The Italian authorities have informed the GATT secretariat that the Italian Government has taken further steps to liberalize imports from the dollar area.

Under a Ministerial Decree of 9 June 1961 the following items may now be imported from the dollar area without restriction: citrus fruits (fresh or dried); frozen fruit; citrus rind; candied fruits; grapefruit juice and pineapple juice; stearin; crude tallow; fish fats and oils; margarine; whale oil; seed oils (with certain exceptions); powder for sporting guns; mining, blasting and safety fuses.

As a result of the above measure discrimination between imports into Italy from the dollar area and those from the European Monetary Agreement area has been reduced to a minimum.

In addition, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Trade, also on 9 June, issued a circular announcing many new or increased quotas for goods from the dollar area which are still subject to import licence.

In consequence of the various measures adopted, as rounded off by those mentioned above, the Italian authorities have stated that the liberalization of imports into Italy from the dollar area is now virtually complete for all goods with only certain exceptions - chiefly agricultural products, and goods under State monopoly or subject to safety regulations (explosives).