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The Legation of the United States of America has just been advised by the Department of State that, by act of the President, Switzerland has been declared eligible to purchase military equipment and supplies from the United States under Section 408 (E) of the Mutual Defense and Assistance Act of 1949. The Federal Political Department will understand, of course, that Swiss requests will have to be studied in the light of availabilities of equipment and possible priorities of the United States and NATO defense programs.

There are several requirements under the Mutual Defense and Assistance Act which a recipient country must fulfill:

(1) The security of information or of any article furnished under the Act must be protected by the recipient;

(2) A recipient must not relinquish possession or title of equipment or information without the consent of the United States Government;

(3) Equipment obtained is required solely to maintain international security, legitimate self-defense, or

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to participate in the defense of an area of which the recipient is a part. The recipient must not undertake any act of aggression;

(4) The recipient must be prepared to accept conditions of payment called for in Section 408 (E);

(5) Prior to the transfer of any item, the United States reserves the right to terminate the transaction.

Bern, January 11, 1952.

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