

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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WORKING PARTY ON UNITED STATES IMPORT
RESTRICTIONS ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

Attached hereto is a list of points raised and questions asked by several members of the Working Party to the representative of the United States as supplementary information to document L/5328.

A. General

- Would the US authorities consider, in a reasonable period of time, the termination of the measures taken under the waiver granted in 1955; and if so, when?

- What possibilities are there for applying alternative measures in conformity with the General Agreement, instead of making a permanent use of the waiver?

- Could the US authorities provide the list of commodities to which Section 22 could be applied and indicate what procedures are needed to remove on a permanent basis those restrictions temporarily suspended and to reintroduce a measure under Section 22 which has been suspended?

B. Dairy products

- Could the US authorities furnish more ample information on the patterns of dairy production, stocks, and disappearance in the United States?

- Why has the US so far not been able to liberalize, let alone dismantle Section 22 dairy quotas?

- Could the US authorities furnish details on the measures they are taking or they intend to take with respect to the disposal of accumulated stocks of dairy products?

- What initiatives and courses of action does the US intend to take to prevent or moderate production of dairy surpluses in the future and to encourage domestic offtake of dairy products?

C. Sugar

- What is the necessity of maintaining sugar within Section 22 commodities, if the US authorities have the capacity to take import restrictive measures on sugar under another specific authority?

- Does the US regard the recent measures introduced on sugar import into and sugar export from the United States as compatible with the provisions of the General Agreement?