THIRD CERTIFICATION OF RECTIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Schedule XIX - United Kingdom

The following communication has been received from the Government of the United Kingdom.

The Government of the United Kingdom submits for inclusion in the Third Certification of Rectifications and Modifications the attached list of rectifications to Schedule XIX - United Kingdom as annexed to the Geneva 1947 Protocol and, as revised, contained in the Ninth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications.

The rectification involves the insertion of an additional entry in the United Kingdom Schedule for certain mixtures of fruit and minor amendments to the existing entries for mixtures of fruit falling within tariff heading 20.06.

The amendments to the headings are consequent upon similar amendments being made to the United Kingdom tariff. These have become necessary as a result of the growth of trade in recent years in mixtures of fruit in which the fruit is first chopped into small pieces. Such mixtures inevitably show some variability in the proportion of different fruits in each tin and the existing description for mixtures of fruit in the United Kingdom tariff has resulted in difficulties for customs classification, and for packers and importers. The new heading will remove the difficulty in the case of mixtures in which the fruit has been chopped small by relaxing the requirements that each of the four fruits constitutes at least 8 per cent by weight.

It has been agreed with the United States that the rate of duty for the new entry be bound at 6s. 5d. per cwt. The United States has also agreed that the existing bindings for mixtures of fruit, which at present stand at 5s. 6d. per cwt. and "free", be rebound at 6s. 5d. per cwt. and 5/8 per cent.
The apparent increase in the existing bound rates of duty arises because the duty for the added sugar content in mixtures of fruit, charged in accordance with paragraph 2 of the notes to the United Kingdom Schedule, has been consolidated with the existing bindings. Paragraph 2, will, therefore, no longer be applicable to the mixtures of fruit headings and a note to this effect has been added to the proposed new fruit headings set out in the list attached to this note.

In addition to the United States, certain other contracting parties likely to have a significant trade interest in the new headings (Australia and South Africa) have been consulted and have agreed to the proposed changes.

If no objections are notified to the secretariat by thirty days from the date of this document, the list of rectifications submitted by the Government of the United Kingdom will be considered to have been approved and will be incorporated in the Third Certificate of Rectifications and Modifications.
GENEVA (1947) SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE XIX - UNITED KINGDOM

Section A. Metropolitan Territory

Part I. Most-favoured-nation tariff

Item ex 20.06

The following sub-heading:

"Fruit otherwise prepared or preserved whether or not containing added sugar or spirit:

Fruit salad, viz: mixtures of fruit (but not including mixed fruit pulp) containing not less than four separate descriptions of fruit, in which each of at least four descriptions constitutes at least 8 per cent, and no one description represents more than 50 per cent by weight of all the fruit in the mixture (excluding syrup):

Where not less than 80 per cent by weight of all the fruit in the mixture (excluding syrup) consists of all or any of the following fruits, viz:

- Peaches
- Nectarines
- Pears
- Apricots
- Cherries

Other

shall read:

Free

5s. 6d. per cwt."
"Fruit otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or spirit:

Mixtures of fruit (including fruit pulp) which contain not less than four separate descriptions of fruit (no one of which exceeds 60 per cent by weight of the fruit in the mixture) and not less than 25 pieces of fruit per four ounce portion of the drained fruit

Other mixtures of fruit (including fruit pulp) which contain not less than four separate descriptions of fruit in which each of at least four descriptions constitutes at least 8 per cent, and no one description represents more than 50 per cent, by weight, of all the fruit in the mixture:

Where not less than 80 per cent by weight of all the fruit in the mixture consists of all or any of the following fruits, viz:

- Peaches
- Nectarines
- Pears
- Apricots
- Cherries

Other

6s. 5d. per cwt.*

5/8 per cent*

*Paragraph 2 at the head of this Schedule shall not apply to this sub-item in so far as it relates to glucose, molasses, saccharin (including substances of a like nature or use) and sugar (sucrose)."