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The following communication, dated 23 December 1980, has been received from the Swiss authorities.

With reference to the discussions in the Technical Sub-Committee regarding statistics for trade covered by the Agreement on Trade in Civil Aircraft, I have pleasure in conveying the following information on the statistical modalities applied by Switzerland in this respect.

The products covered by the Agreement are included in the list of goods covered by the specific end-use ("revers") system. This list forms an integral part of the Swiss working customs tariff and is published in the same way as the latter. It gives an exhaustive enumeration of all goods admitted at reduced rates or duty free on the basis of their end-use and in accordance with an appropriate customs procedure (the "revers" system).

On import, this customs procedure under the end-use system allows the customs authorities empowered to establish foreign trade statistics to record separate statistics for products covered by the Agreement and imported duty free. A breakdown of these statistics by country of origin and by product (value and quantity) would not, in itself, imply any difficulty. The statistics will be available for the first time at the end of January 1981, covering the relevant imports in 1980.

As regards the export of products covered by the above-mentioned Agreement, these are not subject to any procedure corresponding to the system requiring proof of end-use. The data regarding exports covered by the Agreement are accordingly included in the overall figures for the tariff headings concerned, and cannot be identified separately. It will not be possible for us, therefore, to furnish statistics on exports of products covered by the Agreement.