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SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

1. UNDERSTANDING PROCEDURES (SEE BISD, NINTH SUPPLEMENT, PAGE 19) CONTRACTING PARTIES HAVE AGREED TO NOTIFY LISTS OF IMPORT RESTRICTIONS WHICH THEY ARE APPLYING INCONSISTENTLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT AND WITHOUT HAVING OBTAINED THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES AND TO COMMUNICATE ANY CHANGES IN SUCH LISTS FOR CIRCULATION TO ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES.
2. IN ACCORDANCE WITH USUAL PRACTICE, THIS NOTICE IS CIRCULATED TO REQUEST ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES, AS A MATTER OF MUTUAL ADVANTAGE, TO REVIEW IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN FORCE AND TO SUBMIT BY 15 MARCH NEW AND COMPLETE LISTS OF RESTRICTIONS IN FORCE WHICH MAY BE INCONSISTENT WITH GATT AND NOT AUTHORIZED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES. THESE REPORTS WILL ONLY BE OF CONTINUING VALUE IF KEPT UP TO DATE.
3. INFORMATION SHOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED CONCERNING THE METHODS OF RESTRICTION EMPLOYED, THE WAY IN WHICH AMOUNTS TO BE IMPORTED ARE DETERMINED, AND OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION. IN PARTICULAR, THE REPORT SHOULD MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHAT IMPORT REGIME IS APPLICABLE TO THE GOODS OF EACH OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY.
4. IN RECENT YEARS IT HAS ALSO BECOME CUSTOMARY TO ASK THAT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS OF NEWLY-INDEPENDENT CONTRACTING PARTIES BE NOTIFIED EVEN IF THE STATUS OF THE RESTRICTIONS HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED, ON THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THESE WILL BE ISSUED IN A SEPARATE SERIES OF DOCUMENTS FOR INFORMATION AND WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO A LATER DECISION CONCERNING THEIR CHARACTER (SEE BISD, FOURTEENTH SUPPLEMENT, PAGE 161). NEWLY-INDEPENDENT CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE ACCORDINGLY LIKEWISE INVITED TO SUBMIT THEIR NOTIFICATIONS AT THIS TIME.

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