

SUBJECT: RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM POLAND

ACCORDING TO ITEM (i) (c) OF ANNEX A TO THE PROTOCOL FOR THE ACCESSION OF POLAND, THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE REQUIRED TO REVIEW ANNUALLY ACTION TAKEN BY CONTRACTING PARTIES UNDER PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE PROTOCOL TO REMOVE REMAINING QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM POLAND.

THE COUNCIL AT ITS MEETING ON 28 APRIL 1970 APPROVED GUIDELINES FOR THE FORM AND CONTENT OF NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ITEM (i) (c) OF THE PLAN FOR THE REVIEW OF POLAND'S TRADE WITH CONTRACTING PARTIES (SEE DOCUMENT C/M/62); THE GUIDELINES ARE REPRODUCED HEREUNDER WITH NECESSARY MODIFICATIONS OF DATES.

CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE INVITED TO SUBMIT NOT LATER THAN 1 SEPTEMBER 1972, NOTIFICATIONS IN CONFORMITY WITH THESE GUIDELINES TO SERVE AS A BASIS FOR THE FIFTH ANNUAL REVIEW, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO BE HELD ON 9-13 OCTOBER 1972.

FORM AND CONTENT OF NOTIFICATIONS ON
RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM POLAND

THE NOTIFICATIONS SHALL CONTAIN THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

1. A LIST OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO DISCRIMINATORY IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON 30 JUNE 1967 (OR THE NEAREST POSSIBLE DATE FOR WHICH INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE), EXPRESSED IN CUSTOMS TARIFF ITEMS (IF POSSIBLE SUB-ITEMS) OR STATISTICAL ITEMS, WITH AN INDICATION OF ITEM NUMBERS.¹
2. A SIMILAR LIST FOR 1 JANUARY 1972 (OR, IF POSSIBLE, A DATE CLOSER TO THE FIFTH REVIEW²), OR A LIST OF AMENDMENTS UP TO 1 JANUARY 1972 (OR, IF POSSIBLE, A DATE CLOSER TO THE FIFTH REVIEW²) TO THE LIST FOR 30 JUNE 1967.¹
3. FOR PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN THE LIST REFERRED TO IN 1 AND 2 ABOVE, FIGURES FOR IMPORTS FROM POLAND (IN VALUE AND/OR QUANTITY) FOR THE LAST YEAR (OR, IF POSSIBLE, TWO YEARS) FOR WHICH STATISTICAL DATA ARE AVAILABLE.

¹THE LISTS TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES WILL INDICATE THE NUMBER OF ZONES IN WHICH A PRODUCT IS SUBJECT TO IMPORT RESTRICTIONS.

²IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE DATE SHOULD BE, WHEREVER POSSIBLE, 1 JULY 1972.

CONTRACTING PARTIES FINDING IT NECESSARY TO SUBMIT ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, IN PARTICULAR REGARDING THE PROGRESSIVE RELAXATION OF THE DISCRIMINATORY ELEMENT IN THE RESTRICTIONS, IN ORDER TO SHOW THAT THEY HAVE FULFILLED THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROTOCOL FOR THE ACCESSION OF POLAND, SHOULD TRANSMIT SUCH COMPLEMENTARY NOTIFICATIONS AS THEY ARE IN A POSITION TO ESTABLISH.

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE WORKING PARTY AT LAST YEAR'S REVIEW (L/3597, PARAGRAPH 19), COUNTRIES SHOULD INCLUDE IN THEIR NOTIFICATIONS A STATEMENT INDICATING THAT THEY EITHER HAD OR HAD NOT INCREASED THE DISCRIMINATORY ELEMENT IN RESTRICTIONS AND THAT THEY HAD OR HAD NOT PROGRESSIVELY RELAXED IT AS REQUIRED BY PARAGRAPH 3(a) OF THE PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION.

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THE WISH WAS EXPRESSED IN THE COURSE OF THE CONSULTATIONS ON THE DRAFTING OF THE GUIDELINES THAT GOVERNMENTS NOTIFYING THAT THEY DO NOT MAINTAIN ANY DISCRIMINATORY RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS FROM POLAND SHOULD SUBMIT IMPORT FIGURES, IN THREE-DIGIT SITC DIVISIONS OR A SIMILAR CATEGORY, FOR THEIR IMPORTS FROM POLAND IN THE LAST TWO YEARS FOR WHICH STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE. IT WAS SUGGESTED IN THIS CONNEXION THAT THE WORKING PARTY ON TRADE WITH POLAND MIGHT FIND IT PARTICULARLY USEFUL TO HAVE AT ITS DISPOSAL DATA ON IMPORTS FROM POLAND INTO SUCH UNRESTRICTED MARKETS OF PRODUCTS SUBJECT TO QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS IN THE MARKETS OF OTHER CONTRACTING PARTIES.

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