NOTIFICATIONS OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF
NEWLY-INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES

Addendum

MAURITANIA

Foreign exchange quotas

The Islamic Republic of Mauritania establishes an import programme only for
those products that are imported from countries outside the French franc area, of
which it is a member.

The "non-franc zone" import programme is divided into two parts, depending
upon the supplying countries.

1. Quotas for the European Economic Community

The foreign exchange quotas opened for imports from the EEC countries other
than France are fixed according to the methods of calculation provided for in
Protocol No. 2 of the Association Convention (EEC-AAMS).

2. Global quotas

The foreign exchange credits provided for under global quotas may be used
for all countries, including the EEC member States.

The import programme is established for the calendar year, and quotas are
granted as and when required.

Quantitative restrictions and other restrictive measures

Imports of all goods are permitted into the Islamic Republic of Mauritania.
There are, however, certain import prohibitions for public health, public morality
and public order considerations.

There are no other restrictions on the import of goods.

It should be noted that the restrictions mentioned above are applicable to
all countries alike.
State-trading enterprises

Under Law No. 66,015 of 20 January 1966, as amended by Law No. 66,137 of 12 July 1966, a National Import and Export Corporation (SONIMEX) was established to reorganize trade channels. Under Decree No. 56,147 of 23 July 1966, this mixed-economy corporation has been entrusted with an import monopoly for the following products:

- sugar
- rice
- green tea
- percales
- guinea cloth.

The National Import and Export Corporation will conform to the rule of non-discrimination provided for in the Agreement. Furthermore, in its purchases and sales it will be guided solely by commercial considerations such as price, quality, quantities available and marketable qualities, transport and other purchasing and selling conditions. Lastly, it will provide for undertakings in other contracting parties all facilities to participate in such purchases and sales, in conditions of free competition and in conformity with usual commercial practices.