CHILEAN IMPORT SURCHARGES

Extension of the Time-limit in the Decision
of 27 May 1959

Decision of 13 November 1962

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES by Decision of 27 May 1959 waived, subject to specified conditions, the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to allow the Government of Chile to maintain, as an emergency measure designed to overcome the existing threat to its monetary reserves and to ensure the success of its stabilization programme, certain surcharges additional to the import duties specified in Schedule VII annexed to the General Agreement;

Considering that one of the conditions of that Decision was that all surcharges maintained under it should be eliminated before 1 January 1961, but that the CONTRACTING PARTIES by Decisions of 18 November 1960 and 8 December 1961, agreed to extend this period until 1 January 1963;

Considering that the Government of Chile informed the CONTRACTING PARTIES that on 15 October 1962 important changes were made in the exchange system of Chile, involving recourse to a system of free exchange rates; that simultaneously modifications were made in the system of import surcharges; and that the Government of Chile requests that that Decision be extended for a further period of one year;

Considering that a careful and detailed examination of the continued maintenance of the import surcharges in the new situation is essential, but is not feasible within a short time;

Having therefore agreed (a) that the examination of the Chilean request for a further extension of the time-limit if the Decision of 27 May 1959 and the consultation with Chile under paragraph 12(a) of Article XVIII be deferred until such time, which should not be later than 30 June 1963, as the Executive Secretary in consultation with the Government of Chile and the International Monetary Fund, determines to be practicable for the commencement of such examination and consultation, and (b) that the Council be authorized to deal with this Chilean request at that time;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement,

Decide that Chile be authorized to maintain surcharges specified in the Decision of 27 May 1959, subject to the terms and conditions of that Decision, until the completion of the examination referred to above.