GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES
Fifteenth Session

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RELEASES UNDER ARTICLE XVIII

Notifications by Ceylon

Decisions of 20 November 1959

CONSIDERING that the Government of Ceylon is eligible under paragraph 4(a) of Article XVIII to have recourse to the provisions and procedures set out in Section C of that Article;

CONSIDERING that the Government of Ceylon has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES pursuant to paragraph 14 of Article XVIII, of the special difficulties which it meets in the establishment or substantial expansion of particular industries and of its intention of applying the Industrial Products Act to the import of certain products in order to overcome these difficulties; and

CONSIDERING further that there is, in present circumstances, no measure consistent with the provisions of the General Agreement which is practicable in order to give the governmental assistance required to achieve the objective proposed consistently with the terms of paragraph 13 of Article XVIII,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting under paragraph 16 of Article XVIII,

CONCUR in the application by the Government of Ceylon of the Industrial Products Act No. 18 of 1949, as amended, to the products specified below subject to the terms and conditions laid down in this Decision; and

AGREE to release the Government of Ceylon from its obligations under the relevant provisions of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable it to apply the measures thus concurred in.

1. (a) Nails and screws, other than wire nails of iron and steel (Ex 699-07.02)

(b) Nails and screws, brass and alloys of copper (Ex 699-07.10)

The release in respect of the products specified above is valid for a period of five years, effective from the date on which it is first brought under regulation under the Industrial Products Act. For the purpose of issuing import licences under that Act, the standard ratio between the local products and the corresponding imported products shall not exceed the proportion of 7:1.
2. **Aluminium hollow-ware, domestic (699-14.01)**

The release in respect of the products specified above is valid for a period of three years from the date on which the product is first brought under regulation under the said Act. For the purpose of issuing import licences under that Act the standard ratio between the local products and the corresponding imported products shall not exceed the proportion of 5:1.

3. **Manufactures of artificial silk and synthetic fibres, including any admixture thereof, where the artificial silk is not less than 50 per cent by weight - n.e.s. - Sarees (841-05.03)**

The release in respect of the product specified above is granted under the same terms and conditions as laid down in Section 3 of the Decision of 22 November 1958; the effect of the present release will be that this product will be deemed to have been included in Section 3(a) of that Decision.