INFORMATION ON IMPLEMENTATION
AND ADMINISTRATION OF THE AGREEMENT

Addendum

The following communication has been received from the European Economic Community.

Attached for the information of members of the committee are copies of certain information relating to import licensing which has been made available to the Commission of the European Communities by Luxembourg and the United Kingdom respectively.

As regards the United Kingdom, a copy is attached of the UK Open General Import Licence (OGIL) which came into force on 18 August 1980. The essential point about the OGIL is that it is a legal instrument which creates public rights and importers do not need to obtain a copy or to present a copy to H.M. Customs and Excise in connexion with the clearance of goods which are not listed in either of its two schedules. Amendments to the OGIL are published as notices to importers in the weekly journal of the UK Department of Trade, "British business".

Information so received is available for reference in the Technical Barriers to Trade Division, Room 1073, Centre William Rappard.