GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Renegotiation of certain Indian Tariff Concessions completed

In 1953 the Government of India requested renegotiation of a limited number of tariff concessions made by India in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade in the 1947 (Geneva) and 1951 (Torquay) tariff negotiations.

The GATT Intersessional Committee agreed to this renegotiation, in accordance with the understanding reached by the Contracting Parties at their Eighth Session in October 1953, that they would give sympathetic consideration to such requests. Negotiations between the representatives of India and the representatives of the contracting parties with which the concessions had been initially negotiated, and of other contracting parties having a substantial interest, were held at Geneva, April - June 1954.

The results of the negotiations which may now be brought into force by the Government of India, are as follows:

(a) The following item is withdrawn from India's schedule

i.e. the Government of India is free to modify the rate of duty:

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<th>Tariff No 22(3)</th>
<th>Wines, not containing more than 42% of proof spirit:</th>
<th>Current Rate of Duty</th>
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<td>(a) Champagne and other sparkling Wines</td>
<td>Rs. 16/8/- per Imperial gallon</td>
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<td>(b) Other sorts</td>
<td>Rs. 9/8/- per Imperial gallon</td>
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(This item was renegotiated with France.)

(b) Concessions on which the bound rates of duty are increased

i.e. items which remain bound in India's schedule, but at higher rates of duty:

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<th>Tariff No 30(13)</th>
<th>Dyes derived from Coal tar, the following, namely:</th>
<th>Old rate</th>
<th>New rate</th>
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<td>Alizarine moist exceeding 20%</td>
<td>12% ad</td>
<td>20% ad</td>
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<td>Alizarine red, Azo dyes, Sulphur black, Sulphur dyes of other colours, Ultrazols and vats, powder</td>
<td>valorem</td>
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This item was renegotiated with Czechoslovakia and the Federal Republic of Germany.

Tariff No 60(4) Glass Beads and False Pearls

Old rate New rate
50% ad 100% ad
valorem valorem

This item was renegotiated with Czechoslovakia.

Tariff No 71(10) Safety Razor Blades

Old rate New rate
30% ad 40% ad
valorem valorem
or -/3/- annas per dozen, whichever is higher

This item was renegotiated with the United States.

(c) New concessions granted as compensation

The following items have been added to India’s GATT schedule:

Tariff No 19(1) Milk Foods for Infants and Invalids

Old rate New rate
17 1/2% ad 20% ad
valorem valorem

28(27) Antibiotics

31 1/4% ad valorem

Ex 39(1) Tyres with metallic framework

Ex 63(30) High-speed alloy or special steel used in the manufacture of small tools, the following:

(a) High-speed steel containing more than 13% Tungsten

(b) Special alloy steel containing any of the following:

(i) 0.40% or more of Chromium or Nickel

(ii) 0.10% or more of Molybdenum, Tungsten or Vanadium

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Ex 73 Electric Hearing Aids 30% ad valorem

Ex 87 Raw materials for the Plastic Industry, the following:

(a) Styrene

(b) Cellulose Plastic, excepting Cellulose Acetate 25% ad valorem

(c) Vinyl Resins

Note: Of the above items granted as concessions, Tariff Numbers 19(1), 28(27) and Ex 39(1) are bound at their existing rates against increase of duty; Tariff Numbers Ex 63(30), Ex 73 and Ex 87 are reduced from their current rates of duty and are bound against increase.

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