The Japanese authorities have informed the GATT secretariat of further liberalization measures which were taken on 7 April 1960. Earlier measures, taken in January 1960, were summarized in press release GATT/433 of 8 February 1960.

Removal of Dollar Discrimination

Under the Japanese import control system most products free from restriction are covered by the so-called Automatic Approval System. While most of the products under this system could be freely imported from any source of supply, a few items could be so imported only from countries outside the dollar area. As from 7 April 1960 dollar discrimination against iron and steel scrap, beef tallow, and lard (crude) has been removed. It has also been decided that cattle hides and kip skins of dollar origin will be added to the Automatic Approval list on 1 July 1960.

Enlargement of the Automatic Approval System

As foreseen in January 1960 a further 300 items have been added to the Automatic Approval list. In addition, under the measures taken on 7 April, 65 items have been added; these include certain types of waste leather, synthetic perfumes, certain agricultural products, chemicals and some metal and mineral products.

Automatic Fund Allocation System

Under this system import licences are also issued upon application without limit. As foreseen in January 1960 a further 150 items have been added to the Automatic Fund Allocation System. In addition, under the measures taken on 7 April, 153 items (68 finished goods and 85 raw materials and semi-processed goods) have been added; these include recording tape, various machines for processing textiles, certain types of diesel engines, certain cranes, woodworking machinery, printing and binding machinery, construction equipment, incubators, iron and steel gears, binoculars, electric bulbs and sockets, motion picture equipment, and various chemicals.