United Kingdom undertakes further Removal of Import Restrictions

The following information has been communicated by the United Kingdom authorities to the GATT secretariat.

"The President of the Board of Trade announced in the House of Commons on 28 January that, with effect from 1 February control will be removed from dollar imports of tobacco and tobacco manufactures (other than cigars), fresh, chilled and frozen fish, synthetic rubber and transistors. In addition, the restrictions imposed on the remittance of American film earnings in the United Kingdom under the Anglo-American Film Agreement are to be removed and the Agreement will be terminated.

"The dismantling of the controls on imports from the dollar and relaxation areas was very largely effected in two major measures of liberalization announced on 28 May and 4 November last year. The list of goods still subject to import restrictions from the dollar and relaxation areas is now very short; it includes some items on which the control is recognized internationally, e.g. arms and ammunition and radio-active materials. The Government intend to make further progress in removing these remaining import restrictions as soon as they can, although there are problems which, in some cases, it will take time to resolve.

"The treatment of imports from the Sino-Soviet Bloc is not effected by the measures announced on 28 January.

"Copies of the amendment to the Open General Licence will be on sale from Her Majesty's Stationery Office, Kingsway, London. Notice to importers No. 932 giving details of the revised licensing arrangements has been issued by the Import Licensing Branch of the Board of Trade."

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