SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

The Government of South Africa has submitted the following import control order (No. 347 of 1966, 20 May 1966) implementing the policy with regard to second-round import quotas which was earlier announced, as reported in L/2656.

It is hereby notified for general information that the Honourable the Minister of Economic Affairs has authorized the following additional import allocations for 1966:

(i) Consumer goods. (a) A second allocation, for Group B consumer goods for 1966, of 20 per cent of an importer's assessment basis, thus making the allocation for 1966 equal to 50 per cent.

(b) A second allocation, for those other types of goods which do not fall under Group B of 25 per cent of an importer's 1964 imports of such goods, thus making the allocation for 1966 equal to 75 per cent of an importer's 1964 imports of such goods.

(ii) Capital equipment. A second allocation to merchant importers of capital plant and equipment, with an f.o.b. price not exceeding R1,000 of 25 per cent of an importer's 1964 imports of such goods thus making the allocation for 1966 equal to 75 per cent of an importer's 1964 imports of such goods.

(iii) Office equipment. A second allocation to importers of office equipment (including computers) of 25 per cent of an importer's 1964 imports, thus making the allocation for 1966 equal to 75 per cent of an importer's 1964 imports.

(iv) Textile piece-goods. A second allocation to merchant importers of textile piece-goods to bring the allocation for 1966 into line with their 1965 level of imports.
(v) **Raw materials.** (a) A second allocation to merchant importers of raw materials, with the exception of textile piece-goods, of 25 per cent of an importer's 1964 imports, thus making the allocation for 1966 equal to 75 per cent of an importer's 1964 imports.

(b) No change will be made in the basis on which manufacturers are granted their requirements in respect of imported raw materials. Such requirements will continue to be based on the current rate of consumption. Application may be made at any time when a manufacturer's stocks of imported raw materials fall below four months' consumption.

The Honourable the Minister of Economic Affairs specifically requested that both manufacturers and merchants should obtain their requirements from local sources wherever this is possible.

Applications in respect of the allocations now authorized may be made by letter in the case of consumer goods and raw materials imported by merchants, or on the prescribed forms in the case of raw materials imported by manufacturers, and of capital plant and equipment to the Director of Imports and Exports, Private Bag 192, Pretoria.