

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## UNITED KINGDOM - DOLLAR AREA QUOTAS

The following communication dated 13 October 1972 was received from the United States Mission at Geneva.

I have been instructed to request that the subject of United Kingdom maintenance of dollar area import quotas be included on the agenda of the forthcoming meeting of the Council.

The Government of the United States is requesting that the CONTRACTING PARTIES consider, pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article XXIII of the General Agreement, import restrictions applied by the Government of the United Kingdom to a number of products. A list of these products is attached.

The United States considers that these restrictions are applied in contravention of Articles XI and XIII of the General Agreement, and hence deny to affected United States exporters the benefits of the General Agreement. Furthermore, it considers that certain of these restrictions impair or nullify, within the meaning of Article XXIII, tariff concessions negotiated between the United States and the United Kingdom.

The products in question are subject to quantitative restrictions on being imported into the United Kingdom from the United States and certain other "dollar area" countries. Our list indicates those on which the United Kingdom has given tariff concessions to the United States.

The restrictions complained of have been carried forward from the period prior to 1960, when the United Kingdom ceased to supply import restrictions for balance-of-payments reasons. Since 1960 the Government of the United States has made numerous representations to the Government of the United Kingdom, including Article XXII consultations in 1963 seeking the elimination of remaining import restrictions.

The United States Government considers that these restrictions are among those applied in contravention of provisions of the General Agreement. Accordingly, the United States Government made written representations to the Government of the United Kingdom on 14 January 1972, pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 1 of

Article XXIII, requesting the elimination of these restrictions. On 17 August 1972, the United States modified its request, to one that a timetable be established for the elimination of these restrictions well before 31 January 1975. Satisfactory adjustment of the problem was not reached as a result of the written representations.

Accordingly the United States Government is requesting that the CONTRACTING PARTIES consider this matter pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article XXIII, and that they make appropriate findings and recommendations under the General Agreement.

List of Products Subject to Quantitative Restrictions

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| ex 08.01 | Bananas  |
| ex 08.02 | Grapefruit, fresh  |
| ex 08.10 | Grapefruit (whether or not cooked), preserved by freezing, not containing added sugar (bound duty free to United States)                         |
| ex 20.03 | Grapefruit, preserved by freezing, containing added sugar  |
| ex 20.06 | Grapefruit, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or spirit (bound duty free to the United States)              |
| ex 20.07 | Grapefruit juice and orange juice other than unpasteurized frozen orange and grapefruit juice concentrate (bound duty free to the United States) |
| ex 22.09 | Rum  |
| ex 24.02 | Cigars   |