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Note from the Lebano/Syrian Customs Union to the Secretariat.

The following statement referring to Document E/PC/T/221 has been submitted to the Secretariat by the Lebano/Syrian Customs Union:

"In accordance with the provisions of Article XVIII, paragraph 6, of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, I wish to notify the other contracting parties that, under Article 41 of the Customs Code in force in Syria and Lebanon, the Syrian and Lebanese Governments are both empowered to impose quantitative restrictions of a general economic nature for industrial or agricultural purposes.

Attached is the list of products in respect of which non-discriminatory protective measures have, for these purposes, been adopted in Syria and Lebanon, together with a statement of the reasons therefor.

It must be clearly understood that our reply will in no way prejudice our freedom of action at the Havana Conference, and our right to put forward or maintain reservations in regard to the provisions of the Article in the Draft Charter which corresponds to Article XVIII of the Agreement.

Paris, 8 October 1947

(Signed) IZZAT TRABOULSI
For the Syrian and Lebanese Delegations"

PRODUCTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH NON-DISCRIMINATORY PROTECTIVE MEASURES HAVE BEEN IMPOSED.

Type: Quantitative Restrictions

1. Measures Adopted for the establishment of Particular Branches of Industry:

Tariff Item No.	
122 & 123	Sugar and confectionery
417 & 435	Paper and cardboard and wares of paper and cardboard
663 to 681	Glass and glassware
966 & 967	Plastic materials

2. Measures Adopted for the Development of Particular Branches:

A.- of Industry

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75 to 82	Milling products, malt, starch and fecula
125	Confectionery
132	Chocolate and articles made of chocolate
134	Macaroni, spaghetti and similar products
136	Pastry and biscuits
140 to 144	Preserved fruit
152 to 160	Beverages and alcoholic liquids, including beer
192	Cement
319	Perfumery and cosmetic articles (including tooth-pastes and mouth-washes)
Ex 308	Paints
320	Soaps
329	Glues of animal origin
340	Matches
351 to 357	Tanned hides and skins

Tariff Item No.	
358 to 365	Manufactures of leather
Ex 377 & 379	Rubber soles
393	Plywood
398	Joinery work for building
401 to 405	Articles made of wood
443 to 446	Natural silk thread
447 to 461	Fabrics of natural silk, pure or mixed
469 to 492	Fabrics of artificial silk, artificial silk waste, and artificial textile fibres, pure or mixed
507 to 517	Fabrics of wool, horsehair or other animal hair
518 to 521	Cotton
522 to 526	Cotton thread or yarn
527 to 540	Cotton fabrics, pure or mixed
542	Hemp
551 to 561	Fabrics of flax, hemp or ramie, pure or mixed
566	Cabling, cordage and twine of hemp
580 to 583	Hosiery
600 to 606	Footwear
641	Tiles of cement
Ex 755	Articles of tinplate (sheet iron)
Ex 755 & Ex 769	Metal beds
768 & 769	Copper articles
860	Electric batteries
975 & 976	Games and toys for children
969 & 970	Brushes
	B.- of Agriculture
68	Wheat, spelt and meslin
55 to 62	Edible fruits
70 to 74	Rice, barley, maize, millet
518 to 521	Cotton

Tariff Item No.	3.- Products in respect of which quantitative restrictions have been imposed for the purpose of coordinating the establishment and reconstruction of particular branches of industry
839	Machines for the production of cold
Ex 841	" " " manufacture of footwear
844 to 845 (1)	" " spinning, twisting and weaving
Ex 855	" " the manufacture of stockings and socks
Ex 855	" " " " " beer
" "	" " " preparation of oxygen
" "	" " " " " acetylene
" "	" " " manufacture of hosiery
" "	" " " " " matches
" "	" " " preparation of alcohol

Subsequent to the receipt of the above list, we have received the following message (dated 9 October 1947) from the Minister Plenipotentiary, Head of the Lebanese delegation to the Preparatory Committee:

> "Following on the note dispatched from Paris, on 8 October 1947, by the Lebano-Syrian Customs Union to the Secretariat, I wish to inform you that I have received a telegram from my Government, stating that a supplementary list of products in respect of which non-discriminatory measures have been imposed in Lebanon and Syria, was dispatched by air mail from Beirut on 6 October 1947 and will reach Berne on the 11th or 12th of the same month. As soon as I receive this list I shall be pleased to communicate it to you."

(1) French text: 842