The Measures Relating to Synthetic Organic 
Dyestuffs and Radio Electric Sets Notified by Italy

1. Working Party "A" on Article XVIII was appointed at the second 
meeting of this Session and was instructed "to examine the measures 
notified by Denmark, Haiti and Italy in accordance with the provisions 
of Article XVIII and to report thereon to the Contracting Parties". 
Pursuant to these terms of reference, the Working Party has submitted 
two interim reports, one concerning the measures notified by Denmark and 
Haiti (GATT/CP.5/25) and the other on the measure notified by Italy 
relating to the tax on the manufacture of seed oil (GATT/CP.5/29). The 
present report deals with the residual items in the notification by Italy, 
thus concluding the work of the Working Party.

2. In a preliminary discussion of the notification that had been made 
by Italy under Article XVIII of the measures relating to radio equipment 
and dyestuffs, the members of the Working Party expressed the opinion that 
the information supplied by Italy in support of these applications was not 
sufficient to permit a favourable decision by the Working Party.

3. Subsequently, the representative of Italy withdrew the application 
of Italy for release under Article XVIII relating to these measures. He 
maintained that, in any case, for the time being, the measures were being 
enforced for balance of payments reasons, but he indicated that Italy 
might later exercise its right to resubmit the application, with additional 
information, for a release in the terms of Article XVIII. Consequently, 
the Working Party considered it unnecessary to ask the Italian representative 
for further information concerning the measures or to consider further their 
eligibility under Article XVIII.

4. As a result of this withdrawal, the Decision taken by the Contracting 
Parties on 13 August, 1949, permitting the Italian Government to maintain 
the notified measures relating to radio equipment pending a decision under 
Article XVIII, is no longer applicable in the case of these measures.