The following communication, dated 5 November 1973, has been submitted by the United States mission in Geneva.

I have been asked by my authorities to inform you that on 1 November 1973, the President of the United States acting under the emergency provisions of Section 22, has issued a proclamation effective 31 October authorizing the entry of an additional 56 million pounds of butter (TSUS Item 950.05) and 22.6 million pounds of butter substitutes (TSUS Item 950.06) for entry during a temporary period ending 31 December 1973.

The 56 million pounds of butter are allocated as follows (quantities in millions of pounds):

- New Zealand: 28.6
- EEC Member States: 24.6
- Other: 2.8

Argentina, Australia, Canada, Norway, Sweden, and Switzerland are the only "other" countries eligible to ship against the "other" quota of 2.8 million pounds.

Imports will be entered against the 22.6 million pound butter substitute quota on a first-come first-served basis. No import licences will be required; however, an individual importer may not enter more than 2.5 million pounds.

The emergency action, will as provided by Section 22, be subject to a Tariff Commission investigation and report to the President. The Tariff Commission proceeding will include a public hearing at which interested parties may testify.
The regular annual quotas of 707,000 pounds and 1.8 million pounds for butter and butter substitutes, respectively, remain in force and are not affected by any provision of the emergency presidential proclamation.

TSUS Item 116.00 provides a tariff concession rate of 7 cents per pound on not over 50 million pounds of butter entered during the period 1 November through 31 March of the following year. Any quantity in excess of that amount is dutiable at the rate of 14 cents per pound.