

On January 1, 1961, Belgium removed 32 items covered by its GATT waiver from quantitative import restriction and later scheduled another 12 for removal on January 1, 1962. Imports of vegetables and fruits for industry, which represent the greater part of imports in these sectors, had previously been liberalized. Products still controlled include foals and foal flesh, certain vegetables and fruits for the trade (subject to seasonal controls), sugarbeets, and hops.

Belgium assesses special import license fees when certain agricultural commodities are imported from any country except Luxembourg. Commodities involved include some animals, certain meats and meat products, a few dairy products, grains and milled products, and fodders. After having been successively increased over a period of years these licensing fees were lowered in several stages during the latter part of 1961.

As a member of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC), Belgium maintains separate quotas on imports of coal from Community and non-Community countries. Although the 1961 Belgian coal quota authorized by the ECSC of 620,000 metric tons, applicable to third countries, was increased for 1962 to 640,000 metric tons, access to Belgium for U.S. coal continues to be quite restricted.

Luxembourg employs quantitative import restrictions on a number of agricultural and food products under a GATT waiver including meat animals, meat and meat preparations, some dairy products, potatoes, apples, wheat and rye and their milled products, macaroni, spaghetti and other pastes, and ordinary bakers' products. Few, if any, of the items under the waiver have been liberalized although there have been indications of a willingness to liberalize eggs not in the shell, macaroni, spaghetti and other pastes and to consider removing restrictions on some other products. Luxembourg has, in general, taken the position that because of its size and its agricultural problems, it could only remove the restrictions upon the establishment of a common agricultural policy within the EEC.

BELGIAN IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

Tariff item No.	Description of products
ex 01.01.....	Foals for slaughter; foals other.
ex 02.01.....	Foal flesh, fresh or chilled.
ex 03.01.....	Certain fresh sea fish.
ex 06.03.....	Cut flowers and flower buds for bouquets or ornamental purposes, fresh.
ex 07.01.....	Various fresh vegetables.
ex 08.04.....	Fresh grapes.
ex 08.06A.....	Fresh apples from July 16 to Mar. 15.
ex 08.06B.....	Fresh pears from July 16 to Feb. 15.
ex 08.07B.....	Fresh peaches, including nectarines and free-stone peaches from Aug. 1 to Sept. 9.
ex 08.07C1.....	Fresh cherries and morello cherries from June 1 to July 15.
ex 08.07D1.....	Plums from July 16 to Sept. 15.
ex 08.08A1.....	Strawberries from June 1 to June 30.
10.01.....	Wheat and muslin.
ex 10.03.....	Barley.
ex 10.04.....	Oats.
ex 11.01.....	Wheat flour for human consumption, muslin flour.
ex 11.02.....	Cereal groats and cereal meal, semolina.
ex 12.04.....	Sugar beet, whole or sliced, fresh, dried or powdered.
12.05.....	Chicory roots, fresh or dried, whole or cut, unroasted.
12.06.....	Hops, cones and lupulin.
ex 15.01.....	Lard and other rendered pig fat, rendered poultry fat.
ex 15.03 ex b.....	Lard stearin, not emulsified.
ex 15.07.....	Castor oil, fluid or solid, crude, refined or purified.
ex 15.08.....	Castor oil, dehydrated.
ex 15.10.....	Fatty acids, excluding fatty acids from tall oil.
15.13.....	Margarine, imitation lard, and other prepared edible fats.
ex 16.05.....	Shrimp, cooked and prepared, but not preserved.
17.01.....	Beet sugar and cane sugar, solid.
ex 17.02.....	Syrups, liquid sugar sucrose.

INDUSTRIAL SECTOR ¹

25.01.....	Coal and agglomerates of coal.
ex 29.44.....	Penicillin, salts, and preparations.
ex 30.13.....	Medicaments (including veterinary medicaments) containing penicillin and its salts.
j31.02.....	Mineral or chemical fertilizers, nitrogenous.

¹ Quotas have been established for most of the above items, which are subject to quantitative import restrictions. Belgium has import licensing requirements for a number of additional products; licenses are issued automatically for these products and without quantitative restrictions.

Note: Liberalized to ECSC countries.