PUBLICATION OF TOKYO ROUND TARIFF SCHEDULES

Schedules of Concessions, setting out in full detail tariff-cutting commitments made by 16 countries and the European Communities during the Tokyo Round of multilateral trade negotiations, are now available from the GATT secretariat.

The publication, entitled "Geneva (1979) Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade", consists of four volumes. They total 3670 pages and weigh some 5½ kgs. For each of the thousands of industrial and agricultural products listed, the Schedules give the tariff item number, an exact description of the product, and the new customs duty rate resulting from concessions made in the Tokyo Round.

The four volumes contain the following legal instruments:

Schedules of Concessions: Canada, Czechoslovakia, New Zealand, Norway, South Africa.


Volume III: Schedules of Concessions: Austria, Japan, Spain, Yugoslavia, Switzerland.

Volume IV: Schedules of Concessions: Iceland, Argentina, Jamaica, Romania, Hungary, European Communities.

"Geneva (1979) Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade" is available only from the GATT secretariat, Centre William Rappard, 154 rue de Lausanne, 1211 Geneva 21, Switzerland.

The price of the full set of four volumes is Swiss Francs 200.- or US$120.-. The price for each single volume is Swiss Francs 50.- or US$30.-.

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The Schedules are published either in English or French, except for Canada and the European Communities (in English and French); Spain (in Spanish); and Argentina (in English and Spanish).

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By accepting the Protocol, and by annexing to it their Schedules of Concessions, Tokyo Round participating countries make their tariff-cutting commitments legally binding within the GATT. The concessions, agreed upon in nearly six years of government-to-government negotiations from 1973 to 1979, will reduce tariffs on thousands of industrial and agricultural products through reductions beginning for the most part on 1 January 1980. (For further details, see press release GATT/1241 of 11 July 1979, the date on which the Protocol was opened for acceptance.)

It is possible that some of the above-listed countries will make further tariff concessions which would be annexed to a Supplementary Protocol later this year. Other participants, including a number of developing countries, are making tariff-cutting commitments which will also be finalized in Schedules of Concessions to be attached to the Supplementary Protocol.

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