

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

Spec(74)71*

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Committee on Trade in Industrial Products
Group 4 - Licensing

REPLIES TO QUESTIONNAIRE ON LICENSING

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Corrigendum to Spec(72)22*

Attached hereto are replacement sheets for pages 2, 7, 13, 14 and 15 of Spec(72)22, containing information supplied by Australia, the European Communities and Japan.

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Australia¹

1. The power to impose quantitative restrictions on additional products is vested in the Minister or his delegate.

6(j) Australia does not require importers to present export permits or export licences issued in an exporting country. When the export restraint arrangements with Hong Kong were operating, the Hong Kong authorities advised the Australian authorities on a monthly basis of the licences granted. This was accepted by Australia for the purpose of controlling the level of imports on the particular product concerned. The restraint arrangement expired on 30 June 1971.

19. In Australia, foreign exchange is readily available from any Australian bank. It is a purely commercial transaction.

¹See COM.IND/W/55/Add.1 and Corr.1

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EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND THEIR
MEMBER STATES

EEC Commission

Annex I¹

(1) Outline of system

1. As regards Regulation No. 1025/70, the system of surveillance can be applied to products from certain countries. To date, five products have been subject to this system; the surveillance has been revoked for two products and will soon be for a third product. Two products will then remain under surveillance, one of them being imported from only one GATT member country.

(4) Use of licensing to restrict imports

As regards other methods, it is not possible, since six separate administrations are involved, to obtain the necessary information by other means.

¹See COM.IND/W/55/Add.7 (pages 3 to 8), and Corr. 1 and 2.

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Japan¹

The earlier descriptions on Automatic Import Quota system should be deleted, since this system was abolished on 1 February 1972. As regards Automatic Approval system it was replaced by the Import Declaration system on 20 December 1972. Under the Import Declaration system, the importers need only to present Import Declarations in a prescribed form to the authorized foreign exchange banks, before the importation, and it is not necessary to be authorized or approved.

¹See COM.IND/W/55/Add.11 and Corr.1