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CIVIL SEABORNE IMPORT REQUIREMENTS IN
TIME OF WAR

Note by the Secretary

1. The Working Group on Civil Seaborne Import Requirements in Time of War has prepared a questionnaire in accordance with the recommendations in paragraph 8 of the Interim Report (FEB-D(51)44 Final).
2. Delegations will find attached a report by the Working Group introducing the questionnaire together with a draft cover note.

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REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY

1. The Working Party on Civil Seaborn Import Requirements in Time of War is now in a position to suggest action in accordance with paragraphs 6 to 8 of its interim Report (FEB-D(51)44 Final). A questionnaire and a covering note to all N.A.T.O. Governments are submitted to the F.E.B. for their approval. In preparing these documents the Working Party has had the help of experts associated with the previous P.B.O.S. examination (GT/2-D(51)3) and of a representative of the General Statistical Office of N.A.T.O.
2. It will be noted that the questionnaire asks for (A) an early reply, if possible within one month, to the request for total figures of imports of selected commodity groups for the calendar year 1950; and (B) for supplementary information about the same commodity groups showing sources of imports by countries and areas for 1950. It is thus hoped within two or three months to have a picture of seaborne imports in total and by commodity groups for the greater part of the world.
3. This enquiry will be followed up, as indicated in the questionnaire, by a request for similar information for the calendar year 1951. One of the main reasons for proceeding in two stages is that for many countries in the world outside N.A.T.O. the latest available figures relate to the year 1950.
4. The Working Party proposes that the questionnaire and the covering note should be sent to all N.A.T.O. Governments; arrangements will be made through the Secretariat to cover the rest of the world through the good offices of particular N.A.T.O. Governments. Countries with overseas dependent territories will be asked to supply the required information on their behalf.
5. The Working Party suggests to the F.E.B. that, if possible, suitable arrangements should be made for Greece and Turkey to be associated with this study and to be asked to fill up the questionnaire for their countries.

Draft Cover Note

1. The attention of the Delegations is drawn to the interim Report from the F.E.B. to the Council Deputies on problems raised in the Council of Deputies' Resolution D-D(51)135(Final) on Civilian Seaborne Import Requirements in Time of War (FEB-D(51)44 Final) which was approved by the Council of Deputies at their meeting on the 10th of October.
2. It will be seen from paragraph 8a of this report that it was recommended as a starting point that all NATO Governments should be asked to supply "actual imports by volume for a reference year to be agreed (preferably the most recent 12 months period)".
3. The F.E.B. have now approved the attached questionnaire to be sent to all member Governments. The attention of the Delegations is specially drawn to the recommendations in paragraphs 3 and 4 that the figures for total imports of the selected commodity groups for the calendar year 1950 should be supplied at an early date, if possible within one month from the receipt of this document.
4. As for the paragraph 8b requesting Governments to submit supplementary information and necessary explanations relating to 1952/53, it will be noticed that for this purpose it is assumed that certain sources of supply would be no longer available, i.e. according to hypothesis "A", countries behind the Iron curtain and areas within the Baltic. In this connection it would be helpful if Governments would supply at an early date, if possible within one month, particulars of their imports from these countries both in total and for the selected commodity groups.
5. Turning to paragraph 8c, it seems clear that if the greatest value is to be obtained from this study, it will be necessary for similar information to be obtained for other countries not included in NATO. It has therefore been agreed to invite NATO Governments to cooperate in collating this information from published sources rather than to address the questionnaire to non-NATO Governments. Each NATO Government is invited to supply data for dependent overseas territories, if any. Some NATO countries, including U.S.A. and U.K. have offered to supply data for other countries.

It is hoped that a special effort will be made to forward the summary data as at "A" in the questionnaire with the least possible delay.

QUESTIONNAIRE

ACTUAL IMPORTS IN REFERENCE YEAR

1. Statistics are requested of the weight of merchandise imported (as recorded in, or estimated from National Trade Statistics), (A) for total imports for selected commodity groups and for all commodities distinguishing seaborne imports (Table I) and (B) for individual groups showing the sources of import by countries and areas (Tables 2 to 20).
2. In order to secure comparability between statistics of reporting countries, the selected commodity groups are defined by their code numbers in the Standard International Trade Classification (Ref. Statistical Papers, Series M.10, of the United Nations Statistical Office).
3. Figures should relate in the first instance to the calendar year 1950.
4. It is asked that the total figures, referred to at "A" above, should be supplied at an early date, if possible within one month; and that the detailed figures showing sources of imports, as at "B" above, should follow as soon as they can be completed.
5. Summary figures for 1951, as at "A" above, are also desired as soon as they can be supplied. Detailed figures, as at "B", will probably be requested later.
6. The countries and areas to be shown as sources of imports, are defined in Annex A. Subdivisions of the defined areas may be made when they would appear to facilitate the segregation at a later stage of goods carried in short sea trades.
7. Reporting countries are invited to draw attention to any case where imports of a selected commodity were abnormal in the period covered.
8. Statistics should relate to imports by all modes of transport (sea, land, river, canal, air, etc.); an additional column is provided in which reporting countries are asked to add figures of seaborne imports only in the case of commodities for which such imports were appreciable. Seaborne imports include all imported commodities (except goods in transit) which have been conveyed, at least in part, by a sea-going vessel (1).

(1) A vessel is said to be sea-going if part at least of his voyage while carrying the goods in question is by sea (Definition of Statistical Office of the United Nations - Monthly Bulletin of Statistics - 1950 - Supplement).

9. All direct transit and transshipment trade should be excluded. Where the imports figures given in reply to this questions include for any of the selected commodities substantial quantities which have been imported for subsequent re-export, countries are asked to state the weight of the commodity re-exported in the reference year.

10. Ships delivered afloat and aircraft delivered by air, should be excluded from the statistics. The following items should also, if possible, be excluded in accordance with the usual procedure in furnishing statistics for international purposes:

- (a) Bunker fuel, ballast and ships stores.
- (b) Catch when carried in original fishing vessel.
- (c) Bullion and specie.
- (d) Passengers' baggage.
- (e) Mail.

11. The weight given should be so far as possible net of outer packaging, i.e. as normally recorded by countries in their trade statistics.

12. In cases where non weight measures are converted into metric tons, the conversion factors should be stated.

WEIGHT OF GOODS IMPORTED

Period:.....

Reporting country

Thousand Metric Tons

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S.I.T.C. Code N ^o		Imports	
		By all modes of transport	Seaborne
Group 011	Meat fresh, chilled or frozen		
Groups 041 to 047	Cereals		
Items 061/01 & 02	Sugar (beet and cane, refined and unrefined)		
Item 081/03	Oil seed cake and meal and other vegetable oil residues		
Group 211	Hides and skins (except fur skins), undressed		
Division 22	Oil seeds, oil nuts and oil kernels		
Groups 242 & 243	Timber		
Items 251/02 to 04	Mechanical & chemical woodpulp		
Groups 262 & 263	Cotton and wool (including other animal hair)		
Groups 271 & 561	Fertilisers, crude & manufactured		
Items 272/06	Sulphur		
Item 272/19 (Part)	Pyrites		
Group 281	Iron ore and concentrates		
Group 282	Iron and steel scrap		
Group 283	Other miscellaneous ores		
Group 311	Coal, coke and briquettes		
Group 312 & Items 313/01 to 03	Mineral fuel oils, crude and manufactured		
Group 681	Iron and steel		
Groups 682 to 689	Non-ferrous metals		
	Total of above		
	Total all commodities (1)		

(1) Approximate estimates will be sufficient.

A N N E X A

MAIN HEADINGS FOR WHICH STATISTICS SHOULD BE GIVEN SEPARATELY

1. North and Central American Area
 - Canada
 - United States of America (including Alaska, Hawaiian Islands, Puerto Rico & Aleutians)
 - Other North and Central America (see page 3)
2. South America (see page 3)
3. Western Europe
 - Italy (including Sardinia) & Trieste
 - France (including Corsica & Monaco)
 - Switzerland (including Liechtenstein)
 - Spain (including Balearic Isles)
 - Portugal (including Madeira & Azores)
 - Belgium - Luxembourg
 - Netherlands
 - Germany (West)
 - Austria
 - United Kingdom & Channel Islands
 - Irish Republic
 - Iceland
 - Other Western Europe (see page 3)
4. Scandinavia
 - Denmark (including Faeroes & Greenland)
 - Norway (including Spitzbergen)
 - Sweden
5. North African Coast, East Mediterranean, Aegean, and Red Sea
 - Greece (including Crete & Dodecanese)
 - Turkey
 - Other North African Coast, East Mediterranean, Aegean and Red Sea (see page 3)
6. West African Coast (see page 4)
7. South and East African Coasts (see page 4)
8. Eastern Europe
 - Finland
 - Yugoslavia
 - Other Eastern Europe (see page 4)
9. North shore, Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf (see page 5)

DEFINITION OF HEADINGS

1. 'Other North and Central America'
 - Mexico
 - Honduras British
 - Guatemala
 - Honduras
 - Salvador
 - Nicaragua
 - Costa-Rica
 - Panama
 - Bermuda
 - Cuba
 - Haiti
 - Dominican Republic
 - Other islands in the West Indian Archipelago

2. 'South America'
 - Colombia
 - Venezuela
 - Guiana British
 - Surinam
 - Guiana French
 - Ecuador
 - Peru
 - Brazil
 - Bolivia
 - Paraguay
 - Uruguay
 - Chile
 - Argentine
 - Flakland Islands

} Included in North and Central America on loading area map.

3. 'Other Western Europe'
 - Gibraltar
 - Malta and Gozo

5. 'Other North African Coast, East Mediterranean, Aegean and Red Sea'
 - Tangier
 - Morocco Spanish
 - Morocco French
 - Algeria
 - Tunisia
 - Libya
 - Egypt
 - Anglo-Egyptian Sudan
 - Eritrea
 - Yemen
 - Saudi Arabia
 - Israel
 - Jordan
 - Lebanon
 - Syria
 - Cyprus

10. Far East (except China Coast and North East Asia)
 - Japan
 - Other Far East (see page 5)
11. China Coast and North East Asia
 - China (excluding Formosa)
 - Hong Kong
 - Other China Coast and North East Asia (see page 5)
12. Australasia (see page 5)

6. 'West African Coast'

Rio de Oro
Gambia
Portuguese Guinea
Sierra Leone
Liberia
Gold Coast
Nigeria
French Guinea
Ivory Coast
Dahomey
Other French West Africa
French Equatorial Africa
Belgian Congo
Angola
Canary Islands
Cape Verde Islands

7. 'South and East African Coasts'

South West Africa
Union of South Africa
Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland
Mozambique
Southern Rhodesia
Northern Rhodesia
Nyasaland
Tanganyika
Kenya/Uganda
Somaliland Italian
" British
" French
Ethiopia (Abyssinia)
Madagascar
Comoro Islands
Zanzibar and Pemba
Socotra
Seychelles Islands
Mauritius
Reunion

8. 'Other Eastern Europe'

Poland
Eastern Germany
Czechoslovakia
Hungary
Albania
Bulgaria
Rumania
U.S.S.R.

9. 'North Shore Indian Ocean and Persian Gulf'
- Aden
 - Persian Gulf Sheikdoms
 - Oman and Muscat
 - Trucial Oman
 - Quatar
 - Bahreïn
 - Kumit
 - Iraq
 - Iran
 - Afghanistan
 - Pakistan
 - India (including Andaman and Nicobar Islands)
 - Ceylon
 - Burma
10. 'Other Far East (except China Coast and North East Asia)
- Siam (Thailand)
 - Malaya (including Singapore)
 - Indonesia
 - Netherlands New Guinea
 - New Guinea Trusteeship of Australia
 - Papua and Nauru
 - North Borneo
 - Sarawak
 - Brunei
 - Philippines
 - Formosa
 - Indo-China
 - South Korea
 - Bismark Islands
 - Caroline Islands
 - Marshall Islands
 - Marianas Islands
 - Gilbert and Ellis Islands
 - Solomon Islands
 - Ryukyu Islands
11. 'Other China Coast and North East Asia'
- China (including Manchuria and Dairen)
 - Mongolia
 - North Korea
 - U.S.S.R. in Asia
 - Kurile Islands
12. 'Australasia'
- Australia
 - New Zealand
 - New Hebrides
 - New Calodonia
 - Fiji
 - Tonga
 - Other Islands in Australasia