The Government of Japan has recently consulted with the Contracting Parties to GATT on import restrictions applied by Japan for balance-of-payments reasons. In connexion with this consultation the Japanese authorities have informed the GATT of further liberalization measures which became effective on 1 October 1962. As a result of these measures, the liberalization percentage (1959 basis) was raised to 88 per cent (from 73 per cent which had been reached in April 1962) and the number of tariff items and sub-items subject to restrictions was reduced by almost one half. As previously, the liberalization applies to imports from all sources. Among the goods newly liberalized are: sesame-seed oil, castor oil; jam, marmalade and fruit jellies; mustard and its preparations; certain types of vitamins; toilet soap; nylon stockings; felt; cotton fabric; matches; fountain pens and ball-point pens; refrigerators; vacuum pumps; electric motors and spare parts; bearings; wheel-type tractors; textile machines and their parts; rolling mills and part therefor; nickel products; graphite (excluding amorphous graphite); basic acid and solvent dyes; crude petroleum; paper pulp and kraft paperboard.