-
Canada	51'112	63'959	115'325
United States	98'708	109'910	106'615
Argentina	-	400	7'426
Commonwealth of Australia	-	76	-
Netherlands	316	53	-
Hungary	-	4'386	3'904
Miscellaneous	28	13	54
Total	177'215	214'604	271'205

1001.12 Denatured wheat

Federal Republic of Germany	6'256	62'106	10'520
France	163'585	56'310	108'834
Austria	2'922	3'305	237
Hungary	910	-	22'439
Romania	130	-	-
United States	380	484	1'016
Argentina	50	152	110
Commonwealth of Australia	58	524	
Miscellaneous	7	72	27
Total	179'298	122'953	143'183

		<u>Tons</u>	
<u>1003.01 Barley</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
Federal Republic of Germany	5'972	17'782	6'780
France	375'419	278'686	347'350
Italy	40	66	59
Netherlands	292	313	468
United Kingdom	-	2'337	291
Austria	4'587	-	8'960
Denmark	75	-	780
Yugoslavia	68	473	-
Canada	-	3'674	-
United States	69	42'977	-
Commonwealth of Australia	-	3'886	-
Sweden	30	-	-
Miscellaneous	28	101	106
<u>Total</u>	<u>386'579</u>	<u>350'295</u>	<u>364'794</u>

<u>1004.01 Oats</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	39	187	785
France	74'281	44'228	64'120
Italy	24	-	-
Austria	-	-	1'064
United Kingdom	-	159	-
Denmark	64	623	540
Norway	2'064	12'567	-
Sweden	5'029	38'661	62'716
Finland	-	-	150
Canada	24'847	25'115	6'524
United States	6'861	2'333	-
Argentina	1'960	3'505	11'144
Netherlands	263	168	547
Miscellaneous	22	15	16
<u>Total</u>	<u>115'454</u>	<u>127'561</u>	<u>147'606</u>

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
<u>1005.01 Maize</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	60	107	461
France	2'763	3'265	3'784
Italy	366	142	40
Netherlands	9	-	-
Austria	43	19'605	2'422
Sweden	-	-	80
Hungary	22'104	44'298	174
Yugoslavia	13'849	21'708	144'749
South Africa	127	328	83
Canada	-	-	203
United States	213'788	131'460	61'302
Brazil	-	-	4'038
Argentina	10'220	12'009	18'995
Miscellaneous	-	15	4
Total	263'530	232'937	236'335

2 Meat

0201.10-12 Veal

France	85	79	79
Netherlands	849	579	1'455
Zimbabwe-Rhodesia	4	4	7
Canada	6	33	15
United States	22	21	28
Commonwealth of Australia	130	-	-
Miscellaneous	2	1	1
Total	1'098	717	1'585

	<u>Tons</u>		
<u>0201.20-24 Bovine meat</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
Federal Republic of Germany	83	3	-
France	351	268	248
United Kingdom	12	8	8
Poland	10	49	-
Yugoslavia	80	164	21
South West Africa	26	-	-
Zimbabwe-Rhodesia	503	870	1'544
Canada	437	484	321
United States	315	313	506
Costa Rica	8	-	-
Brazil	2'802	2'295	2'047
Uruguay	667	1'009	1'521
Argentina	6'293	4'623	5'278
Commonwealth of Australia	311	159	162
New Zealand	238	93	189
Hong Kong	-	4	41
Miscellaneous	1	6	1
Total	12'142	10'348	11'687

0201.30 Mutton

France	33	47	64
United Kingdom	1'822	1'997	2'259
Hungary	914	864	637
Yugoslavia	18	-	-
Argentina	27	124	238
Commonwealth of Australia	330	559	320
New Zealand	1'716	1'413	893
Spain	130	167	404
Bulgaria	34	-	-
Uruguay	-	21	-
Total	5'025	5'192	4'815

	<u>1981</u>	<u>Tons</u> <u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
<u>0201.40-42 Pigmeat</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	982	53	30
France	1'999	2	2
Italy	25	4	18
Austria	14	14	19
Denmark	49	-	234
Finland	293	-	-
Poland	29	25	40
Hungary	170	-	6
USSR	24	50	-
Czechoslovakia	3	-	-
Yugoslavia	-	4	-
Bulgaria	6	-	-
Commonwealth of Australia	-	-	3
Miscellaneous	-	2	3
Total	3'593	154	355

0201.50-52 Other meat

(Meat of horses, goats, etc.)

France	243	274	235
Spain	-	-	52
Poland	189	55	67
Canada	632	541	465
United States	755	621	460
Brazil	20	-	-
Argentina	1'034	857	1'068
Commonwealth of Australia	-	620	666
Miscellaneous	-	-	3
Total	3'106	2'968	3'016

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
<u>0206.10 Meat salted, smoked, etc.</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	7	7	10
France	5	6	8
Italy	447	475	481
Netherlands	4	3	3
Austria	11	4	6
Ireland	1	1	1
United States	5	5	3
Total	480	501	512

	<u>Kg.</u>		
	<u>1601.10-20 Salami and the like</u>		
Federal Republic of Germany	91'336	86'536	102'047
France	137'952	137'895	110'501
Italy	2'834'960	2'802'269	2'772'819
Spain	5'688	-	-
Hungary	78'322	76'595	75'726
Miscellaneous	1'712	5'663	5'552
Total	3'149'970	3'108'958	3'066'645

	<u>Kg.</u>		
	<u>1602.20 Tinned ham</u>		
Netherlands	19'861	23'073	18'843
Denmark	36'251	33'392	32'573
Belgium-Luxembourg	3'120	-	-
Romania	34'320	20'163	16'875
Miscellaneous	428	4'549	5'110
Total	93'980	81'177	73'401

		<u>Tons</u>		
<u>1602.26</u>	<u>Corned beef</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
France		134	132	97
Brazil		208	183	184
Argentina		93	143	129
Total		435	458	410

3 Dairy products

0403.10 Butter, fresh

Federal Republic of Germany	5'285	6'070	3'855
France	32	34	45
Italy	4	3	-
Netherlands	1'361	3'948	1'716
Austria	-	-	600
Sweden	4'406	5'295	3'095
Finland	1'200	-	1'900
Norway	-	-	600
Greece	1	-	-
Ireland	18	-	-
New Zealand	17	-	-
Total	12'324	15'350	11'811

ex 0402.10 Whole milk powder

Federal Republic of Germany	419	364	791
France	265	144	20
Italy	0	2	0
Netherlands	290	144	10
Denmark	0	-	20
Austria	1'336	1'319	1'136
Finland	10	-	131
United Kingdom	1	-	1
Total	2'321	1'973	2'109

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
<u>ex 3501.10 Acid casein</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	39	47	30
France	121	81	134
Netherlands	0	10	10
Belgium-Luxembourg	8	-	4
Poland	10	-	25
New Zealand	13	17	-
Total	191	155	203

0405.10 Eggs in shell

Federal Republic of Germany	5'316	9'209	7'034
France	5'673	6'941	5'159
Netherlands	3'519	4'741	4'066
Belgium-Luxembourg	246	217	16
United Kingdom	-	488	261
Sweden	84	28	-
Finland	1'494	1'441	1'591
Spain	475	1'222	802
German Democratic Republic	5'049	3'397	2'765
Poland	1'214	-	-
Czechoslovakia	1'424	106	3'002
Hungary	2'427	1'041	2'958
Yugoslavia	-	-	272
Portugal	47	-	126
Austria	24	-	-
Denmark	13	-	7
Miscellaneous	2	1	1
Total	26'965	28'832	28'060

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
5. <u>Vegetables</u>			
<u>0701.22 Tomatoes</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	7	15	52
France	3'063	4'615	4'398
Italy	2'360	1'775	1'685
Netherlands	4'691	8'947	9'850
Belgium-Luxembourg	-	-	32
Austria	28	17	-
Portugal	-	-	11
Spain	14'612	13'821	15'201
Poland	-	70	115
Albania	705	865	232
Bulgaria	1'991	922	1'000
Romania	2'894	1'269	1'351
Morocco	3'196	3'420	1'521
South Africa	15	11	14
Israel	42	382	51
United States	163	32	19
Chile	4	-	-
Cyprus	8	-	-
Miscellaneous	4	16	26
Total	33'783	36'177	35'558

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
<u>0701.30 Onions</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	12	12	35
France	1'154	1'028	1'057
Italy	3'265	2'564	1'742
Netherlands	1'005	1'089	716
Austria	91	-	-
Spain	1'333	593	238
Hungary	449	132	161
Egypt	219	93	-
United States	10	44	-
Chile	22	-	-
Commonwealth of Australia	-	25	199
South Africa	15	-	-
Israel	474	139	-
Miscellaneous	4	8	37
Total	8'053	5'727	4'185

0701.42 Food potatoes

Federal Republic of Germany	-	-	67
France	2'550	2'505	1'839
Italy	2'078	2'117	6'331
Netherlands	-	-	7'745
Austria	-	25	-
Spain	-	-	90
Cyprus	358	39	63
Morocco	-	27	137
Miscellaneous	33	20	45
Total	5'018	4'733	16'317

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
		<u>Tons</u>	
6. <u>Fruit</u>			
<u>0806.20-22 Pip-fruit</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	201	767	1'516
France	1'229	4'331	921
Italy	9'115	17'109	5'737
Netherlands	-	56	-
Belgium-Luxembourg	-	-	17
Denmark	-	-	20
Spain	992	1'337	705
Romania	170	-	-
Turkey	46	-	-
South Africa	5'677	13'574	2'611
United States	7	71	-
Argentina	100	541	205
Chile	264	3'637	159
Commonwealth of Australia	466	155	323
New Zealand	551	626	261
Austria	56	28	25
Yugoslavia	177	-	-
Miscellaneous	2	20	48
Total	19'053	42'252	12'548

0807.10-12 Apricots

France	175	339	358
Italy	2'501	3'048	3'691
Spain	4'633	3'852	4'177
Greece	2'024	1'794	1'898
Hungary	113	43	104
South Africa	2	-	-
Austria	10	-	-
Tunisia	-	53	-
Miscellaneous	9	3	8
Total	9'466	9'132	10'236

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
<u>0807.30-32 Plums and prunes</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	893	736	811
France	192	108	154
Italy	1'374	1'003	976
Austria	10	-	-
Spain	171	131	215
Hungary	231	32	45
Yugoslavia	22	-	58
South Africa	16	28	17
Chile	9	-	6
Miscellaneous	1	8	13
Total	2'919	2'046	2'295

0807.40 Cherries

Federal Republic of Germany	416	312	79
France	875	1'086	980
Italy	617	585	800
Netherlands	-	-	2
Austria	222	89	32
Spain	214	117	173
Chile	2	-	3
Greece	6	-	-
Hungary	10	28	14
Yugoslavia	15	74	-
Miscellaneous	2	4	2
Total	2'379	2'295	2'085

	<u>Tons</u>		
	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
<u>0808.10-30 Berries, fresh</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	519	433	285
France	891	1'006	803
Italy	8'688	7'923	9'325
Netherlands	210	81	101
Austria	39	172	3
Portugal	39	12	16
Spain	466	735	985
Greece	-	27	-
Poland	243	342	615
Hungary	813	816	707
Bulgaria	388	383	278
Romania	-	152	102
USSR	50	19	24
Yugoslavia	449	290	146
South Africa	-	8	5
Israel	93	185	125
United States	543	389	474
Mexico	31	11	19
Guatemala	-	-	7
Commonwealth of Australia	1	-	18
New Zealand	426	511	827
Miscellaneous	2	20	46
Total	13'891	13'523	14'911

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
	kg.	kg.	kg.
7. <u>0603.10-12 Cut flowers</u> <u>imported between 1 May</u> <u>and 25 October</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	4'111	11'117	6'966
France	38'944	50'814	69'404
Italy	561'767	439'281	441'089
Netherlands	1'308'960	1'437'885	1'572'448
Denmark	2'090	1'270	1'013
Portugal	4'964	-	-
Spain	164'374	174'820	204'312
Bulgaria	1'318	-	-
Israel	103'079	104'170	109'214
Thailand	46'734	37'409	29'520
Malaysia	2'562	3'762	3'877
Singapore	18'775	24'219	22'079
United States	14'230	10'199	7'153
Brazil	2'282	-	-
Colombia	69'450	100'374	56'137
Commonwealth of Australia	7'565	9'861	10'187
New Zealand	4'206	5'055	4'813
Ivory Coast	3'371	-	1'349
Kenya	28'746	40'172	47'619
South Africa	41'902	58'166	50'489
Miscellaneous	2'375	8'302	6'911
<hr/> Total	<hr/> 2'431'805	<hr/> 2'516'876	<hr/> 2'644'580

	<u>1981</u> hl	<u>1982</u> hl	<u>1983</u> hl
<u>8. Wines</u>			
<u>2205.10, 20, Red wine in casks</u>			
France	371'429	383'063	331'815
Italy	530'387	519'904	490'500
United Kingdom	-	-	97
Austria	4'343	14'834	2'478
Portugal	157'940	110'480	117'128
Spain	412'652	407'450	394'647
Greece	21'235	18'884	13'285
Turkey	12'299	11'255	8'160
Hungary	23'021	18'694	18'324
Bulgaria	25'726	17'174	12'994
Romania	-	2'005	-
Yugoslavia	20'651	36'577	17'464
Cyprus	9'940	15'413	9'744
Malta	818	902	-
Tunisia	4'771	17'363	15'363
Algeria	84'822	86'376	60'530
Morocco	5'250	7'468	3'527
South Africa	2'694	4'754	5'759
United States	-	1'664	478
Israel	142	-	-
Argentina	9'100	11'002	6'471
Chile	395	601	618
Miscellaneous	1	55	704
Total	1'697'619	1'685'918	1'510'086

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>1983</u>
	hl	hl	hl
<u>2205.12, 22 White wine in casks</u>			
Federal Republic of Germany	5'127	7'225	810
France	71'309	76'534	15'403
Italy	44'679	40'939	15'276
Austria	91'029	96'753	238
Spain	75'712	91'749	71'335
Malta	6'403	-	-
Czechoslovakia	-	309	-
Hungary	19'537	9'387	-
Yugoslavia	13'179	4'853	-
Miscellaneous	46	211	-
	<hr/> 327'020	<hr/> 327'960	<hr/> 103'062

ex 2205.30 White wine in bottles

		<u>Tons</u>	
Federal Republic of Germany	1'022	895	668
France	3'412	3'538	1'505
Italy	4'027	3'920	3'077
Belgium-Luxembourg	0	1	1
United Kingdom	1	2	1
Denmark	1	0	-
Austria	772	532	341
Portugal	160	155	142
Spain	2'779	2'425	1'936
Greece	60	76	86
Hungary	735	611	486
Bulgaria	2	2	0
Romania	38	1	7
Yugoslavia	35	11	58

		<u>Tons</u>	
Malta	0	0	0
Tunisia	13	6	1
South Africa	7	27	30
Israel	12	12	9
China	16	10	14
United States	61	63	19
Argentina	0	1	2
Commonwealth of Australia	3	12	1
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	13'158	12'301	8'383
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