Supplementary Information requested by the Working Party on the Measures notified by Lebanon and Syria.

In the course of the examination, under Item 3 of the Agenda, of the measures notified by Lebanon and Syria, members of the Working Party have requested information on the following questions:

Questions arising out of the Statement submitted by the Governments of Lebanon and Syria. (GATT/OP.3/1/Add.5).

(1) More detailed description of the exchange situation referred to in section A of the Statement in relation to action taken in accordance with the Articles of the Agreement of the I.M.F.

(2) Relative restrictiveness of the monopolistic control and the succeeding control system as referred to in section B.1. The question, put more specifically, is: "What was the status of the licensing system at the time of notification? Was the system applied at the same time as the operation of the monopolies? Was the total of the restrictions then in force more or less restrictive than the effect of the present licensing system?"

(3) Are the quotas referred to in section B.3 fixed on the basis of a representative period and if so, how was this chosen?

(4) More detailed description of the import programme referred to in the first paragraph of section B.3 supplemented, if possible, with statistical information.

Question asked in respect of all items on the list.

(5) The nature of the development of each industry or branch of agriculture in relation to which a measure has been notified.

(6) Date of the imposition of each measure.

(7) Substance of the decrees establishing the measures and their scope and nature.
(8) Period for which each of the measures is to be maintained.

(9) Time at which each of the industries or branches of agriculture was established and its past development.

(10) Production, import and export figures for the years prior to 1947 in respect of each product.

Measures relating to fruits (Items 55, 56 and 59).

(11) It is understood that there is a special exception to the restrictions which provides that restrictions should not apply to the importation of fruits into Lebanon and Syria if it is cleared through a Syrian port. What is the nature of this provision? When was it introduced and for what period will it be applied?

Measures relating to cereals (Items 66 - 77).

(12) A comparison between world export prices and domestic prices quoted in the statistical table.

Measures relating to sugar.

(13) Are the variable tax in Syria and the excise duty of Lebanon, both referred to in section B.1(b), imposed on imported sugar only or are they equally levied on domestic production?