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LICENSING PROCEDURES

At its meeting of April 1975, the Sub-Group "Quantitative Restrictions" agreed that the two draft texts on Licensing Procedures reproduced on pages 15-19 of MTN/NTM/W/2 should be the starting point for the Sub-Group's continuing work, and that delegations so desiring would propose in writing to the secretariat for distribution, specific alterations to the two draft texts giving the reasons therefor, in time for discussion at the next meeting of the Sub-Group. (MTN/NTM/2, paragraph 9(i) and (vii), and GATT/ATR/1167.)

The following communication has been received from the delegation of Yugoslavia.

1. In document MTN/NTM/W/2, Annex I, paragraph 2 (page 15), the text should be amended to read as follows:

"2. No automatic licensing shall be required for the importation of goods after except in special cases where this system is appropriate on the basis of an international arrangement or justified by particular circumstances for sanitary or security reasons. However, in the cases of imports of developing countries in special cases justified by the need to carry out certain administrative controls which could not be made in a more appropriate way, a system of automatic licensing may be applied temporarily.

Automatic licensing systems, where required, shall not be used to discourage or restrict imports. Such systems shall be governed by the provisions of the General Agreement, in particular Article VIII, and be subject to the following provisions."

2. In document MTN/NTM/W/2, Annex I, paragraph 4 (page 16), the square brackets should be deleted, and the text should be amended to read as follows:

"4. Automatic licensing systems shall not be designed nor operated in such a manner as to discriminate between sources of imports. No automatic licensing shall be used in respect of one or a group of countries."