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THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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ROLLBACK

Notification

The following notification, dated 12 October 1990, has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Korea.

Pursuant to the commitment on rollback made by Ministers at Punta del Este and also to the agreement reached in the 5 July meeting of the Surveillance Body on the provision of further information to the TNC, the Korean government is communicating to the Surveillance Body its trade liberalization measures taken since inception of the rollback commitment as shown in the attachment.

This communication is made without prejudice to the question of consistency of the measures listed in the attachment with the General Agreement.

A. Autonomous Import Liberalization

1. Korea has been implementing voluntarily ambitious liberalization programmes from the early 1980s. This process has been accelerated since 1985 and the Korean government announced two sets of three-year liberalization programmes for the period 1986-1991.

2. As a result of these two programmes a total of 1,004 products have been liberalized as of January 1990:

Year	July '86	July '87	Apr. '88	July '88	Jan. '89	July '89	Jan. '90
No. of items	298	170	262	71	21	84	98

* July 1986-July 1988: CCCN 8 digit
From January 1989: HS 10 digit

* A list of main items is attached in the Appendix.

B. Elimination of Import Surveillance System

3. On 31 December 1988, Korea voluntarily eliminated its import surveillance system, which had been in place since 1977. The system was similar in purpose to the Safeguards mechanism provided in Article XIX of the General Agreement.

C. Improvement of Import Procedures under Special Laws

4. Since 1988, Korea has substantially improved import procedures under its special laws. The purpose of these laws is not to restrict import quantities but to regulate import procedures with a view to maintaining quality levels, ensuring safety and health standards, and protecting the environment.

5. Key features of these improvements are as follows:

- (a) Industrial Goods Quality Control Act:
 - Introduction of nine internationally-acknowledged standards (CSA, UL, JIS, etc.).
- (b) Grain Management Act and Animal Feed Management Act:
 - Thirty-one items which required import recommendation were liberalized.
- (c) Pharmaceuticals Act:
 - The import recommendation system applied to around 180 items was substituted with a reporting system.

D. Implementation of Panel Reports on Korea's Beef Import Restrictions

6. In accordance with recommendations in the Panel Reports (L/6503, L/6504 and L/6505), Korea held consultations with the three complainants and reached agreements in April, May and July 1990.

7. The agreements, which, among other things, set forth Korea's undertakings concerning its remaining import restrictions on beef, and certain market access measures, were reported to the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 9 July 1990 (for details, see L/6697).

Appendix: List of Main Items Liberalized 1986-1990

APPENDIX

LIST OF MAIN ITEMS LIBERALIZED 1986-1990

1986

Chemical paper products

- soda-lime, other carbon black, acetic acid, solid sodium hydroxide, 6-Hexanelactam(epsilon caprolactam), terephthalic acid, polystyrene, polyethylene having a specific gravity of 0.94 or more, etc.
- kraftliner, etc.

Textile products

- synthetic filaments of nylon or other polyamides woven fabrics, acrylic, or modacrylic staple, carpet of nylon, etc.

Iron products

- other articles of iron or steel, refined copper of cathodes and sections of cathodes, flat-rolled products of iron or non-alloy steel plated or coated with tin, etc.

Machinery

- spark-ignition reciprocating or rotary internal combustion piston engines, plain shaft bearings, non-electric other typewriters, etc.

Electric and electronic machinery

- alkalimanganese batteries, colour TVs, audio-frequency electric amplifiers, loudspeakers, etc.

Agricultural products

- meat of turkeys, meat and edible offal of other poultry, lupulin, frozen top shells, dried cod, tomato sauces, etc.

1987

Agricultural products

- bladders, sausages similar products, swine in airtight containers, meat of poultry in airtight containers, etc.

Chemical products

- O-Xylene, acetone, LDPE chloride, HDPE, film, PP film, etc.

Textile products

- synthetic staple fibres, fibres for spinning of viscose, acrylic of polyesters, filament tow of cellulose acetate, etc.

Iron products

- bars and rods of stainless steel, flat-rolled products of stainless steel, etc.

Machinery

- metal-rolling mills, motor cars for the transport of persons, trucks, motorcycles, micro-buses, trucks, etc.

Electric and electronic machinery

- electric generating sets, teleprinters, image telegraphics, silicon diodes, video tapes, etc.

Others

- fountain pens, ballpoint pens, razors, etc.

1988

Agricultural products

- quinces, fruit cocktail, fruit salad, other live animals, haddock, coalfish, ivory of elephant, avocados, poppy seeds, anchovies in airtight containers, etc.

Chemical products

- caustic soda, P-Xylene, ethylacetate, pvc film, TDI, DOP, chemical woodpulp, etc.

Iron products

- stainless steel, bars and rods of silico-manganese steel, etc.

Machinery

- engines, sewing machines, machine-tools for drilling, boring, milling, grinders, motor cars for the transport of persons, etc.

Electronic machinery

- electric generating sets, record players, turntables, VTR, TV cameras, etc.

Textile products

- synthetic filament tow of polyester, polyesters of special section face, etc.

Others

- articles of goldsmiths or silversmiths, natural pearls, cultured pearls, articles of jewellery, imitation jewellery, worked ivory and articles of ivory, etc.

1989

Agricultural and fishery products

- pistachios, dates, guavas, mangoes, papaws, strawberries, coffee creamer, rum and tafia, vodka, hake, salmon, cod, saury, fish fillets, livers of fish, snails, sea tangle, meat of goats, meat of horses, mules or hinnies, other meat preparations, etc.

Others

- unworked diamonds, chakedony, other jewels, antiques, etc.

1990

Agricultural products

- pecans, macadamia or other nuts, bark of paper mulberry, pineapples, tomato juice, pineapple juice, lotus roots, fluid yogurt, wine, whisky, meat of goats, sausages, trout, albacore, mussels, sea-cucumbers, etc.

Others

- woven fabrics wholly of silk, shibori, diamonds, tapes recorded with data for E.D.P.S., sculptures, etc.