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GREECE

Statement of 31 May 1954 in reply to
Questionnaire in L/196

Question 1 - Technique of Restrictions

The autonomous system for the liberalization of imports remains in force, with the following amendments: Resolution No. 29268/17.4.53 of the Council of Foreign Trade has been substituted by Resolution No. 45700/7.7.53, which was later amended.

In view of these measures, the reply dealing with the import system has to be supplemented by the following:

a) the following countries, not members of EPU, should be added to those whose products are submitted to procedure E 2: Egypt, Poland, Hungary, USSR, Eastern Germany, Bulgaria and Cyrenaica;

b) imports coming from Continental China and North Korea are prohibited, whether the goods be produced within these countries or in any other;

c) imports of wheat and wheat flour are allowed only on decision of the Executive Committee of the Foreign Trade Administration;

d) imports of petroleum products are free;

e) within the framework of the general provisions applying to imports, the following procedures are also permitted:

I) for all goods - payment against documents,

II) for foods specified by Decisions Nos. 368, 382, 389 of last year, and 400, 402, 404 and 407 of this year, of the Executive Committee of the Foreign Trade Administration - import against deferred payment;
III) import of goods introduced in transit or lying in warehouses. In this case, however, the Government is not committed either to allocate hard currencies or to grant an import licence where such a licence should be required in the future;

f) the import of machinery takes place in accordance with the general provisions, except for those listed in the annexed schedule, in which case, a permit from the Ministry of Industry is required.

Question No.7 - Import Arrangements with other Countries

The agreements with USSR, Eastern Germany and Bulgaria should be added to the previous replies.

Documents submitted to the GATT secretariat

Schedule listing the machines requiring a permit from the Ministry of Industry.

Bulletin of the Special Trade of Greece, surveying by commodities and countries of origin the import data for 1952 and 1953.

Text of Resolutions No. 45700/7.7.53 of the Council of Foreign Trade and Nos. 368, 382, 389, 400, 402, 404 and 407 of the Executive Committee of the Foreign Trade Administration.