IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF SOUTH AFRICA

Addendum

Further to the notification circulated in L/3730 and the statement made by the South African representative at the Council meeting of 26 July 1972 (see C/M/79, page 3), the South African Permanent Representative has transmitted the attached press statement (extract) for the information of the contracting parties.

The various lists of products, as modified by the measures mentioned in the statement, will be circulated separately.
EXTRACT FROM A PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE HONOURABLE
S.L. MULLER, MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA ON TUESDAY, 25 JULY 1972

In terms of the new measures the various commodity groups which prior to November 1971, were exempted from import licensing but which were then placed under permit, will with a few exceptions be reinstated on the permit free list.

The list of commodities which prior to November 1971, were subject to automatic licensing but which was then replaced by a list of commodities subject to global import quotas to be established from time to time, will be reinstated.

However, seven of the commodity groups which appeared on the pre-November list of goods subject to the automatic licensing procedure, will remain subject to licensing in terms of global import quotas to be established from time to time.

In respect of six of these commodity groups the following additional import relaxations have been decided upon:

(i) Pharmaceutical products

The first issue of permits of 20 per cent of 1969 imports will be replaced by permit issues enabling merchants and manufacturers to maintain their stocks at the level of four months normal requirements.

(ii) Fungicides, pesticides and insecticides

These goods will be licensed on the same basis as those in commodity group (i) above.

(iii) Textile piece goods for sale by merchants

A third permit issue of 10 per cent will be made.

(iv) Wines and potable spirits

For whisky a third permit issue of 30 per cent, and for all other types of alcoholic beverages a third permit issue of 10 per cent will be made, thus bringing the permit issues to date for the two commodity groups up to 80 per cent and 40 per cent of 1969 imports, respectively.

(v) Paper and paperboard

The goods in this category will be licensed on the same basis as those included in commodity group (i) above.
(vi) **General merchandise**

A third permit issue of 20 per cent will be made, bringing the permit issues to date up to 50 per cent of 1969 imports.

The pre-November 1971 list of commodities which could be imported only under specific permits will, in large measure, be retained.