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MEMORANDUM BY THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION

INTERPRETATION OF ITEMS 1544 AND 1560 SILICON DIODES

To facilitate discussion of document 3715.44/4 on May 23rd 1960 the Netherlands authorities draw the attention of the Committee to the fact that the silicon diodes, excluded from embargo and therefore free for export, are exempted under the definition of Item 1544. However, the general description of Item 1560: "Electronic components etc..." covers the diodes excluded from embargo under Item 1544.

A redefinition of Item 1560 is not considered desirable by the Netherlands authorities as the present definition corresponds entirely to the actual embargo requirements.

A further detailed general description of the diodes excluded from embargo is not necessary either, as these diodes are already exempted under the definition of Item 1544.

Therefore, in order to prevent any confusion in interpreting Item 1544 and 1560, the Netherlands experts merely suggest that the following note be added to Item 1544:

"silicon diodes, not covered by b(1), b(3) or c(1) of this item will not be considered to fall under the definition of Item 1560(a)".

They also suggest that the following be added to Item 1560:

"For coverage of silicon diodes see also note to Item 1544".

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