Article XIX - Spring clothespins - Extension of time-limit in Article XIX:3(a)

On 9 November 1957 the United States Government took action under the terms of Article XIX to increase the rate of duty on spring clothespins (L/757).

The Government of Sweden has entered into consultations on this matter with the United States Government. In order that it may avail itself - in the event of failure of the consultations - of its right to suspend equivalent obligations or concessions pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of Article XIX, the Government of Sweden has requested an extension of the time-limit prescribed in Article XIX:3(a).

The text of a Decision was therefore submitted to the contracting parties and was approved by postal ballot (GATT/AIR/128) with twenty votes in favour and none against. The Decision as approved, is reproduced hereunder.

DECISION EXTENDING THE TIME-LIMIT IN ARTICLE XIX:3(a) FOR NOTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING PARTIES OF ANY SUSPENSION OF OBLIGATIONS OR CONCESSIONS IN CONNEXION WITH THE INCREASE IN THE UNITED STATES DUTIES ON SPRING CLOTHESPINS UNDER ARTICLE XIX.

CONSIDERING that on 9 November 1957 the Government of the United States took action under Article XIX to raise the rates of duty on spring clothespins bound under item No. 412 in Schedule XX,

CONSIDERING that the United States Government is consulting with other contracting parties in respect of this action with a view to reaching agreement on compensation, and

CONSIDERING that the said consultations will not have been completed in time for a government to avail itself, in the event of failure of the consultation, of its right to suspend equivalent obligations or concessions pursuant to paragraph 3(a) of Article XIX,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that the ninety-day period prescribed in Article XIX:3(a) shall begin to run as from the date of the completion of any such consultations.