NEW DOCUMENTS SYMBOLS AND DISTRIBUTION

Symbols

As from 1 March 1952, a new system of symbols for GATT documents will be used. Under the new system, which is being introduced in an effort to simplify their numbering and distribution, documents will be classified as follows:

**G/**
- Documents, including those pertaining to sessions, to which it is intended to give an ordinary distribution will go in a general series under this symbol, beginning with G/1.

**L/**
- Documents pertaining to balance-of-payment matters, Article XVIII, certain tariff matters, and purely internal affairs such as the budget, as well as any other documents to which it is necessary to give a more limited distribution will be issued under this symbol, beginning with L/1.

**SR.7/**
- Summary records of the meetings of the Contracting Parties will be numbered separately for each session under this symbol, the number indicating the ordinal number of the session.

**IC/SR/**
- Summary records for the Intersessional Committee will carry the symbol IC/SR/- continuing the old serial number.

**W.7/**
- Working papers will also be numbered separately for each session of the Contracting Parties. Those pertaining to the Intersessional Committee will carry the symbol IC/W/, those to intersessional working parties will continue to carry the symbols IW.1/-, IW.2/-, etc.

**SECRET/**
- Secret documents will continue the present serial numbering but the symbol will be SECRET/- instead of SECRET/CP/-.

Distribution

Documents in the G/- series will be distributed to:

(a) contracting parties and acceding governments,
(b) a number of other governments which have requested GATT documents,
(c) International Monetary Fund and certain other intergovernmental organizations.
For documents in series L/-, SR/-, IC/SR/-, distribution will be to:

(a) contracting parties and acceding governments;
(b) International Monetary Fund and certain other intergovernmental organizations.

Working papers will be given a very limited distribution to be determined from time to time, and as a rule will not be available after the period of their usefulness.

The present procedure regarding distribution of "secret" documents will be continued.

As from March 1, 1952, the old GATT/CP/- series and the sessional series will be closed and ordinary documents will be issued in the two series G/- and L/-, representing the documents for general and limited distribution respectively. (The old GATT/CP/- symbol will not be further used except for any necessary addenda or corrigenda.)

THE LAST NUMBER IS GATT/CP/345.

Note

All GATT documents are "restricted" when issued and are therefore treated as confidential for the exclusive use of the governments and agencies on the distribution list. When they are derestricted, either under the normal procedure or by special decision, no additional distribution is normally made by the Secretariat but they are available upon request.

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1 SR, including IC/SR, documents will also go, however, to countries which regularly send observers to the sessions, such as Mexico, Switzerland, etc.