URUGUAYAN RECURS TO ARTICLE XXIII

Action Taken by Contracting Parties in Compliance with the Recommendations of 16 November 1962

FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

The following communication, dated 6 March 1963, has been received from the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany:

"On 16 November 1962 the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted the Report of the Panel on the Uruguayan Recourse to Article XXIII, (document L/1923), including fifteen individual reports (A to O) attached to it. In sub-paragraph (c) of paragraph 4 of the individual report (H) it was recommended to the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany that it give immediate consideration to the removal of the discriminatory quota in respect of ovine meat, the import permit requirements and quotas in respect of neat leather and certain woollen textiles, and the import permit requirement in respect of certain yarn of combed wool. Pursuant to paragraph 20 of this Report a notification of the Federal Government concerning the measures taken in response to the recommendation is expected by 1 March 1963. Accordingly the following information is given.

"The Federal Government has been offering import possibilities in respect of frozen ovine meat and fresh and chilled ovine meat and live sheep through the establishment of a global quota on 15 December 1962. Thus Uruguay has been offered the same possibilities in respect of supply as offered to other Member countries of GATT.

"The global quota in respect of imports of neat leather (tanned cow-hides) limited to DM 3,220,000 in 1962 has been raised to DM 4,180,000 for 1963. Full liberalization has been envisaged for 1 June 1964. Imports from Uruguay amounting to DM 288,000 in 1961 have gone up to DM 317,000 in 1962. Import permits totalling DM 323,000 have been issued for the first half of 1963.

"The global quota in respect of imports of tightly-woven fabrics made of wool and fine animal hair for furniture and interior decorating purposes amounting to DM 300,000 in 1962 has been raised to DM 400,000 for 1963. Full liberalization has been envisaged for 1 January 1965. No applications for imports of any such textiles from Uruguay have been received."
"Imports of textiles made of wool and fine animal hair other than tightly-woven fabrics and of woollen yarn from Uruguay as enumerated in document L/1923 are de facto not subject to any quantitative restrictions, because import permits are granted for all applications filed. In 1961/62 import applications received for Uruguayan woollen textiles covered an overall amount of DM 72,000 whereas no applications were received for imports of Uruguayan woollen yarn."