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JAPAN ANNOUNCES INTENTION TO TAKE STEPS TOWARDS
FURTHER LIBERALIZATION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS AND
REDUCTION OF DISCRIMINATION

The following statement has been received by the GATT secretariat from
the Japanese delegation to the fifteenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

"General"

"The following are measures which the Japanese Government intends to
take as a step toward further relaxation of import restrictions and reduction
of discrimination.

1. Removal of dollar discrimination on the remaining ten items under the
   Automatic Approval System

   Discrimination will be removed on lawanwood lumber, copper alloy waste
   and scrap, gypsum and abaca in January 1960.

   As to the remaining six items, it is intended by the Government to
   remove discrimination at the earliest opportunity during the period of the
   fiscal year 1960.

2. Relaxation of Import Restrictions

   The following measures are scheduled to be taken in January 1961.

   (a) Enlargement of Scope of items under the Automatic Approval System

      (i) To transfer to the Automatic Approval System sixty-five items\(^1\),
          including cocoa-butter, which have hitherto been imported only
          under the Special Foreign Exchange Allocation.

      (ii) To transfer to the Automatic Approval System fifteen items\(^2\) of
          food products which have hitherto been imported only under
          barter arrangements.

\(^1\) See Annex A
\(^2\) See Annex B
(b) Imports of Machinery and Equipment

The Government will shortly introduce a new import system, the Automatic Allocation System, under which foreign exchanges are allocated without limitation, on application to the Ministry of International Trade and Industries. This system differs from the Automatic Approval System only in that applications for allocation of foreign exchange must be made to the MITI. Upon introduction of this system, the Government will designate forty-eight items— including office equipment, medical, surgical and scientific instruments, as items to which the Automatic Allocation System is applied.

3. Consumer Goods

Having due regard to the desirability of moving toward liberalization of trade and to the need of raising the standard of living of the people, the Government intends to proceed as much as circumstances permit with the relaxation of import restrictions on consumer goods as well. To this end the Government is expected to take the following measures.

(a) On application to the MITI, to allocate foreign exchange without limitation for thirty-four items\(^1\) including musical instruments, sports goods, as effective in January 1960.

(b) To set up as soon as practicable global quotas for the imports of items such as television, raisins, whiskey, confectionery, certain textiles which have hitherto been imported only under bilateral arrangements.

(c) To permit, as soon as practicable, in limited quantities, the imports of items such as fountain-pens and binoculars which have not hitherto been imported.\(^2\)
## Annex A

1. Dupion cocoon
2. Yarn of wool and hair (Mohair only)
3. Used stocking, silk and rayon (incl. mixed)
4. Ardil fibre
5. Used Telemp
6. Filtre cloth (for chemical fibre manufacturing only)
7. Natural essence (excluding Gyusyo-oil, camphor oil and 551-0199 essential-vegetable oil)
8. Sodium sulfohydride
9. Cyclohexyl phenol
10. Heptylphenol
11. Tetradecylphenol
12. Pentadecylphenol
13. Hexyl phenol
14. Hexadecylphenol
15. Heptadecylphenol
16. Octadecylphenol
17. Oleyl phenol
18. Tridecylphenol
19. Antioxidant - RR10
   " - DDA
   " - DDAEM
20. Accelerator G-N-F
21. Lunasela
22. Aranox
23. Flexamine
24. Curing Agent CDO
25. Ethyl TeIrac
26. Butylethanolamine
27. Canary seed
28. Cocoa butter
29. Bamboo sprouts, dried
30. Vulcanized fibre sheet (thickness 1/2" up)
31. Pearl essence
32. Matrix paper
33. Ethylene cyanohydrine
34. Diisopropyl
35. Methacrylatecromic chloride
36. Polymelic dibutyltim dialkoxide
37. Dibutyltin mercapto compound
38. Vinyl chloride
39. Isopropanolamine
40. Coprantex A & B
41. Tri (2-ethylhexyl) phosphate
42. Ethylene dichloride
43. Monohydrated tribasic lead maleate
44. Plasticator PH
45. Dicyclohexylamine
46. Antioxidant DOD
47. Vulkacit 774
49. Vulkacit J
50. " F.P.
51. " T.R.
52. Tonox
53. Sunoco anticheck wax
54. Vulkacit WL
55. " NP
56. " 576
57. Electro cardiograph recording paper
58. Piano cloth (bushing cloth, witen cloth, key cloth and hammer cloth only)
59. Chaulmoogra seed
60. Young plants and bulbs
61. Hiwet 600 paper
62. Die slick
63. Culant oil
64. Scotch slip
65. Scotch hone

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Annex B

1. Jelly fish
2. Pine seed
3. Lotus nut
4. Common melon seed
5. Cantaloupe seed
6. Watermelon seed
7. Dried plum
8. Vermicelli
9. Bamboo sprout
10. Bean-curd (Red)
11. Preserved vegetable
12. Insect Wax
13. Gut
14. Pig hoof
15. Bristle

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Annex C

(1) Machinery in General

1. Safety block
2. Assembly parts for watches (main spring, hair spring, steel escapement wheel, shock absorber)
3. Ball-bearing swivel joint
4. Increment borer
5. Nylon traveller
6. Sprinkler head and its alarm valve
7. Multi-purpose portable lifting and pulling unit
8. Expansion rivet and riveting iron
9. Chain saw, more than 3 KW (4 HP) (excluding electric system)
10. Marine chronometer
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(2) Office Equipment

1. Accounting machine
2. Book-keeping machine
3. Adding machine
4. Electric calculating machine
5. System duplicator
6. Microfilm equipment (rotary type)
7. Document shredding machine
8. Letter opener and scaler
9. Postage meter machine
10. Electric stapler

(3) Medical Equipment and Instruments

1. Heart catheter
2. Catheter for anaesthesia
3. Blood-vascular suture instrument
4. Uter-uterine ligature instrument
5. Centrifugal casting machine for dental use
6. Surgical shear
7. Clinical treatment tables
8. Clinical operation tables
9. Surgical plaster cutter
10. Bone saw
11. Microtomes
12. Breast pump
13. Sphygmograph
Annex C (continued)

14. Blood viscosimeter  
15. Coagulometer  
16. Resuscitator  
17. Automatic respiration unit  
18. Electro-surgical needle  
19. Carbide dental bar  
20. Dental corns  

(4) Others  

1. Electronic microscope  
2. Welding machine, gas system, hand operated  
3. Threshing machine  
4. Rice huller  
5. Grain or polishing machine  
6. Straw rope making machine  
7. Straw mat looms
1. Fireworks
2. Hand sewing needles, base metal
3. Safes, strong room fittings and strong box
4. Coffee mills
5. Table and kitchen knives, forks and spoons of stainless steel
6. Meat choppers
7. Musical instruments and parts thereof (excluding hand harmonicas with 120 bases)
8. Umbrellas, parasols, walking sticks and similar articles
9. Artificial flowers
10. Hair nets of human hair
11. Buttons except those for cuffs and collars, shells (except mother-of-pearl), animal bones, horns, ceramics, glass, celluloid and synthetic resin
12. Clasps and the like (excluding hooks, eyes, snaps or slide fasteners)
13. Brushes (excluding toothbrushes or paint brushes)
14. Sports goods excluding rubber balls or goods for golf
15. Toys excluding electric system
16. Pens, pen holders, pen nibs (excluding those for fountain pens), pencil leads, writing brushes, chalk crayons, Chinese ink stick, black and vermillion, clips and the like
17. Pipes, cigar holders and cigarette holders
18. Smokers' lighters (excluding those made of precious metal etc.)
19. Hair combs
20. Hair pins
21. Buckles (excluding those made of precious metal etc.)
22. Hemp fabrics
23. Vinylon fabrics
24. Glass furniture and fixtures
25. Magic lantern
26. Electric fluorescent discharge tubes
27. Electric bulbs for domestic lighting
28. Cameras (not exceeding $100)
29. Lenses, photographic
30. Radio receivers and chassis thereof with transistors of three pieces or more
31. Stores and furnaces for domestic use (excluding enamelled)
32. Electric washing machines for domestic use (excluding those with attached driers)
33. Electric fans for domestic use
34. Electric flat-irons

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