

TABLE 2

BELGIUM-LUXEMBOURG

Product	Type of Restriction	Estimated Impact on U.S. Trade	Trade Agreement Status	Remarks
<u>Non-Agricultural Quantitative Restrictions</u>				
Coking Coal	Quota, imports are licensed. 1967 quota for U.S. 807,000 metric tons	Severe, 1966 imports from U.S. \$20.6 million (includes an estimated \$6-7 million of non-quota coal for processing) Est. imports if removed - \$40 million	Illegal, GATT binding in KR	Reduction of coal quota result of deterioration in Belgian coal industry. 1966 quota, 1,185,000 metric tons. Steel slowdown and improved efficiency resulted in lower requirements. Easing of restrictions could be expected if steel production and economy show upturn
<u>Valuation and Taxes</u>				
All imported goods	Transmission tax or lump-sum tax - generally 7% but may vary on certain commodities from 1% to 15%	Significant, 1966 imports from U.S. \$569 million (includes items subject to luxury tax)	Legal ^{2/} and negotiable	Turnover tax is same on both domestic and imported goods. A number of imported goods are subject to higher rates due to imposition of additional charge (majoration) to compensate for taxes assessed on the like domestic product during manufacture. A 17%, 18% or 20% luxury tax is levied on some goods in place of transmissions tax depending on time of collection - at port or consumer sale. Taxes are levied on landed duty-paid value.

1/ The foreign trade of Belgium is combined with that of Luxembourg within the framework of the Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union. Yet, while the 2 countries have a common system of foreign trade controls, they also maintain separate regulations which are applied only domestically. Items applicable to both countries are marked herein with the symbol, BLEU.

2/ There are some features of the majoration tax which may conflict with the terms of the GATT.