FRANCE TAKES FURTHER LIBERALIZATION MEASURES

The French authorities have informed the GATT secretariat that as from 24 January, a further list of products has been freed from quantitative import restrictions when imported from a specified list of countries, including the following contracting parties to GATT: Australia, Burma, Brazil, Ceylon, Chile, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Haiti, India, Indonesia, Japan, Nicaragua, New Zealand, Pakistan, Peru, South Africa and Uruguay, as well as Argentina and Israel.

The full list of products was published in the French Journal Officiel of 24 January 1962, and included in the list were the following: domestic rabbits; pigeons; poultry liver; tangerines; vermouths; common salt; vegetable materials used for stuffing; certain vegetable materials used in brushes or brooms; certain natural sands; certain sulphates and phosphates; carbonates of beryllium, cobalt and bismuth; azides of lead; specified hydrocarbons and hydrogenated derivatives of hydrocarbons; specified derivatives of acylic alcohols; specified derivative of phenols or phenol-alcohols; specified derivatives of mono-acids and poly-acids; certain sulphonamides; certain provitamins and vitamins; certain hormones and antibiotics; specified writing and printing inks; casein; propellant powders, and prepared explosives; certain disinfectants; synthetic rubber; certain types of unvulcanized natural or synthetic rubber; specified kinds of travel goods; embroidery; specified types of bottles; bricks, tiles slabs, paving blocks; cultured pearls; specified forms of alloy steel and high carbon steel; chains of copper; nickel waste and scrap; specified products of nickel; unwrought magnesium; wrought and unwrought tungsten and molybdenum; hand saws; internal combustion piston engines of specified types, and parts; specified types of machinery for pumping, refrigerating, lifting and excavating; typewriters; specified types of motor cycles; non-prismatic refracting telescopes; electronic microscopes; certain musical instruments; specified firearms and cartridges; articles of tortoiseshell; slide fasteners.