The following note has been addressed to the Executive Secretary for circulation to Delegations:

"Several Delegations have asked to be informed regarding the customs regulations applicable to the import of goods into overseas French "Départements" (Guadeloupe - Guiana - Martinique and Reunion). The French Delegation wishes to state that the above-mentioned territories have been granted métropolitain status by virtue of Decrees 47-239* to 47-2393 inclusive of 27 December 1947.

"As a result, goods imported from abroad are generally subject to the provisions included in the métropolitain tariff although a very limited number of items are subject to duty rates provided for in the special tariffs of each of the territories in question. The rates of duty provided for in these special tariffs, however, are always lower than those included in the métropolitain tariff.

"The concessions granted by France on her métropolitain tariff during the Tariff Conferences of Geneva, Annecy and Torquay automatically apply to overseas French "Départements". The concessions granted on the special tariffs of those "Départements" in the course of the above-mentioned conference remain applicable."