NORWAY UNDERTAKES NEW LIBERALIZATION MEASURES

The Government of Norway has informed the GATT secretariat that it has liberalized the importation into Norway of three lists of products on the dates indicated below. In addition a further list will be liberalized on 1 January 1962.

As a result of these measures, by the beginning of 1962 the main items remaining subject to restriction in Norway will be coffee, sugar, some vegetable oils, chocolate, plywood, television receivers, aircraft and ships.

The Government of Norway has also advised the GATT secretariat that the introduction of the above-mentioned liberalization measures will lead to an increase of the liberalization percentage vis-à-vis OEEC countries from 83.2 to 85.2 as from 1 January 1962 (on the basis of 1948 imports on private account). Vis-à-vis the dollar area the liberalization percentage will increase from 94.3 to 95.1 (on the basis of 1953 imports on private account).

Among the items liberalized on 1 April 1961 were travel goods of leather and of other materials; leather gloves; belts; wheeled toys, dolls and certain other toys.

Among the items liberalized on 1 May 1961 were bananas; oranges; various types of vegetable oils; cocoa powder; sugar confectionery, not containing cocoa; macaroni and similar products; sauces and other mixed condiments; active yeast; beverages, including beer, wine and vermouth; colloidal precious metals; varnishes, lacquers, distempers and specified dyes; perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations; soap (excepting soap powder and household soap); candles; artificial resins and plastic materials; certain articles of wood; specified types of paper and paper board; handkerchiefs, towels, table cloths and sheets; refractory glassware; semi-precious stones, precious metals and imitation jewellery; certain types of wire; specified types of spoons and forks; internal combustion piston engines (within certain specifications); rotary presses; trucks; specified types of chassis; pleasure boats and craft; tape recorders; steel furniture; fishing rods; pencils.

On 1 July 1961 fertilizers (super phosphates) were liberalized.

The items which will be liberalized on 1 January 1962 are prepared foods made from cereals (cornflakes and the like); soups in liquid, solid or powder form; household soaps; building board of specified types; soil pipes of iron and steel.