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## MODIFICATION IN FRENCH IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

### Note by the French Government dated 26 August 1952

1. In my letters of 13 February, 10 March and 24 May 1952<sup>1</sup> I had the honour to submit to you information concerning measures which the French Government had taken in respect of import restrictions and which were of such nature as to call for consultations with the Contracting Parties under Article XII:4(b) of the General Agreement.
2. To supplement the previous documentation, I am sending herewith a copy of the French import programme for the third quarter of 1952 as submitted to the Council of OEEC.<sup>2</sup> The Council has to date taken no decision on this point.
3. I wish to add that negotiations have been undertaken with several Governments with a view to readjusting the implementation of existing bilateral agreements in such a way as to take into account the French situation in the European Payments Union.
4. Arrangements to this end have been agreed upon with the Belgium-Luxemburg Economic Union, Denmark, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland.

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<sup>1</sup> Distributed as GATT/CP/144, GATT/CP/144/Add.1 and L/10 respectively.

<sup>2</sup> OEEC document C(52)181 of 23 June 1952. A copy will be furnished to each delegation attending the Seventh Session.