THE GOVERNMENT of Finland has provided the GATT secretariat with information on its import control system, to be effective from 1 January 1961, which shows a number of modifications of the system in force in 1960. The principal modification is the extension of "multilateral import treatment" to cover imports from the newly independent African countries, the countries of the franc area and all countries of the sterling and dollar areas. Under the multilateral import treatment, liberalized imports may enter Finland from these countries without an import licence.

Under the previous system, global quotas were divided into two categories, applying to two groups of countries. This division has been abolished, and all global quotas now apply to imports from all the countries in the areas referred to above. There have been increases in certain of the quotas.

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