First Annual Report (Covering the Period 1 July 1960, to 31 December 1960) on the Use of the Waiver by the Union of South Africa.

1. The Government of the Union of South Africa is required to make an annual report on the use made of the partial waiver from the obligations of Article I of the General Agreement granted to it at the sixteenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

2. Since the waiver was granted, it has been invoked in connexion with changes in the most-favoured-nation rates of duty on the following commodities:

   (i) cotton belting duck weighing more than 10 ounces per square yard; and
   
   (ii) bedsheets and pillow-cases other than of calico, drill, twill, sateen or winter sheeting.

Details of the changes are set out in the annex to this report.

3. No request for consultations was received in respect of cotton belting duck.

4. A request for consultations in respect of bedsheets and pillow-cases was received from the Government of the United States but the consultations had not been concluded by the end of 1960.

5. Since the measures only came into operation recently, namely on 26 August 1960 and 30 September 1960, respectively, no subsequent statistics are available to indicate their effects on the imports of the Union of South Africa from all sources. The South African Government does not consider, however, that the commercial interests of any contracting party have been adversely affected to a material extent.

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ANNEX

I. Cotton belting duck weighing more than 10 ounces per square yard
(Reference number of secretariat notification: GATT/AIR/199(SECRET)
dated 22 July 1960)

Description of South African tariff
item 75(1) as on 1 July 1960

Canvas piece goods of more than 10 oz.
in weight per square yard whether or not
painted or surface coated -
(a) of cotton, flax or mixtures thereof,
without other fibres, or with other
fibres except rayon
15% ad valorem
(b) of rayon, with or without
other fibres
15% ad valorem
(c) other
Free

Description of South African tariff
item 75(1) as amended on 26 August 1960

Canvas piece goods of more than 10 oz.
in weight per square yard whether or not
painted or surface coated -
(a) of cotton, flax or mixtures thereof,
without other fibres or with other fibres
except rayon or cellulose acetate, but
excluding belting duck of cotton,
without other fibres
15% ad valorem
(b) of rayon or cellulose acetate with or
without other fibres
15% ad valorem
(c) belting duck of cotton with or without
other fibres
20% ad valorem
(d) other
Free

II. Bedsheets and pillow-cases other than of calico, drill, twill, sateen
or winter sheeting (Reference number of secretariat notification:
GATT/AIR/200(SECRET) dated 3 August 1960)

Description of South African tariff
item 73(1)(a)(xiii) as on 1 July 1960

Household linens including table cloths,
serviettes, bedsheets, pillow-cases and dusters -
(a) of calico, drill, twill or sateen
30% ad valorem
(b) winter sheets
25% ad valorem
(c) other
15% ad valorem
**Description of South African tariff item 73(1)(a)(xiii) as amended on 30 September 1960**

Household linens, including table cloths, serviettes, bedsheets, pillow-cases and dusters -

(a) bedsheets (excluding winter-sheets) and pillow-cases

(b) winter sheets

(c) other -
   (i) of calico, drill, twill or sateen
   (ii) of other material

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