IMPORT CONTROLS OF SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Further Statement dated 10 March 1952 by the Government of Southern Rhodesia

1. Southern Rhodesia has since 1947 operated a control on goods from the dollar areas which was kept in relation to earnings. During December 1951, it became increasingly evident that Southern Rhodesia was purchasing from the non-dollar non-sterling area far more than was earned by exports to this area and on the 19th of December it was decided to institute a control on imports from this area. The object was to ensure that Southern Rhodesia’s non-sterling payments to all areas should not exceed the non-sterling receipts from all sources together with sales of gold. The two controls are, however, administered quite separately.

2. The dollar control has a total allocation of £7,861,000 for the 1952 calendar year and this amount is divided into global amounts for the various groups classified in the standard statistical list for imports into Southern Rhodesia. Individual importers receive separate allocations within these global amounts and the permits issued against these allocations can be utilised for imports from any country within the dollar area. Price, quality, delivery dates etc., are the determining factors in influencing the importers decision within the group of countries involved.

3. The non-dollar non-sterling control operates as its name suggests in respect of all goods from all countries which are not within the sterling area nor within the dollar area and the total allocation was £8,712,000 for 1952. This control will be referred to hereafter as "non-sterling" for convenience. The same details apply in this control as in the dollar control and the ultimate choice of supplying country rests entirely with the importer.

4. The total allocations mentioned above were based on the following facts:- Earnings of non-sterling and dollar currencies in 1951 were slightly in excess of £12,000,000 and it was reasonable to assume that during 1952, these would increase to approximately £14,000,000. Assuming a total of approximately £6,000,000 for gold sales there would be a total available for payments of some £20,000,000. After allowing for freights, insurances and invisibles, an amount of some £16,000,000 would be available for imports at f.o.b. prices. Lists of imports were therefore scrutinised as to essentiality and the division into the two groups of currencies was made.

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1 The two earlier statements relating to the extension of import controls in December 1951 were circulated as GATT/CP/138 and Add.1
It must be emphasised that the dollar problem remains the more urgent one and this accounts for the slight bias in favour of non-sterling in the division of the total available. Moreover, Import permits issued under the dollar control are in the nature of "open general licenses" in that they are also available for use in the non-sterling area. Permits issued in respect of the non-sterling area can only be used in that area and are not available for use in the dollar area.

An exception is made in the case of "produce of the soil" from Portuguese East Africa. Such goods are imported without control in accordance with the 1910 Agreement. There is no desire to infringe the spirit of this Agreement and it should also be realised that such produce is "raw" such as fruit and vegetables and could not readily be imported from overseas. No other exception is made to the rule of non-discrimination.

I attach hereto for your information copies of the Government Notice establishing the Control and of the detailed allocations made. Since the publication of the Government Notice Libya has been added to the Schedule of sterling area countries.

I also attach a copy of the Prohibited List and of the goods for which no allocations of currency have been made but for which applications for currency may be submitted to the Department for consideration.

Orders placed and confirmed by the supplier before the 19th of December 1951, have been recognised as "back-orders" and permits were issued as "not against quota" in respect of such goods. However, it has been made a condition that entry as "not against quota" requires the goods to have been shipped before the 31st of March, 1952.

On the 10th of March 1952, in view of the further deterioration of the position of the sterling area it became necessary to reduce by 50% all allocations made for Period 8. of the Import Control. The allocations previously approved for Rice, Blankets, Silk and Rayon Piece Goods, Cement and dollar vehicles were cancelled at the same time. No reduction was made in the allocations for petrol and lubricants, steel and railway equipment.

Salisbury.

10th March, 1952.

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2 For the text of Government Notice No, 1065 of 19 December 1951 see Annex to GATT/CF/138.

3 Annex II contains a summary list showing allocations by main items only. The detailed list is kept at the office of the secretariat.

4 See Annex I
ANNEX I

DIVISION OF TRADE AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

IMPORT CONTROL ORDER NO. 1 OF 1951

GOVERNMENT NOTICE NO. 1005 OF 19TH, DECEMBER, 1951

The attached lists of prohibitions and items, for which no allocation of currency have been made, are issued for the guidance of importers when framing applications for Import Permits.

OPERATIVE IN PERIOD VIII.

PROHIBITED LIST:

CLASS I: Glue

Plants, Bulbs and Trees
Flower Seeds
Starch
Baking Powder
Biscuits, Cakes and Puddings
Butter and Substitutes
Pearl Barley
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats
Cheese
Cocoa and Chocolate, not Confectionery
Coffee Roasted, Ground or Mixed
Chocolate Confectionery
Other Confectionery
Caviare, Lox, Lobster, Anchovies
Fish Pastes
Cornflour and Maizena
Other Patent and Proprietary Cereal and Farinaceous Foods
Macaroni, Vermicelli and Spaghetti
Other Farinaceous and Tonic Foods
Dried Fruit
Fruit, Bottled, Tinned or otherwise preserved
Jams
Jelly, Custard and Pudding Powders
Meats, Fresh, Frozen or Chilled
Bacon, Ham and other Salted or Cured Meats
Meats, Preserved
Meat Fats and Lard
Nuts Edible (except Groundnuts)
Curry Powder, Mustard, Sauces and other Condiments
Pulse, Ground or Split
Glucose, and other Sweetening Substances
Cream of Tarter, and other Substitutes
Tea
Vegetables preserved
Vinegar
Chicory, Ground and Substitutes
Coffee Substitutes
Eggs, Liquid or Dried
Rennet.

CLASS II: Ale, Beer and Stout
Cider and Perry
Brandy
Gin
Rum
Whisky
Liqueurs and other Spirituous Spirits
Mineral Waters, not Medicinal
Wines, Heavy
Wines, Light
Wines, Sparkling
Methylated Spirits
Perfumed Spirits
Toilet Preparations, Spirituous
Other Spirits

CLASS III: Cigars
Cigarettes
Other Manufactured Tobacco
Unmanufactured Tobacco

CLASS IV: Hats and Caps (other than Miner's Safety)
Outer Garments
Hosiery
Shirts
Pullovers and Jerseys
Singlets and Undervests
Other Underclothing
Other Clothing
Tents and Tarpaulins
Canvas Manufactures, N.E.E.
Carpet and Floor Rugs
Linoleum, Floorcloth, Mats and Matting
Napery
Other Furnishing Drapery
Soft Haberdashery
Hard Haberdashery
Rope and Cordage
Shawls
Twine
Knitting and Darning Wool
Cotton Waste Manufactured
Thread, Shoemakers
Blanketing and Kaffir Sheeting
Bookbinders Cloth and Canvas
Cheese Bandages and Caps
Cotton Wool, not Medicated
Cotton Manufactures, N.E.E.
Cloth and Sheeting, Waterproof
Jute, Hemp and Hessian Manufactures, N.E.E.
Seed Bed Cloth and Fruit Tree Netting
Mosquito Netting
Padded Quilts
Rayon and Silk Manufactures, N.E.E.
Woolen Manufactures, N.E.E.
Coir Fibre
Umbrellas, sunshades and parasols

CLASS V:
Baths, Sinks and Fittings
Cutlery, not Plated
Enamelware and Hollow-ware, N.E.E.
Furniture and Parts Metal
Locks, Keys, etc.
Stoves and Ranges, not Electric
Steel Windows
Buckets, Household and Sanitary
Steel Filing Cabinets
Ceilings, Steel
Cisterns
Sidearms
Grills, Gulleys, Manhole Covers, Gratings
Hinges and Bolts
Safes and Strong Room Doors
Horseshoes
Tanks, N.E.E.
Complete Buildings of Wood and Iron
Crown Corks
Charcoal-Irons
Electric Stoves and Ranges
Other Heating and Cooking Apparatus
Vacuum Cleaners and Electric Fans
Lamps and lampware, N.E.E.
Metal Trunks
Metal Grindery, for Boots and Shoes
Wire, N.E.E.
Metal Fittings for Hose
Motor Buses and Chassis
Motor Cycles
Carts, Carriages and Metal Parts
Frams
Wheelbarrows
Trailers
Other Wheeled Vehicles, N.E.E.
For Automobile Accessories which are prohibited see attached list.

CLASS VI:
- Assay Apparatus
- Bricks, Building and Fire
- China and Porcelainware, N.E.E.
- Tiles, not Asbestos
- Earthenware Pipes and Piping
- Earthenware and Stoneware, N.E.E.
- Glass Bottles and Jars
- Mirrors
- Plate Glass
- Sheet Glass, Plain
- Glass and Glassware, N.E.E.
- Asbestos Cement Sheets and Piping
- Other Asbestos Cement Manufactures, N.E.E.

CLASS VII:
- Candles
- Distempers, Paints and Enamels
- Painters Preparations, N.E.E.
- Polishes
- Varnish
- Soap

CLASS VIII:
- Perfumery and Toilet Preparations, non-spirituous.

CLASS IX:
- Footwear
- Leather in the Piece
- Leather Bags and Trunks
- Harness and Saddlery
- Leather Manufactures, N.E.E.
- Hose

CLASS X:
- Brooms and Brushware, not plated
- Wooden Furniture

CLASS XI:
- Playing Cards
- Inks
- Printed, Ruled and Embossed Matter, N.E.E.

CLASS XII:
- Beads
- Plate and Platedware
- Fancy Goods
- Jewellery
- Gramophones and Records
- Sporting Goods
- Toys
- Tobacconists' Wares
CLASS XIII: Fireworks
Matches
Trunks, Suitcases not Leather and Metal
Curiosities
Boats, Launches and Yachts
Shopfittings
Plastic Manufactures, N.D.E.
Merry-go-Rounds, Circus and Theatrical Effects
Soda Fountains, Decorations Illuminations, Models and
Wax Figures for Display Purposes.

AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES WHICH ARE PROHIBITED:

Aluminium Sheeting
Asbestos Cord
Bonnet Lacing
Felt
Gasparks
Phosphur Bronze
Solder
Soldering Paste
Bakus Soldering Fluid
Tin Sol
Mild Steel
Taper Pins
Flexible Metal Tubing
Copper wire
Cleaning brushes
Cigarette lighters
Clocks
Exhaust cut-outs
Polishing cloths
Chamois Leathers
Funnels
Gear Lever Balls
Goggles
Speed lights
Spot lights
Luggage Carriers
Mascots
Step mats
Car mats
Mirror Clocks
Mudguard indicators
Oil Cans
Petrol Pourers
Seat Pads
Spray Pumps
Tool Boxes
Polishes
Hand Soap
Tacks
Machine Thread
Seat Springs
Rear Curtain Lights
Window Channeling
Paints
Paint Brushes
Motor Compass
Steering Knobs
Hand Brake Extensions
Pedal Pads all Types
Brushes Breying, etc.
Fender Guides
Car radios and /erials
Fender Flaps
Exhaust Pipe Extensions
Electric Fans
Nickel plated bumper attachments
Number plates
Licence Holders
Ash Trays
Traffic Indicators
Auto Top Carriers
White Tyre Rims
"Trouble Lights"
Bumper Jacks
Car Washing Machines
Air operated lubrication
Batteries
Machinery (except parts)
Paint and Oil Spray Guns
Mechanics Hand Tools (Not specialists)
Tyre and Tube Patches and Repair Kits
Rubber Mats
Insulation Tape
Driving Mirrors
Battery Carrier Straps
Hacksaw Frames and Blades
LIST "B"

The following is a list of commodities which are not included in the Prohibited List, but for which no allocations of currency have been made in the Quota Period.

**CLASS I**: Animals, living
- Seeds, other than flower
- Barley in the grain
- Maize in the grain
- Oats in the grain
- Wheat in the grain
- Other cereals in the grain
- Wheaten flour
- Maize Ground
- Other cereals ground
- Arrowroot, cassava and similar root flours
- Eggs, fresh, in the shell
- Peas, beans and lentils whole
- Groundnuts
- Salt
- Sugar refined or unrefined
- Extracts and essences, non-spirituous

**CLASS II**: Fruit juices and syrups
- Flavouring essences spirituous
CLASS IV: Miners' safety hats
Raw cotton
Cotton piece goods
Silk and rayon thread
Woollen piece goods
Linen piece goods
Linen thread
Textile piece goods, N.E.E.
Other textiles manufactured, N.E.E.
Jute bags
Jute and hessian in the piece.

CLASS V:
Antimony bar, ingot, sheet and foil
Brass and bronze, ingot, sheet and foil
Composition metal pipes and fittings
Iron and steel, pig, ingot, billet and block
Drill and tool steel
Sheet corrugated not galvanised
Chains for hauling
Wire rope
Chimneys, steel and smoke stacks
Fire extinguishing appliances and apparatus
Lead, bar, pig, sheet and foil
Solder and brazing alloys
Tin, bar, block, ingot, plate, sheet and foil
Tins, empty for packaging
Miner's safety and deposit gas lamps
Boiler tubes and parts
Crane and elevators
Copper pipes and piping
Aluminium pipes and piping
Lead piping
Precious metals
Aeroplanes
Steam wagons and parts
Traction engines
Copper bar, ingot and sheet
Pickaxes, shovels and ballast forks
Cylinders
Sewerage pumps, ejectors, etc.
Manufactures of iron and steel, N.E.E.
Other electrical goods and appliances
Electric cable and wire
Motor trucks and vans
Motor cars

CLASS VI:
Marble in the rough and other
Grindstones
Coal and coke
Gypsum
CLASS VII: Tar and creosote oils
Other edible oils, N.E.E.
Pigments, dry and in oils

CLASS VIII: Gums, shellac, etc.
Sulphuric acid
Calcium carbide
Disinfectants
Glycerine
Chemicals for water purification
Animal glandular preparations

CLASS IX: Motor car and truck tyres (except special types)
Motor car and truck tubes (except special types)
Motor cycle tyres and tubes
Bicycle tyres and tubes
Other tyres and tubes
Rubber manufactures, N.E.E.
Rubber unmanufactured

CLASS X: Hubs, rims and spokes (wooden)
Other planed and grooved wood

CLASS XI: Cardboard boxes, jars and cups
Picture postcards, Christmas, etc.

CLASS XII: Mechanical Musical instruments
Clocks

CLASS XIII: Blasting compounds
Detonators and fuse
Other ammunition and explosives
Bands and belting
Felt for building
Cinematographs
Plastic block, sheets, tubes, etc.
Ambulance materials
Appointments and uniforms, boy scout and guides
Regalia for friendly societies
Fluxes and sealing fluids
Models, not toys or advertisements
Brake fluid.
## ANNEX II

### DOLLAR ALLOCATIONS:

**PERIOD VIII:**

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<td>III</td>
<td>Tobacco</td>
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<td>Textiles, fibres</td>
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<td>Minerals</td>
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<td>VII</td>
<td>Oils, waxes and greases</td>
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<td>VIII</td>
<td>Chemicals</td>
<td>210,080</td>
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<td>IX</td>
<td>Leather and Rubber</td>
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<td>Timber and Wallboard</td>
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<td>Paper, Books, etc.</td>
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<td>XV</td>
<td>Trade and Industrial Development: Reserve</td>
<td>63,850</td>
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**SPECIAL ITEMS:**

- Wheat: 750,000
- Timber: 980,000
- Steel: 250,000
- Petrol: 881,000

Total: £7,861,000

Division of Trade and Industrial Development
23 January 1952

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1 A copy of the full list giving details under each class is kept on file at the office of the secretariat.