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Notifications by Contracting Parties

Communication from the Romanian Government

The Working Party which has been entrusted with the task of conducting, on behalf of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the periodic consultation with the Government of Romania will have to examine inter alia the question of the prohibitions and quantitative restrictions on imports from Romania which are inconsistent with Article XIII of the General Agreement. In this respect, the contracting parties which still maintained such prohibitions and restrictions undertook, under the Protocol for the Accession of Romania, to remove them progressively and have as their objective to eliminate them before the end of 1974. The Protocol also provides that, for exceptional reasons, should a limited number of restrictions still be in force as of 1 January 1975 the Working Party would examine them with a view to their elimination. The above-mentioned Protocol also requires contracting parties to notify, before the Working Party undertakes its task, prohibitions and quantitative restrictions inconsistent with Article XIII still applied to imports from Romania and the measures adopted with a view to eliminating these restrictions.

The Romanian party requests the contracting parties concerned to communicate in writing to the Secretariat:

(a) any modifications made since the notifications submitted in 1975¹, specifying the type of restriction maintained; and

(b) the exceptional reasons invoked for maintaining each prohibition and restriction and the measures adopted with a view to their elimination.

¹See document L/4170 and addenda 1-3.

The Romanian party had expected to have already received this information¹ and avails itself of this opportunity to reiterate to the contracting parties concerned its request to communicate the information mentioned under items (a) and (b) at the earliest possible date.

The Romanian authorities stress the need for a sufficient time limit in relation with the examination of such information with a view to participating in the Working Party with a knowledge of the existing situation and of the views of the contracting parties concerned. Thus, the consultation between Romania and the CONTRACTING PARTIES will be of a constructive nature and likely to further the development of trade between Romania and the GATT members.

¹ See communication from Romania (document L/4156).