Addendum to the Informal Guidance for Press and Radio Correspondents on the Agenda Items of the Sixth Session

RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF DAIRY PRODUCTS INTO THE UNITED STATES (agenda item 30)

The United States Department of Agriculture announced on August 10 that effective immediately no commercial imports of peanuts, peanut oil, butter, butter oil and non-fat dried milk solids will be permitted for domestic consumption. The announcement stated also that imports of cheese and casein had been placed on a quota basis.

This action was taken in accordance with the Amendments to the Defense Production Act of 1950, which require imposition of controls over fats and oils, butter, cheese, and other dairy products, "necessary for the protection of the essential security interests and economy of the United States in the existing emergency in international relations".

The total quantities of casein and of each type of cheese to be licensed for import will be based upon a percentage of recent average annual imports. Licences will be issued to eligible importers in accordance with each applicant's historical record of imports during the base period. For the period from August 9 through December 31, 1951, the total quantity of each type of cheese that will be licensed for importation will be limited to five-twelfths of the annual average importations of that type of cheese during three base-period years, the calendar years 1948-50. The total quantity of casein that will be licensed for importation through December 31, 1951, will be limited to five-twelfths of the amount imported during the one-year base period, the fiscal year ended June 30, 1951.

This item was proposed for the agenda by the delegation of the Netherlands and supported by the delegations of Canada and Denmark.

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