SCHEDULE XVI - SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Modification of Rates of Duty in Schedule XVI,
following the Adoption of a new Federal Tariff
by Rhodesia and Nyasaland

The following communication has been received from the Government of Rhodesia and Nyasaland:

"I have the honour to refer to the Declaration on Tariff Schedules of 10 March 1955 which is open for signature until 30 Juno 1955.

"Contracting parties were advised by the Federation's Delegation during the Ninth Session that a new Federal Tariff would be introduced as from 1 July and that it would be necessary to reserve the Government's position in regard to existing Southern Rhodesian Schedule and future negotiations until adequate experience had been obtained of the working of the new Tariff.

"In view of these facts and the reservation, referred to, the Government of the Federation finds it is unable to subscribe to the Declaration in its present form. It feels, moreover, that little purpose would be served by attempting to subscribe to the Declaration with reservations.

"It is considered that the contracting parties should be informed that in compiling its Federal Tariff the Government of the Federation has found it necessary to disturb the rates of duty set out in the Schedule XVI of Southern Rhodesia:"
Southern Rhodesia Tariff Item | GATT Rate (S.R.) | Federal Tariff Item | Federal Rate | Negotiated With
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ex 130(a): Motor trucks, vans and trailers | 5% | ex 129(b) | 10% | United States
ex 130(b): Tractor parts | 5% | 130(2) | 15% | United States
199 Lubricating oils 3d. per gallon | 199 | in bulk 6d. per gallon; not in bulk | United States
295(e) Paper wrapping | 10% | 295(e) | 20% | Sweden
299 Beads 6 1/4 per lb or 20% ad valorem | 299 | 1/- per lb. or 30% ad valorem | Italy

"It is regretted that, owing to the importance of the Customs Tariff in the Budget which was published only on 1 July, it was not possible to pass prior information to contracting parties and the Government of the Federation wishes to state that it is prepared to re-negotiate any of these items with the contracting parties concerned at some suitable date. In making this offer, it would be appreciated if the contracting parties concerned would bear in mind the reservation of the Federation and the fact that the Working Party of the Ninth Session recommended a re-examination of Schedule XVI at the Tenth Session in relation to the Federal Tariff.

"The United States Government has been informed through its Consul General in Salisbury of the situation regarding the three items originally negotiated with that Government by the Government of Southern Rhodesia.

"Copies of the Federal Customs and Excise Tariff will be forwarded to you in the near future for the information of contracting parties."

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1 See I/293
If any contracting party, with which an item enumerated in the communication quoted above was initially negotiated, enters into negotiations with the Government of the Federation it should inform the Executive Secretary. Likewise, any contracting party wishing to claim a substantial interest in any of these modifications should communicate with that Government and at the same time inform the Executive Secretary.