F. Pyrodite (Insecticide)

30. The Ceylon representative stated that pyrethrum was a low cost agricultural product of the Island which had no use other than in the manufacture of insecticide. Since an effective insecticide for combating mosquitoes was expensive and in short supply during the war, the Government factory established in 1943 commenced production of pyrodite. It was expected that in five years the production would be expanded to 18,000 gallons. This represented only a small proportion of the country's total requirements. The measure was needed to ensure the establishment of the industry during the interim period when the local preference was for the imported product.

31. The Working Party agreed that the measure in respect of this item was eligible under paragraph 7 by virtue of the provisions of sub-paragraph 7 (a) (iii).

32. The Working Party recommends that a release be granted for a period of five years under paragraph 7, subject to the limitation that the figure of 18,000 gallons shall be used as the maximum quantity of the domestic availability in calculating the standard ratio between such quantities of domestic availability and imports for the purpose of issuing import licences under the provisions of the Industrial Products Act.