NORWAY CEASES TO INVOKE ARTICLE XII OF GATT

The Norwegian authorities have informed the GATT secretariat that the Norwegian Government has decided to cease to invoke Article XII of the General Agreement. This implies that Norway no longer claims the right, under Article XII, to impose restrictions on imports for balance-of-payments reasons.

The other countries which ceased, during the past two years, to claim balance-of-payments justification in GATT for retaining import restrictions include Australia, France, Ghana, Federation of Malaya, Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Sweden and the United Kingdom.