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PAKISTAN ANNOUNCES LIBERALIZATION OF IMPORTS FOR SECOND HALF OF 1961

The Pakistan authorities have informed the GATT secretariat that the Import Policy for the period July-December 1961, which was approved by the Pakistan Government on 28 June, represents the outcome of the effort in which the Government has been engaged during the past two years to liberalize the import of industrial raw materials and spare parts and essential consumer goods according to a well defined scheme of priorities.

During the second half of 1960 the Government extended automatic licensing to a further 27 items. In the first half of 1961 an important step forward was taken with the placing of sixty-two items on automatic licensing, followed by the introduction of a regulated Open General Licence for eleven important items.

Under the Import Policy for the shipping period July-December 1961, forty-nine items have been placed on Open General Licence, leaving fourteen items under automatic licensing. Among the items added to the Open General Licence list are the following: asphalt; pitch and tar; building and engineering material of all sorts (with specified exceptions); drugs and medicine (allopathic); coaltar dyes; dyeing and tanning substances; laboratory glassware; vacuum flasks; electric insulating material; needles; scientific instruments and apparatus; surgical instruments; ball bearings; tractors and spare parts; cinematographic and X-ray films; sago; tyres and tubes; crepe rubber sheets; motor cycles and motor scooters; duplicating stencils; plants, and vegetable and flower seeds.

The effect of the additions to the Open General Licence list is that imports of industrial raw materials and spare parts for 173 industries will now be licensed on the basis of the amounts asked for by them.

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