ITALY EXTENDS THE LIBERALIZATION OF IMPORTS FROM THE DOLLAR AREA

The Italian authorities have now confirmed to the GATT secretariat that, following the liberalization measures undertaken on 15 January and 15 June 1960, a further list, comprising approximately 600 items, has been freed from restrictions, when imported from the dollar area. Included in the new list which entered into force in December 1960, are meat and edible meat offals (except poultry liver); dried, dehydrated or evaporated vegetables; certain kinds of edible fruit and nuts such as figs, fresh or dried; apples, pears and quinces, fresh; certain cereals, including barley (when imported between 1 November and 30 April) and rice; some oilseeds and oleaginous fruit; sugar beet and sugar cane; some animal and vegetable fats and oils including beeswax and other insect waxes; specified kinds of sugar, sugar syrups, artificial honey and caramel; jams, fruit jellies, marmalades and fruit pastes; lemonade, vermouths, vinegar and substitutes for vinegar; prepared animal fodder such as sweetened forage adjuvants.

In the raw materials and industrial sectors the liberalized items include lead and zinc ores; petroleum and shale oils, crude and other; certain chemicals including phosphites, hypophosphites and phosphates; certain drugs and pharmaceuticals; certain plastic products; paper and paperboard; raw silk, and woven fabrics of silk; certain man-made fibres; certain ferro-alloys; sheets and plates, of iron or steel; unwrought and wrought products made of aluminium, lead and zinc; sewing machines; radio and television receivers; x-ray apparatus and parts and accessories.

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