MALAYA TERMINATES THE USE OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

At the last session of the Contracting Parties to GATT, held in May 1960, the Federation of Malaya announced the termination of its resort to Article XVIII:B of the General Agreement which permitted the use of import restrictions for balance-of-payments reasons. The Federation also announced the steps to be taken to remove the licensing control on imports of watches, motor cars and radio receivers from the dollar area and the OEEC countries, and on imports from Czechoslovakia.

The Malayan Government has now informed the Contracting Parties that the removal of the licensing formalities mentioned above has been implemented through amendments to the Open General Licence with effect from 1 July 1960. Czechoslovakia has been deleted from the list of countries in the "Second Schedule", and all types of motor vehicles, including cars and trucks, domestic radio receivers and watches, have been deleted from the "Fifth Schedule" of the Open General Licence.

With this action the Federation now no longer maintains any import restrictions or licensing procedures with regard to any goods originating in the dollar area or the OEEC countries, except those necessary for health, moral or security reasons, which are permissible under Articles XX and XXI of GATT.