ACCESSION OF IRELAND

On 4 September 1967 the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted a Decision (L/2842) to the effect that Ireland may accede to the General Agreement on the terms set out in the Protocol for the Accession of Ireland, the text of which was approved by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the forty-first meeting of the Council (C/M/41). The text of the Protocol is annexed hereto.

The Protocol was signed by Ireland on 22 November 1967. In accordance with paragraph 6 of the Protocol, the Protocol will enter into force on 22 December 1967 and, in terms of paragraph 1 thereof, Ireland will become a contracting party to the General Agreement on that day.

The Protocol may be signed by contracting parties if they wish to do so.
PROTOCOL FOR THE ACCESSION OF IRELAND

The governments which are contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (hereinafter referred to as "contracting parties" and "the General Agreement", respectively), the European Economic Community and the Government of Ireland (hereinafter referred to as "Ireland"),

HAVING regard to the results of the negotiations directed towards the accession of Ireland to the General Agreement,

HAVE through their representatives agreed as follows:

Part I - General

1. Ireland shall, upon entry into force of this Protocol pursuant to paragraph 6, become a contracting party to the General Agreement, as defined in Article XXXII thereof, and shall apply provisionally and subject to this Protocol:

(a) Parts I, III and IV of the General Agreement, and

(b) Part II of the General Agreement to the fullest extent not inconsistent with its legislation existing on the date of this Protocol.

The obligations incorporated in paragraph 1 of Article I by reference to Article III and those incorporated in paragraph 2(b) of Article II by reference to Article VI of the General Agreement shall be considered as falling within Part II for the purpose of this paragraph.

2. (a) The provisions of the General Agreement to be applied by Ireland shall, except as otherwise provided in this Protocol, be the provisions contained in the text annexed to the Final Act of the second session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment, as rectified, amended or otherwise modified by such instruments as may have become at least partially effective on the day on which Ireland becomes a contracting party; provided that this does not mean that Ireland undertakes to apply a provision of any such instrument prior to the effectiveness of such provision pursuant to the terms of the instrument.

(b) The date of 10 April 1947, referred to in paragraph 4 of Article I of the General Agreement in relation to preferences in respect of import duties or charges permitted by paragraph 2(b) of that Article, shall be replaced in respect of Ireland by the date of this Protocol.
(c) In each case in which paragraph 6 of Article V, sub-paragraph 4(d) of Article VII, and sub-paragraph 3(c) of Article X of the General Agreement refer to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of Ireland shall be the date of this Protocol.

Part II - Schedule

3. The schedule in the Annex shall, upon the entry into force of this Protocol, become a Schedule to the General Agreement relating to Ireland.

4. (a) In each case in which paragraph 1 of Article II of the General Agreement refers to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of each product which is the subject of a concession provided for in the schedule annexed to this Protocol shall be the date of this Protocol.

(b) For the purpose of the reference in paragraph 6(a) of Article II of the General Agreement to the date of that Agreement, the applicable date in respect of the schedule annexed to this Protocol shall be the date of this Protocol.

Part III - Final Provisions

5. This Protocol shall be open for signature by Ireland until 1 July 1968. It shall also be open for signature by contracting parties and by the European Economic Community.

6. This Protocol shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the day upon which it shall have been signed by Ireland.

7. Signature of this Protocol by Ireland shall constitute final action to become a party to each of the following instruments:

(i) Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX, Geneva, 10 March 1955;

(ii) Fifth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications to the Texts of the Schedules, Geneva, 3 December 1955;

(iii) Sixth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications to the Texts of the Schedules, Geneva, 11 April 1957;

(iv) Seventh Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications to the Texts of the Schedules, Geneva, 30 November 1957;

Eighth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications to the Texts of the Schedules, Geneva, 18 February 1959; and


8. Ireland, having become a contracting party to the General Agreement pursuant to paragraph 1 of this Protocol, may accede to the General Agreement upon the applicable terms of this Protocol by deposit of an instrument of accession, with the Director-General. Such accession shall take effect on the day on which the General Agreement enters into force pursuant to Article XXVI or on the thirtieth day following the day of the deposit of the instrument of accession, whichever is the later. Accession to the General Agreement pursuant to this paragraph shall, for the purposes of paragraph 2 of Article XXXII of that Agreement, be regarded as acceptance of the Agreement pursuant to paragraph 4 of Article XXVI thereof.

9. Ireland may withdraw its provisional application of the General Agreement prior to its accession thereto pursuant to paragraph 8 and such withdrawal shall take effect on the sixtieth day following the day on which written notice thereof is received by the Director-General.

10. This Protocol shall be deposited with the Director-General who shall promptly furnish a certified copy thereof and a notification of each signature thereto, pursuant to paragraph 5, to each contracting party, to the European Economic Community and to Ireland.

11. This Protocol shall be registered in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations.

Done at Geneva this thirtieth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and sixty-seven, in a single copy, in the English and French languages, except as otherwise specified with respect to the schedule annexed hereto, both texts being authentic.