The GATT Committee on Trade in Industrial Products agreed in February 1971 to examine the feasibility of analyzing the effects on trade of tariffs and tariff changes and developing better measures of these effects. The Working Party on the Tariff Study, which was assigned this task recognized that the first step in such an examination would be to determine precisely whether relevant statistical material was available and if so, to what degree of detail. The Working Party, deciding that a standard questionnaire would be the best method of obtaining uniform and easily comparable data in this regard, drew up the attached questionnaire at its meeting of 8-11 June. The field to be covered includes products classified in Chapters 25-99 of the BTN and the industrial branches producing these goods. The availability of information from unpublished as well as published sources is of interest.

In indicating the availability of each type of data listed, respondents are requested to specify the level of commodity detail available or the products covered, describe the methods of collection of the data (if by sampling, identify the products used in the sample), describe the statistical classification systems used and concordances between the various data series, and indicate whether the data, unpublished or published, could be made available to the GATT, on a restricted basis if necessary.

Replies should cover information available at any level of aggregation. However, it is essential to report whatever data are available at a detailed level, preferably corresponding to tariff lines. Replies should indicate the availability of data for a period of years. Data for the past ten years are of special interest.
Available methodological notes or surveys containing the information requested below may replace or supplement replies to specific questions.

Replies are requested by the end of September.

1. Imports statistics

(a) Are data on the value and the quantity of imports available for the last ten years (please specify, if available for more recent years only):
   - at the customs tariff line level?
   - at a more detailed level (if so, is it compatible with the tariff classification)?
   - according to a different classification?
     if so, please indicate whether a full one to one concordance between the tariff and the import nomenclatures can be established and for what period, and whether full breakdown by country of provenance can be established.

(b) If the tariff classification is not based on BTN indicate on what basis the concordance is established, to which issues of the tariff it applies and whether the trade allocation scheme is revised regularly.

(c) Indicate since which year these data have been recorded on computer tape.

(d) Please attach any available notes giving definitions and describing methods according to which trade statistics are established, specifying the valuation basis and indicating units generally used for recording quantities (specify if other units are used alternatively or additionally in import statistics and whether they match with the units applying to specific or mixed rates in the customs tariff).

2. Tariffs

(a) Can the tariff rates (most favoured nation, preferential, etc.) actually applied be reported year by year; can the tariff rates which differ from the bindings be identified?
(b) Is it possible to supply ad valorem equivalents of specific or mixed rates based on
- total imports?
- most-favoured-nation imports?
- imports by individual countries of origin?

3. Production statistics
(a) Are statistics on the value of output (or shipments) available by commodities or groups of commodities:
- gross output (including/excluding intra-sectorial supplies and including purchases from other sectors)?
- net output (value added)?
  If so, indicate the commodity detail and the coverage.

(b) Do the production data include indirect taxes?
  If so, can they be excluded?

(c) Is a concordance between the classification of commodities by industrial origin and the imports classification available
  - at tariff line level?
  - at higher level of aggregation (if so, specify)?
  At what level of detail can data on net output (value added) be related to imports?

(d) At what level of detail is the input/output table established?

(e) Are the detailed and the aggregated production statistics and I/O tables compiled annually?
  If not, specify years.

(f) Please attach any available notes describing the definitions, methods and sources of production statistics and of I/O tables and specifying in particular the type of enquiry on which they are based (census of manufacturing, industrial surveys, fiscal statistics etc.).
4. **Consumption statistics**

(a) Are data on value of consumption currently available or can they be established?

(b) On what basis
   - sample enquiries?
   - fiscal statistics?
   - apparent consumption?
   - other methods (if so, please specify)?

(c) For what product categories and at which detail?

(d) Does a concordance exist between the consumption and the import statistics (or between production, exports and imports)?

(e) Do the consumption values include indirect taxes? If so can they be excluded?

(f) Are the consumption data available on annual basis? If not, specify years.

(g) Please attach any available notes on definitions, sources and methods of compilation of published consumption statistics and indicate any published or unpublished surveys or statistical series concerning imports related to consumption which could be made available (even on a restricted basis if necessary).

5. **Price statistics**

(a) Import prices
   (i) Are data on prices of imported commodities collected regularly?
   (ii) Are import unit values calculated regularly?
   (iii) Can data under (i) or (ii) or indices derived therefrom be made available
         - at tariff line level?
         - at higher level of aggregation (specify)?
         - for what period?
(iii) Indicate any available (published or unpublished) surveys or studies comparing international trade prices with domestic prices or relating these price statistics to import, domestic production or consumption data.

(d) Could other factors which may have influenced the evolution of prices be reported (e.g. changes in monetary parity, price control measures affecting all or certain products during the period envisaged, etc.)?