SIERRA LEONE BECOMES A CONTRACTING PARTY TO GATT

On 27 April 1961 Sierra Leone became independent and acquired full autonomy in the conduct of its external commercial relations. The Government of Sierra Leone informed the Executive Secretary that Sierra Leone wishes to be deemed to be a contracting party to GATT, in conformity with paragraph 5(c) of Article XXVI. In accordance with the terms of this provision the United Kingdom established that Sierra Leone is qualified to become a contracting party.

In the light of the communications received from Sierra Leone and the United Kingdom which hitherto applied the Agreement to Sierra Leone, this country is deemed, as from 27 April 1961, to be a contracting party to the General Agreement.

Sierra Leone is the thirty-ninth country to become a contracting party to GATT.

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