GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

ITALIAN SPECIAL CUSTOMS AND FISCAL TREATMENT
FOR CERTAIN PRODUCTS OF SOMALIA

Decision of 21 November 1967

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 1960¹, 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 by Decision of 17 January 1966²;

Considering that, on the request of Italy, the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided, on 1 April 1966³, to extend the validity of the Decision of 19 November 1960 until 31 December 1967 with respect to three products and to amend the Decision 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 Lit 60 per kg. while applying the rate of Lit 90 per kg. to bananas of any other origin;

Considering that the Government of Italy has requested that it be authorized to continue to grant special customs treatment to the two products listed in the Annex to this Decision until 30 June 1968 and to continue to apply until 31 December 1969 the Italian consumption tax at a lower rate to bananas originating in the Republic of Somalia than to bananas from any other origin;

Taking note of the opinion expressed by the representative of the Government of Italy that, if the special treatment was extended, as requested, for a further two years, the Government of Somalia should by the end of the period no longer find itself in need of such assistance;

¹BISD, Ninth Supplement, page 40
²L/2547
³BISD, Fourteenth Supplement, page 34
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 and, particularly, to help the Republic of Somalia to overcome certain recent difficulties of a temporary nature which it has encountered; and that the economic development of Somalia 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;

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 and in accordance with the procedures adopted by them on 1 November 1956,

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 until 30 June 1968 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 until 31 December 1969 the Italian consumption tax to bananas (tariff number 08.01 B(2)) originating in the Republic of Somalia, up to a quantity of 1 million quintals annually, at a rate of Lit 60 per kg. while applying the rate of Lit 90 per kg. to bananas of any other origin.

Annex

SCHEDULE OF PRODUCTS OF SOMALIAN ORIGIN TO BE ADMITTED INTO ITALIAN CUSTOMS TERRITORY FREE OF CUSTOMS DUTY

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