INDIA - AUXILIARY DUTY OF CUSTOMS

Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 28 May 1976, has been received from the permanent mission of India.

I have the honour to refer to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 5 May 1975 (L/4177) to waive, until 30 June 1976, the application of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of India to apply the temporary auxiliary duty of customs and to state that in view of the continuing difficult financial position the Government of India have decided to continue the levy of auxiliary duty of customs for another year until 30 June 1977. In order to mobilize resources for meeting essential developmental and other needs, continuance of auxiliary duty of customs has been found inescapable. The rates of the auxiliary duty of customs and conditions governing its levy remain unchanged. The incidence of the auxiliary duty on almost all items in GATT Schedule XII of Concessions (India) also continues to be either nil or 5 per cent auxiliary duty. The exemption from auxiliary duty on import of foodgrains, tallow, books, family planning appliances, raw cotton, agricultural implements, machinery items and a few other selected categories of goods is also being continued.

The above levies will become effective from 1 July 1976.

The communication from the Government of India will be considered by the Council at its meeting on 14 June 1976.