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 on their licensing systems (see SR.28/6 and L/3756, Para.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. 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.

4. Document L/5106/REV.1 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. Contracting Parties that have not provided a response to the Questionnaire in 1980 and 1981 and are not notifying changes this year are requested to confirm in writing that the individual country data notified prior to 1980 is still correct.

5. In accordance with the calendar adopted by the Council, notifications should be made to the Secretariat not later than 30 September 1982.

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