Draft Report on Discriminatory Application of Import Restrictions under Article XIV

ADDENDUM

The following description of the import restrictions applied by Pakistan is to be inserted in the Annex. This description is a summary of the information contained in Pakistan's reply to Questions 2 and 3 in GATT/CP/39:

PAKISTAN
(Article XIV:1)

Under the Import and Export Control Act of 1947 a general notification has placed almost all imported goods on the control list. Goods for which control is not considered necessary can be imported under Open General Licence.

Goods subject to control are classed in five categories according to country of origin:

(1) For importation from the American Account Area (United States, Canada and numerous countries of South and Central America) licences are issued for essential goods.

(2) The issue of licences for imports from Switzerland is regulated by the availability of Swiss currency to the Sterling Area.

(3) Licences are issued for imports from Japan in accordance with Pakistan's Trade Arrangement with that country.

(4) Most products can be imported freely from India; only 16 items are restricted.

(5) All the remaining countries are treated as one unit for the purposes of import control, and goods from these countries are divided into two categories:
   (a) goods which may be imported under the Open General Licence, and
   (b) goods for which individual licences are required.
The general import policy is determined in advance for periods of 6 months. The main considerations taken into account are the availability of foreign exchange, essentiality and past imports. Licences are issued in response to applications up to the extent of ceilings fixed for each item.