Sub-Committee on Non-Tariff Barriers

NON-TARIFF MEASURES TO BE BROUGHT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS

Note by the Secretariat

1. Contracting parties were invited in GATT/AIR/343 to indicate which specific measures they wished to be brought within the scope of the negotiations. Replies to this request are reproduced in TN.64/NTB/2 to 6.

2. These replies referred to the following topics:

(a) Escape clauses
(b) Anti-dumping policies
(c) State trading
(d) Government purchasing policies
(e) Customs valuation including use of arbitrary or excessive values
(f) Administrative and technical regulations, including marking rules and consular formalities
(g) Residual quantitative restrictions
(h) Discriminatory import restrictions
(i) Border tax adjustments
(j) Sanitary regulations
(k) Restrictive import policies on coal
(l) US system of wine-gallon assessment on imported bottled spirits.

3. The submission by the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland (TN.64/NTB/4) explains the problem involved in (j) above. No explanatory material has so far been supplied in respect of the other topics listed.