SUBJECT: DATA ON LICENSING SYSTEMS

1. The Contracting Parties at their Twenty-eighth Session in November 1972, decided, inter alia, that the data assembled on licensing systems should be kept up-to-date and that Contracting Parties should be invited to notify annually by 30 September, any changes which should be made concerning the information contained in the consolidated document (see SR.28/6 and L/3756, paragraph 76).

2. In paragraph 2 of the understanding regarding notification, consultation, dispute settlement and surveillance adopted on 28 November 1979 (L/4907) the Contracting Parties reaffirmed their commitment to existing obligations under the General Agreement regarding publication and notification. At its meeting of 26 March 1980 the Council invited Contracting Parties to submit notifications according to the calendar referred to in C/M/139 and Annex III of C/111.

3. Document L/5106 includes the status of notifications on licensing procedures received in response to the GATT questionnaire which is reproduced in the annex to the same document.

4. The purpose of the present airgram is to invite Contracting Parties to communicate to the Secretariat any data on their licensing systems necessary to bring up-to-date the individual country data, contained in COM.IND/W/55-COM.AG/W/72 and addenda and corrigenda and, as from the beginning of 1981 in the L---SERIES. Governments which did not do so in 1980 or 1979 are requested to provide a complete response to the questionnaire on licensing annexed to document L/5106 rather than a notification of changes only.

5. In accordance with the calendar adopted by the Council, notifications should be made to the Secretariat not later than 30 September 1981.

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