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Inventory of Quantitative Import Restrictions Applied by
Countries Other than Those Covered by the Joint Working Group

Addendum

GREECE

Note: The notifications concerning BTN 10.02 and 24.01 have been deleted.

Explanatory Notes

1. The products subject to the various restrictions are shown in the list, and arranged by their respective BTN numbers.
2. The United States have indicated an interest in BTN numbers 04.05, 07.01, 07.05, 08.01-08.13, 10.01, 10.03, 10.04, 10.05, 10.06, 10.07, 11.01, 12.01, 13.01, 13.02, 17.01, 20.02, 23.04.

3. Type of restrictions

L - Subject to an import licence issued by the Special Committee established under the Foreign Trade Board. Import licences are issued automatically for most of these products when imported from the convertible currency countries.¹

R - Restriction (unspecified)

BQ (EEC) - Quotas for imports from the European Economic Community. These quotas are increased periodically. All quantitative restrictions on imports from the European Economic Community must be abolished not later than twenty-two years as from the entry into force of the Agreement.

¹All imports are subject to an administrative procedure of registration and to control regulations designed to furnish data on receipts and expenditures of foreign exchange and on external financial commitments. Imports are limited to a level compatible to some extent with the country's external resources by means of monetary policy, credit policy and in particular, by regulations governing methods of payment for imports. Imports are generally admitted under two procedures:

Procedure "E": Import permits are issued automatically by authorized commercial banks. This procedure applies:

- (1) to imports from countries participating in the European Monetary Agreement, settlement being effected in accordance with the provisions of that Agreement;
- (2) to countries not participating in the European Monetary Agreement, but with which bilateral agreements are in force (Bulgaria, Brazil, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, German Democratic Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, USSR, Yugoslavia), provided settlement is effected through clearing arrangements;
- (3) imports from Canada, the United States and their dependent territories, with the exception of imports paid for out of United States assistance funds.

Procedure "D": Import permits are issued by the Bank of Greece. This procedure relates to imports of products from countries other than those covered by Procedure "E". It is also applicable where the method of payment is not that provided for under Procedure "E". Procedure "D" also applies to imports paid for out of United States assistance funds and certain imports for the account of the State, or by public services, or by the Agricultural Bank of Greece.

According to their source, products listed under L are subject to one of these procedures.

4. Comments

The United States indicated that the issuance of import licences was wholly at the discretion of the Ministry of Commerce or, in the case of rice, of the Ministry of Trade and Agriculture and that the licensing requirement was applied liberally for many products.

5. Reference

L/1601 and Add.1 (Agreement setting up an Association between the European Economic Community and Greece)
BOP/143 and Add.1 and 2
COM.AG/W/72/Add.28
L/3689

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
01.02	Live animals of the bovine species, including oxen and bulls	L, BQ(EEC)	
01.03	Live swine	L	
ex 01.04	Live lambs and kids	L	
ex 02.01	Meat of animals of the bovine species, of swine and of sheep and kids, fresh or frozen	L, BQ(EEC)	
02.05	Unrendered pig fat free of lean meat and unrendered poultry fat - pig fat	L BQ(EEC)	
03.01	Fish, fresh, chilled or frozen - saltwater fish	L BQ(EEC)	
ex 03.02	Fish in brine and smoked - herring, cod	L BQ(EEC)	
04.01	Milk and cream, fresh	L	
ex 04.04	Cheese, fresh and prepared (excluding parmesan and blue cheese) - European-type cheeses	L BQ(EEC)	
ex 04.05	Eggs	L	

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
05.13	Natural sponges	L	
ex 07.01	Potatoes, tomatoes, onions, some other vegetables - certain vegetables ^{1/}	L BQ(EEC)	
ex 07.05	Beans, broad beans, vetches, chick-peas, lentils - peas, including chick-peas, and beans, horse beans and lentils	L BQ(EEC)	
ex 08.01	Bananas, Brazil nuts and cashew nuts	L	
08.02	Citrus fruit, fresh or dried - oranges, tangerines or mandarins and clementines, lemons, citrons	L BQ(EEC)	
08.03	Figs, fresh or dried	L, BQ(EEC) ^{2/}	
08.04	Grapes, fresh or dried	L, BQ(EEC) ^{3/}	
08.05	Nuts, other than those falling within heading 08.01, fresh or dried - Almonds, walnuts, chestnuts, pistachios, hazelnuts	L BQ(EEC)	
08.06	Apples, pears and quinces, fresh	L, BQ(EEC)	
08.07	Stone fruit, fresh - Apricots, peaches, cherries, plums, morello cherries	L BQ(EEC)	
08.08	Berries, fresh - Strawberries, raspberries, blackberries	L BQ(EEC)	

^{1/} Potatoes, cauliflowers, other brassica, spinach, lettuce, other salad vegetables, green peas, beans, carrots, onions and garlic, asparagus, artichokes, tomatoes, olives, cucumbers and gherkins, sweet capsicum, aubergines, marrows, okra.

^{2/} On condition that dried figs are imported in packages not exceeding 15 kgs. in weight.

^{3/} Fresh grapes for direct consumption and dried grapes on condition that they are imported in packages not exceeding 15 kgs. in weight.

BTN	Commodity description	Type of restriction	Comments
08.09	Other fruit, fresh - Melons and the like	L BQ(EEC)	
08.10	Fruit (whether or not cooked) preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar - Strawberries, peaches, apricots, raspberries, cherries	L BQ(EEC)	
08.11	Fruit provisionally preserved ... but unsuitable in that state for immediate consumption - Citrons	L BQ(EEC)	
08.12	Fruit dried, other than that falling within heading No. 08.01, 08.02, 08.03, 08.04 or 08.05 - Apricots, peaches, prunes, apples and pears	L BQ(EEC)	
08.13	Peel of melons and citrus fruits, fresh, frozen, dried or provisionally preserved ...	L, BQ(EEC)	
ex 09.09	Cumin	L	
ex 10.01	Wheat	R	Greece: If there is need to import wheat, this is determined by decision of Ministry of National Economy
10.03	Barley	L	United States: All imports of feed grains are made by the Government Greece: Import licences are granted when and in so far as the requirements of domestic demand make it necessary

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10.04	Oats	L	See item 10.03
10.05	Maize	L	See item 10.03
ex 10.06	Rice, ground to remove the pericarp, polished or not	L, BQ(EEC)	
ex 10.07	Millet and canary seed	L	See item 10.03
ex 11.01	Wheat flour	R	United States: Imports are subject to approval by the Ministry of Commerce, which is usually limited to specialty flours. See item 10.01
ex 12.01	Sesame seed	L, BQ(EEC)	
	Phalaris (canary grass)	L	
ex 12.10	Alfalfa flour	L	
ex 13.01	Vallonia	L	
ex 13.02	Incense or olibanum and censeng mixtures	L	
17.01	Beet sugar and cane sugar, solid	L, BQ(EEC)	
ex 20.02	Concentrated tomato puree	L, BQ(EEC)	
ex 23.04	Olive oil cake	L	