INFORMATION FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT UNDER ARTICLE XIV:1(g)

CEYLON

Communication dated 2 October 1954 in response to L/196

The following information is supplied in accordance with document L/196 of 29 April 1954. It brings up to date the information given in Ceylon’s reply to the questionnaire L/69 and should, therefore, be read in conjunction with that reply.

Question 1 - Technique of Restriction

No change in the method of restriction described in the replies to this question previously given. The following important groups of commodities were, however, freed from licence control in the control year 1953/54.

(A) From the Sterling area and the EPU except Germany (see Ceylon Import Control Notice No. 29/53 of 26 November 1953 already circulated)

(a) Meat products except frozen meat.
(b) Other food and drink, such as butter, cheese and edible fat products.
(c) Iron and steel products.
(d) Non-ferrous products, e.g. manufactures of brass and alloys of copper, lead, tin and zinc.
(e) Newsprint.

(B) From the dollar area

The same groups as in (c), (d) and (e) above.

The proportion of import trade thus freed from licence control to the total import trade was 4.1 per cent.

(Note: The above groups of products could be imported without limit from Germany by any importer possessing a General Import Licence).

Question 2 - State Trading

No change. Rice, sugar and flour continued to be imported by the Government. Imports of these three commodities constituted 34.6 per cent of the value of total imports from July 1953 to June 1954.

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Question 5 - Policy of Discrimination

No change. As stated in reply to question 1, important groups of commodities from EPU and the dollar area were freed from licence control in the control year 1953/54.

A statement showing imports from various currency areas from 1950 up to the end of June 1954 is annexed.

Question 8 - Import Programme for 1954

No change up to 30 June 1954. With effect from 1 July 1954, there was a liberalization on imports from EPU sources and the ceiling values on certain goods were abolished.

Questions 3, 4, 6, 7 and 9

No change.

CEYLON'S IMPORT TRADE IN MERCHANDISE BY REGIONS OF MONETARY AREAS

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(a) Provisional figures.