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Product	Type of Restriction	Remarks
<u>Valuation and Taxes (cont'd)</u>		
Whiskey and other grain spirits	Excise taxes	Tax falls more heavily on whiskey than on brandy.
<u>Government Procurement</u>		
All products purchased for public account	Administrative practices, not codified	Procurement offices may administratively stipulate French suppliers for purchase of current supplies, and materials for public works projects; regulations of a "social" character provide for domestic preferences.
<u>Health, Sanitary and Safety Regulations</u>		
Pharmaceutical products	Pharmaceutical regulations. (With a few exceptions, a "visa"-required before distribution of pharmaceutical specialties packaged for retail sale is permitted--is not granted for imported products.)	Regulations are primarily designed to protect public health, but also serve to protect the domestic industry.
<u>Other Restrictions</u>		
Cigarettes and other manufactured tobacco	State Monopoly	Following move toward CXT, retail prices of U.S. cigarettes have been increased proportionately more than on comparable domestic brands. This action contravenes undertaking on pricing which U.S. obtained from France in 1947.
Coal	State trading	
Paper for periodicals (paper in general is liberalized)	State trading	