Dear Sir,

I am sending you herewith a specimen copy of the *International Convention to facilitate the Importation of Commercial Samples and Advertising Material*. This publication is available only from the GATT secretariat. The Convention entered into force on 20 November 1955. To date the following seventeen governments have deposited instruments of ratification or accession with the Secretary-General of the United Nations:

- Australia
- Czechoslovakia
- Denmark
- Egypt
- Finland
- Federal Republic of Germany
- Greece
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Kingdom of the Netherlands
- Norway
- Pakistan
- Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- United Kingdom

The broad purpose of the Convention is to minimize the costs and reduce the formalities and delays which traders and merchants have to face in sending samples and advertising material from one country to another.

Yours faithfully,

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