FRANCE UNDERTAKES FURTHER LIBERALIZATION OF IMPORTS FROM COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE OEEC AND DOLLAR AREAS

The French authorities have published an important list of products which have been liberalized when imported from a number of countries which do not belong to the OEEC group or to the dollar area. Most of these countries are in various stages of economic development and are seeking expanding export markets for their products. In the list of countries, to which the new French liberalization measures apply, those that are contracting parties to GATT, are seeking accession or are otherwise associated, are marked with an asterisk:


The complete list of goods covered by this French liberalization measure was published in the French Journal Officiel of 25 September 1960. The following gives some examples of the items contained in the list:

Goats; goat meat
Live plants; certain types of foliage, shrubs and bushes
Certain types of tropical fruit and nuts
Agar-agar and other natural vegetable thickeners
Oleo-sterine and oleo-margarine
Fructose, maple sugar
Tapioca (obtained from potato starch)
Beer; perry; mead; cider; whisky; brandy; liqueurs and other spirits
Natural calcium phosphates, unground
Apatite and phosphated chalk
Certain petroleum derivatives
Phosphorus; boric acid; silicone compounds; ammonium phosphate and some other phosphates; silicates; borates and per borates
Various organic chemical products
Antibiotics; certain pharmaceutical products, including products for veterinary purposes
Certain superphosphates and other mineral fertilizers
Gelatine and glue
Chemical rubber derivatives
Natural and synthetic rubber (sheets, plates, solution dispersions; not vulcanized)
Rubber pipes and piping and other rubber articles
Travel articles, various cases, portfolios, women's handbags, purses, tobacco pouches, book jackets - made of all kinds of natural or composition leather, of vulcanized fibre or cardboard
Gloves, of leather; leather fancy goods
Plywood, not inlaid, of Douglas Fir
Books, bound in natural leather or leather substitute
Postcards, Christmas cards, and like stationery
Picture reproductions and photographs
Silkworm cocoons, suitable for reeling
Silkworm gut; imitation catgut, made of silk
Metallized yarn; woven fabrics of metal thread or of metallized yarn
Hemp yarn, paper yarn, and woven fabrics thereof
Cotton wadding; textile flock and dust
Linoleum; certain rubberized textile fabrics
Wicks for lamps, stoves, lighters
Textile hosepiping; belting of textile material
Gloves, stockings and the like, not knitted or crocheted
Electric blankets
Certain asbestos articles
Hollow building bricks; tiles and other construction goods of pottery; piping, guttering of stoneware; sets, flags, paving and wall tiles of various ceramic materials
Glass carboys, bottles, jars and potters; glass stoppers; glass bulbs and tubes for electric lamps; articles of glass for domestic use, for offices and for ornamental purposes; glassware for signalling and illuminating; laboratory, hygienic and pharmaceutical glassware; glass fibre yarns, fabrics and articles; various industrial articles of glass
Rolled silver, gold and platinum, unworked or semi-manufactured
Certain ferro-alloys; alloy steel in various forms; cables of steel wire; certain types of chains; nails, tacks etc. of iron or steel; bolts and nuts
Stoves for burning liquid fuel; various iron or steel articles for domestic purposes; scales
Various articles of copper such as pipes and piping, nails, tacks, bolts and nuts, springs, and articles for domestic purposes
Various articles of nickel, aluminium, magnesium; lead and zinc, scrap and waste; tantoleum powder, bars and articles thereof; other metals such as bismuth, cobalt, cadmium, chromium, antimony, uranium, thorium and other, including germanium
Tools for agriculture, horticulture and forestry such as spades, shovels, picks; handtools such as pliers, pincers, spanners; blowlamps, anvils vices, grinding wheels; coffee mills; juice extractors and other appliances for food preparation
Safety razors and blades; cutlery; safes; filing cabinets
Internal combustion engines of less than 12 litres cylinder capacity; various kinds of pumps for liquids, air and gas; refrigerators; cranes; cutting machinery for mines and quarries; combine harvester threshers; various printing machines and appliances; various types of machinery for making textiles, felt and hats; laundry and dry cleaning machinery
Calculating and addressing machines; taps, cocks and valves
Electric generators, motors and convectors; electrostatic machines;
transformers; certain types of electric accumulators; electric hand
tools; vacuum cleaners; electric razors; spark plugs; electric water
heaters and heating apparatus; electric smoothing irons
Certain apparatus for telegraphy, radio transmission and reception;
television cameras; insulators of hardened rubber
Automobiles and trucks, of less than 3,000 cm cylinder capacity; bodies
for passenger cars; trailers
Various types of chains, of wood and steel; various types of beds;
metal furniture