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

The following questions are asked by the representative of the Netherlands.

14. General question:
Are the quota for articles under quantitative restriction published as is mandatory under Article XIII 3b?

15. General question: figures
In some cases no production/are given and also the sign indicating that precise statistical information is lacking, does not appear in all these cases. Does this mean that there is no domestic production at all? Attention is put e.g. on tariff item 357 which might indicate that the limitation on the import of imitation of artificial leather has been imposed to prevent the development of an industry using imitation leather. Here again it is asked whether such action could be within the terms of Article XVIII.

16. 152. Beer
It has been stated that the production of beer greatly exceeds home consumption requirements, whereas export possibilities are extremely limited. It is not clear why in the view of these facts, the brewing industry needs further development.

17. 340 Matches
Again for this article it is stated that domestic production exceeds total domestic and export demand. It is not clear how this industry is in need of development.

18. Art. 351 t/m 364 Hides, skins and leather ware
If it is the intention to promote the development of domestic leather industry, why are the imports of raw materials (skin and leather) restricted? On the whole there seems to be an equilibrium between imports and exports of these products and therefore also between domestic production of skins and domestic consumption of leather ware. Under these conditions further development seems very doubtful unless export can be promoted. In the latter case, however, import restriction does not seem to develop the competitive power of the finished products in the world market.
19. **ex 379 Rubber soles**

As there is no domestic production of rubber, it is asked to explain how it is the intention to develop the rubber industry. Is it the intention to restrict the production of rubber soles to the advantage of leather or is it the intention to develop the industry of rubber soles?

20. **393 Plywood**

Is the plywood produced from local timber or is it produced from imported raw materials? Are there any specific export industries which use cases of plywood for packing or are there other essential uses for this product?

21. **518 Raw cotton**

The figures show that raw cotton exports in 1938 amounted to 2005 tons net and that in 1947 the net import amounted to 726 tons. This change, as compared to production of about 4000 tons, seems to indicate that production of raw cotton was not developed between 1938 and 1947. Some more particulars on the development of cotton cultivation is kindly requested.

22. **ex 841a Machines for manufacturing footwear**

It is stated that is the intention not to develop the mechanised footwear industries. Some more explanation on this point is asked especially in relation to the fact that quantitative restriction must be imposed for establishment or development of an industry and not for the prevention of the establishment of an industry. The case would here seem to be different from that of machines for manufacturing beer and matches as in the latter case mechanised beer and matches industries are already beer-developed. It is not clear whether Article XVIII would permit import restrictions to prevent technological changes in the particular branch of industry.