

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Addendum

Request by the United States for Consultations under Article XXII

1. In the Note circulated by the Executive Secretary in L/1222, any contracting party requesting a consultation with Italy was invited to inform the Executive Secretary with an indication of the products to be covered in the consultation.
2. On 3 June, the United States notified the Italian delegation of its request to consult with Italy, stating that the list of items on which the United States wished to consult initially would be forwarded through diplomatic channels as soon as possible, subject to the understanding that the initial list might be incomplete, since the scope of the consultation was likely to depend on the content of the negative list which the Italian delegation had indicated would be issued in June 1960.
3. By letter dated 22 June 1960, the United States has informed the Executive Secretary of the scope of the intended consultation in the following terms:

"Upon instruction of my Government I now inform you that the United States has, as of June 20, 1960, informed the Government of Italy that it regards the applicability of licensing and quantitative restrictions to United States products as prima facie evidence of injury to United States trade. Therefore, the Government of the United States will wish to consult with Italy on the entire list of commodities which, after the publication of the new negative 'Table A' list, still require special authorization before importation can be made from the dollar area. The United States may also wish to consult on the treatment accorded United States motion pictures.

"Discussions between the United States and Italy concerning the timing and site of the consultation and concerning the possibility of a request for Secretariat assistance in the consultations are in progress."

4. In accordance with paragraph 2 of the "Procedures under Article XXII on questions affecting the interests of a number of contracting parties", adopted on 10 November 1958 (BISD, Seventh Supplement, page 24), any other contracting party asserting a substantial trade interest in the matter should advise Italy and the Executive Secretary of its desire to be joined in the consultation, and of the products regarding which it wishes to consult, as soon as possible and at any rate not later than the expiry of the forty-five day period specified in the Procedures.