

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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NOTIFICATIONS OF RESIDUAL IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. Under the procedures adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the seventeenth session (BISD, Ninth Supplement, pages 18-20), contracting parties are invited to communicate to the Executive Secretary lists of import restrictions which they are applying contrary to the provisions of the General Agreement and without having obtained the authorization of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
2. At the twenty-first session, it was agreed to ask the Executive Secretary to invite contracting parties to comply, and where necessary more fully, with the existing procedures (SR.21/2, page 12). It was further agreed to renew the instruction of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the Council to review the notifications from time to time as appropriate.
3. In the light of this instruction, the Council may wish to review current residual restrictions in time to report on the matter to the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their next regular session. In order to enable the secretariat to circulate, for the purpose of such a review, a new consolidated list of residual restrictions, those countries which have not recently communicated up-to-date consolidated information on this subject are requested to do so, if possible, by 30 November.
4. Contracting parties are referred, in this connexion, to the report contained in BISD, Eleventh Supplement, pages 206-210 concerning the form and scope of the notification. In brief, the list of import restrictions submitted should contain the following information:
 - (a) the nature of each residual restriction;
 - (b) as precise a definition as possible of the products covered by each such restriction;
 - (c) an indication of the areas or countries to which each measure applies, if the treatment accorded to all contracting parties is not uniform;
 - (d) the intended duration of each restriction.

Contracting parties are reminded that they are also requested to list those restrictions they maintain which in their judgment are permitted by virtue of the terms on which they are provisionally applying the General Agreement.

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