ITALIAN SPECIAL CUSTOMS TREATMENT
FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS OF SOMALIA

Decision of 1 April 1966

CONSIDERING that, on the request of the Government of Italy, in execution of its undertaking to contribute to the economic aid of the Republic of Somalia, the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided, on 19 November 1960, to authorize the Government of Italy to continue to grant special customs treatment to certain specified products originating in Somalia until 31 December 1965; and that the validity of this Decision was further extended until the end of the present session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES by Decision of 17 January 1966;

CONSIDERING the request of the Government of Italy that the validity of the above-mentioned Decision be extended with respect to the products listed in the Annex to this Decision until 31 December 1967;

CONSIDERING the further request of the Government of Italy to be authorized to collect the consumption tax on bananas at 60 lire per kg. for bananas originating in Somalia, up to a total quantity of 1 million quintals annually, while applying a rate of 90 lire per kg. on bananas of any other origin;

CONSIDERING that the grant of this special treatment to Somalian products is designed to promote the economic development of the territories of the Republic of Somalia, which development would be prejudiced if the Government of Italy, in accordance with its obligations under Article I of the General Agreement, should cease to apply a special treatment to the Somalian products covered by this Decision;

NOTING that the Italian Government no longer requests the inclusion in the list of products benefiting from special treatment of six of the original nine items;

CONSIDERING FURTHER that it has been ascertained, in accordance with the procedures adopted on 1 November 1956, that the proposed special treatment, in view of the nature and volume of the production and trade involved, is not likely to result in substantial injury to the trade of any of the contracting parties,

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

1. That the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article I of the General Agreement shall be waived, to the extent necessary to permit the Government of Italy to grant duty-free treatment to the products listed in the Annex to this Decision, originating in the Republic of Somalia, when imported into the customs territory of Italy, without obligation to extend the same treatment to the like products of other contracting parties; and that such treatment shall be governed by the provisions of paragraph 4 of Article I, provided that, for the purposes of that paragraph, the date of 10 April 1947 shall be replaced by the date of this Decision.

2. That the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article I shall be waived to the extent necessary to permit the Government of Italy to apply the Italian consumption tax to bananas originating in the Republic of Somalia, up to a quantity of 1 million quintals annually, at a rate of 60 lire per kg. while applying the rate of 90 lire per kg. to bananas of any other origin.

3. That this Decision shall be valid until 31 December 1967.

ANNEX

Schedule of Products of Somalian Origin to be Admitted into Italian Customs Territory Free of Customs Duty

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<th>Italian customs tariff numbers</th>
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<td>08.01 B(2)</td>
<td>Bananas</td>
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<td>16.02</td>
<td>Prepared or preserved meat</td>
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<td>16.04</td>
<td>Prepared or preserved fish</td>
<td>13.6% to 30%</td>
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