NOTIFICATIONS OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF NEWLY-INDEPENDENT COUNTRIES

Addendum

IVORY COAST

The following reply has been received from the Government of the Ivory Coast in response to the suggestion that newly-independent countries notify their systems of import restriction without prejudice to the question of their consistency with the provisions of GATT.


These prohibitions were in effect prior to independence in the French-speaking African States, and have been maintained in force.

1Note by the secretariat: This first reply by the authorities of the Ivory Coast to the invitation to notify import restrictions is somewhat more limited in scope than most. Hence no special mention is made of the arrangements, paralleling those of other countries of the franc area, permitting imports from other franc-area countries to enter without restriction or licence (except for the very few products mentioned in the text above). Similarly, there is no specific mention of the fact that imports from other countries of the EEC are being progressively liberalized, in accordance with the terms of the Yaoundé Convention, and that imports from those countries not yet liberalized enter under special and increasingly liberal quotas. Imports from other countries enter under separate global quotas, likewise open to EEC countries if their special quotas have been exhausted, unless the goods are included in a separate shorter liberalization list applicable to all countries. Within these global quotas, which have also been increasing in recent years, there are ceilings on imports of some goods from certain "low-wage" countries. Special country quotas are opened for bilateral trade-agreement partners on products covered by the agreements.

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II. Import prohibitions and restrictions, for the protection of domestic industry:

(1) Wheat flour

Decree No. 63-278 of 12 June 1963 prohibits imports of wheat flour from any source.

(2) Paint

Decree No. 65-99 of 26 March 1965 fixes a quota for imports of paint from all origins and all countries; Order No. 765 of 20 April 1965, lays down implementing rules for the above-mentioned Decree.

(3) Detergents

Decree No. 65-190 of 4 June 1965 and Order No. 1,270 of 8 July 1965 prohibits imports of detergents originating in and imported from any countries other than the EEC member States, and fixes a quota for detergents originating in and imported from the EEC.

(4) Matches

Decree No. 66-62 of 9 March 1966 prohibits imports of matches originating in and imported from any countries other than the EEC member States, and lays down the corresponding implementing rules.

(5) Coffee husking machines

Decree No. 66-338 of 5 September 1966 prohibits imports of coffee husking machines, No. 5 type, originating in and imported from all countries.

(6) Sugar

Order No. 3171 of 28 September 1966 establishes conditions for the import and marketing of sugar in Ivory Coast.

(7) Relations with Rhodesia

Order No. 6745 of 2 February 1967 prohibits commercial relations with Rhodesia.