Press Release

COMMUNIQUÉ DE PRESSE

SURINAM BECOMES A MEMBER OF GATT

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

Surinam became independent on 25 November 1975 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 Surinam brings the total of GATT members to 84. In addition, three countries have acceded provisionally to GATT, and 24 in practice apply the rules of GATT in their commercial policy.

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