Tariff Negotiations

1950 TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS

1. Participating governments

According to advice received to date, five governments will participate in the tariff negotiations, commencing on 23 September 1950, in addition to the governments which are now contracting parties and those which are expected to accede to the Agreement as a result of the negotiations held in Annecy in 1949. Thus it is expected that the following governments will participate in the negotiations:

(a) New Acceding Governments*

Austria
Guatemala
Peru

(b) Contracting Parties

Australia,
Belgium, Luxemburg, Netherlands
Brazil
Burma
Canada
Ceylon
Chile
China
Cuba
Czechoslovakia

(c) Annecy Acceding Governments

Denmark
Dominican Republic
Finland
Greece
Haiti

Philippines
Turkey

France
India
Lebanon
New Zealand
Norway
Pakistan
Southern Rhodesia
Syria
Union of South Africa
United Kingdom
United States

Italy
Liberia
Nicaragua
Sweden
Uruguay

* In paragraph 4 of this document will be found a report on the replies received to the enquiries addressed to other governments.
Immediate Action required

In accordance with Section IV of the Memorandum on Tariff Negotiations (GATT/CP/43), the participating governments are requested to take the following action without delay:

a) New Accessing Governments

As the new acceding governments will negotiate with contracting parties, with Annecy acceding governments and with other new acceding governments, the following action should be taken immediately:

(i) Three copies of the current customs tariff, as well as details of other import charges or taxes should be forwarded to each participating government and to the ICITO Secretariat, Palais des Nations, Geneva.

(ii) One copy (if possible three copies) of the annual import trade statistics for post-war years as well as of pre-war statistics, as defined in Section IV of the Memorandum, should be forwarded to each participating government and to the ICITO Secretariat.

(iii) A telegram should be sent to each participating government and to the Secretariat indicating the particulars of the documents despatched, as well as the date and method of despatch.

b) Contracting Parties

The contracting parties, in addition to negotiating with the new acceding governments, will have the opportunity of completing negotiations not terminated at Geneva or Annecy and of entering into new negotiations with other contracting parties and with Annecy acceding governments for new or additional tariff concessions.

To prepare for these negotiations each contracting party should immediately:
(i) forward to each new acceding government three copies of its current customs tariff, as well as details of other import charges or taxes, and one copy (if possible three copies) of its pre-war and post-war import trade statistics.

(ii) forward to the other contracting parties, to the Annecy acceding governments and to the ICITO Secretariat, details of amendments to the customs tariff already forwarded in 1947 or 1949 and copies of any recent trade statistics that may be available.

(iii) A telegram should be sent to each participating government and to the Secretariat indicating the particulars of the documents despatched, as well as the date and method of despatch.

c) Annecy Acceding Governments

The Annecy acceding governments, in addition to negotiations with new acceding governments, will have the opportunity of completing bilateral negotiations not terminated at Annecy and of entering into new negotiations with present contracting parties and other Annecy acceding governments for new or additional tariff concessions.

To prepare for these negotiations each Annecy acceding government should immediately:

(i) forward to each new acceding government three copies of its current customs tariff, as well as details of other import charges or taxes, and one copy (if possible three copies) of its pre-war and post-war import trade statistics.

(ii) forward to the other Annecy acceding governments, to the contracting parties and to the ICITO Secretariat, details of amendments to the customs tariff already forwarded in 1947, and copies of any recent trade statistics that may be available.
(iii) A telegram should be sent to each participating government and to the Secretariat indicating the particulars of the documents despatched, as well as the date and method of despatch.

3. Further Action required

a) Not later than 15 January 1950, each participating government is required to transmit:

(i) To each other participating government with which it wishes to negotiate a list of products on which it intends to request concessions. (Governments may use for that transmission the model contained in Annex A; it is not necessary at that stage to indicate the actual concessions which will be requested from the other governments.)

(ii) 45 copies of each list to the ICITO Secretariat, for circulation to other participating governments.

(iii) To the ICITO Secretariat, the name of the official or office to which the lists of products and lists of requests of other participating governments should be forwarded by the Secretariat.

b) Before 15 June 1950, each participating government is required to transmit:

(i) To each other participating government with which it wishes to negotiate a final list of the concessions requested. (Governments may use for that transmission the model contained in Annex B.)

(ii) 45 copies of each list to the ICITO Secretariat, for circulation to other participating governments.

The experience of the Geneva and Annecy negotiations has shown that it was essential to keep strictly to the time-table for the forwarding of the documents and of the lists of
products and requests, in order to enable all governments to prepare their lists of offers in advance of the opening day of the tariff meeting.

4. Report on Enquiries Addressed to other Governments

In addition to the five governments named in paragraph 1, which will participate in the negotiations, enquiries concerning participating were addressed to 24 governments with the following results:

a) Bolivia, El Salvador, Ireland, Israel, Panama, Switzerland and Venezuela replied that they are considering the matter.

b) No reply has been received from Afghanistan; Argentina, Costa Rica, Egypt, Hashemite Jordan Kingdom; Iran, Iraq, Mexico, Paraguay, Poland, Portugal and Western Germany.

c) The Government of Ecuador will at least send an observer and the Government of Korea has informed that it will send a representative. As it is not clear whether the latter intends to participate in the negotiations, more precise information is being requested.

d) Colombia, Iceland and Nepal have replied that they will not participate in the negotiations.
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LIST OF PRODUCTS

Products on which the Government of ... intends to request concessions from the Government of ...

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<th>Tariff Item No. (1)</th>
<th>Description of Products</th>
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(1) In addition the statistical number may be indicated.
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LIST OF REQUESTS

Tariff Concessions which the Government of ..., requests from the Government of ..., ...

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<th>Description of Products</th>
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<th>Proposed rate of duty (2)</th>
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(2) Specify the unit of measurement or "ad valorem".

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