

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

The Government of South Africa has submitted the following press statement issued by Dr. The Honourable N. Diederichs, Minister of Economic Affairs, on 28 April 1965.

### IMPORT PERMIT ALLOCATIONS

In a statement issued today, in which he announced the second round issue of import permits for the current year, the Minister of Economic Affairs said that the economy of the country was so sound that it has been decided to maintain the level of the permit issues for 1965 which had been foreshadowed in his statement of November 1964, and also to adhere to the prevailing import policy.

The Minister added that the additional import permits would be issued shortly.

The Minister stated further that he had decided that the import allocations for textile piece-goods, other than poplin, should be increased somewhat at this stage in order to avert a possible shortage of stocks in the country.

In regard to poplin, however, the Minister said that, in view of the quantity of stocks on hand, he had decided that no consignments of these goods shipped to South Africa from overseas after today's date, would be admitted under the existing textile goods permits or the additional textile goods permits to be issued in terms of this announcement, unless documentary proof can be furnished to the Director of Imports and Exports that fixed orders for the consignments concerned were placed prior to today's date.

The Minister added that, as in the past, the question of import allocations would be reviewed later in the year with due consideration to the economic conditions prevailing in the country at that time.

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