SOUTHERN RHODESIA - ARTICLE XIX

Modification of Restrictions on Certain Textile Piece-Goods

The following communication has been received from the Southern Rhodesia Government:

"I have the honour to recall that at the twentieth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES the Government of the former Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland notified contracting parties (L/1898 of 8 November 1962) that in order to alleviate serious unemployment and idle capacity in certain sections of the local textile industry, it had been found necessary to resort to the provisions of Article XIX of the General Agreement and to impose, as a matter of urgency, import restrictions on a limited range of cotton and rayon piece-goods.

"It will also be recalled that during the course of the recently concluded twenty-first session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES, a written statement was circulated by the Southern Rhodesia Government (L/2167) accepting in respect of the territory of Southern Rhodesia the rights and obligations under the General Agreement of the former Federal Government.

"The import restrictions on the range of cotton and rayon piece-goods referred to above continued to be operated by the Southern Rhodesia Government after the dissolution of the Federation on 31 December 1963. The Southern Rhodesia Government has, however, recently reviewed the position of the local textile industry, which itself has undergone some transformation since the import restrictions were imposed, and has decided that the protection required by the industry should, if possible, be provided through the customs tariff. To this end the customs duties on certain types of piece-goods were increased on 28 February 1964, and the import restrictions previously applied were discontinued on an experimental basis. The Southern Rhodesia Government naturally hopes that the tariff measures now taken will prove effective and that the reimplementation of import restrictions will not be necessary.

"I am enclosing for your information a copy of each of the three Southern Rhodesia Government Notices in which the duties on certain piece goods and a number of other items were amended."

The Southern Rhodesia Government Notices referred to are Nos. 139, 140 and 141, all dated 28 February 1964. One copy of each has been received, and they may be consulted by any interested government at the secretariat offices."