SINGAPORE BECOMES A MEMBER OF GATT

Singapore has become a contracting party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Singapore became independent in August 1965 and has since applied the GATT rules in its trade on a de facto basis. Having now decided to seek full GATT membership, it has been able, through a simple declaration to this effect, to become a contracting party under Article XXVI of the General Agreement.

The accession of Singapore will bring the total of GATT members to 83. In addition, two countries have acceded provisionally to GATT, and 14 in practice apply the rules of GATT in their commercial policy.