Trade in Agricultural Products

Australia

Synopsis of Non-Tariff Measures for the Protection of Agriculture or in Support of Incomes of Agricultural Producers

Furnished by the Government of Australia

Corrigendum

The Government of Australia has requested that, as a result of changes in import licensing for balance-of-payments purposes made effective from 1 August 1959, the following amendments should be made to Section VI (Import Restrictions) of document COM.II/2(q).

Paragraph 50

Delete existing text and insert in its place:

"50. Within the various categories described above, a large proportion of Australia's total imports - approximately 90 percent - may be obtained without any restriction as to source of supply. For the remainder, ceiling values operate in respect of the permitted level of importation of certain goods from the Dollar Area, while for some few items a separate system of control is administered for Dollar and Non-dollar imports. Exchange allocations are not, however, made available to individual supplying countries, and for the items other than those licensed on a world basis, importers are free to determine their source of supply within each of the two broad currency areas."

Paragraph 52

Delete existing text and insert in its place:

"50. The products mentioned in Section I and II of this document are in the main subject to "B" Category licensing treatment without restriction as to source of supply, i.e., licensing entitlements are based on varying percentages of imports made in a selected base year (as already indicated an importer holding a Category "B" quota may import any item in that Category). Products so licensed include wheat, meat, dairy products, eggs, brandy, wine, jams, apples and pears and various dried fruits. Canned fruits are also
licensed under "B" Category, but with a ceiling value as to the permitted level of importation from Dollar sources."

Paragraph 53

Delete last sentence and insert in its place:

"Raw cotton and wool are exempt from import control, while cotton seed is licensed on a world basis without any quantitative limitation."