FRANCE INCREASES LIBERALIZATION PERCENTAGE ON IMPORTS FROM OEEC MEMBER COUNTRIES, UNITED STATES AND CANADA.

In addition to the liberalization of imports from countries which do not belong to the OEEC group or the dollar, as described in press release GATT/540, of 4 October 1960, the French authorities have announced a further increase in the percentage of liberalization applying to imports from the OEEC member countries and from the United States and Canada, from 91 per cent to 92.5 per cent.

Among the newly liberalized items are certain products of organic chemistry, including plastic goods; products of the mechanical and electrical industries (such as electronic equipment, measuring instruments, printing equipment, typewriters etc...); and various consumer goods (such as fancy jewelry, cutlery, certain types of furniture, certain toys, nylon stockings).

Among the articles not yet liberalized are certain types of furniture and toys, radio and television sets, refrigerators, optical goods, clocks and watches. The revised "negative" list was published in the French Journal Officiel of 24 September 1960.