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**Relating to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT)**

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Unless otherwise stated, GATT publications are obtainable from United Nations Sales Agents. In certain cases, however, the publications are obtainable only from the GATT secretariat, Villa "Le Secage", Palais des Nations, Geneva. This is made clear in this List of Material.
(a) The original text of the GATT was published by the United Nations in 1947 as the first of four volumes entitled Final Act adopted at the Conclusion of the Second Session of the Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Employment and General Clauses of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. (The other three volumes contain the Schedules of the tariff concessions resulting from the tariff conference held at Geneva in 1947.) These volumes are available in English or French from United Nations Sales Agents, $5.00 the set. Since that time the text of the Agreement has been amended.

(b) The present operative text of the GATT was published by the GATT secretariat in Basic Instruments and Selected Documents of the Contracting Parties, Volume I. (See page 4.)

The present operative text of the GATT is also available:

(i) in English .... from the United States Department of State: The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Amended Text) and Texts of Related Documents. Department of State Publication 3758. February 1950.


(iv) in German ... the Federal Government published the amended text of the GATT, together with the Consolidated Schedules and Tariff Concessions, in Deutsches Handelsarchiv, 2 Oktober Heft, 1952. Bundesministorium für Wirtschaft, Bonn.

(c) The Amendment of the General Agreement following the Review of the Agreement, November 1954 - March 1955

In March 1955 the Contracting Parties completed a review of the Agreement and opened for signature protocols amending the Agreement. These amendments have not yet entered into force.

The secretariat published Final Act and Protocols of Amendment, and Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation. It contains the Final Act adopted at the Ninth Session, the Protocol amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX, the Protocol amending the Preamble and Parts II and III, the Protocol of Organizational Amendments, and the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Cooperation. English and French versions are combined in one volume, obtainable only from the secretariat. Price 4 Sw. frs. (or equivalent). A mimeographed Spanish language version is obtainable from the secretariat.

The secretariat also published the text of the GATT as it will be after the amendments have entered into force, in Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Volume I (revised). (See page 4.)


The United Kingdom Government published the revised text of the Agreement, showing changes from the present text, together with related documents (including the texts of relevant Decisions and Resolutions of the
BASIC INSTRUMENTS AND SELECTED DOCUMENTS

(All volumes in this series are published in English and in French and are obtainable from United Nations Sales Agents.)


Volume II contains selected Decisions, Declarations, Resolutions, Rulings and Reports of the Contracting Parties, as well as Reports of Working Parties.

Four Supplements to the Basic Instruments have been published. The First Supplement, published in March 1953, contains important Decisions, Resolutions, Recommendations and Working Party Reports which were adopted by the Contracting Parties between May and October 1952. The Second Supplement, published in January 1954, contains similar material for the period November 1952 to December 1953. The Third Supplement, published in June 1955, contains the Intersessional procedures, the Decisions and Resolutions taken at the Ninth Session, the Reports adopted at the Ninth Session, including the Reports relating to the Review of the Agreement, and a comprehensive index.

1 Volume I (revised) and the Third and Fourth Supplements are also available in the Spanish language.
The Fourth Supplement, published in March 1956, contains the Decisions, Declarations, Resolutions, Rulings and Reports of the Contracting Parties adopted since the close of the Ninth Session in March 1955. It also lists all unpublished Decisions, etc., since 1948 and provides a consolidated index for all volumes in the Basic Instruments series.

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**TARIFF SCHEDULES**

The Schedules to the GATT record the bound rates of customs duties resulting from the concessions negotiated by the governments which are contracting parties to the GATT. There have been four main negotiating conferences, as well as the negotiations preceding the accession of Japan (see below): these conferences were held at Geneva in 1947, Annecy in 1949, Torquay in 1950-1951 and at Geneva in 1956. The schedules resulting from the first three of these conferences, which are annexed to the Agreement and to the Annecy and Torquay Protocols respectively, together with the rectifications and modifications which were made effective through various protocols, up to and including those agreed at the Sixth Session, have been consolidated in a single text, namely the Consolidated Schedules of Tariff Concessions, which was published by the Contracting Parties in January 1952. There are 5 volumes, obtainable from United Nations Sales Agents. Prices: $15.00 per set of 5 volumes. English or French. (GATT/1952-1). The Consolidated Schedules, together with the present text of the GATT, were published in German by the Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft, Bonn, in Deutsches Handelsarchiv, 2 Oktober Heft 1952.
The Schedules of the tariff concessions negotiated at Geneva in 1947 are contained in Volumes II, III and IV of General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade published by the United Nations in 1947, as stated above, on page 2. English or French. Price: $5.00 (1947.II.10).


The concessions resulting from the Geneva tariff conference held in 1956 are contained in the Sixth Protocol of Supplementary Concessions to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Available only from the GATT secretariat. English or French. Price Sw. fr. 10.50 (or equivalent).

In June 1955 a Protocol of Terms of Accession of Japan to the GATT was drawn up. This, together with Annexes setting out the tariff concessions of contracting parties and Japan, respectively, is available only from the GATT secretariat. English or French. Price Sw. fr. 2.50 (or equivalent).

Protocols of Rectifications and Modifications

From time to time the Schedules of Tariff Concessions annexed to the GATT have been modified by Protocols of Rectifications and Modifications.

REPORTS ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF THE GATT

The following publications provide accounts of the work of the Contracting Parties to the GATT and place the operation of the GATT in the general perspective of world trade; all are available in English or French, and are obtainable from United Nations Sales Agents.
The Attack on Trade Barriers: A progress report on the operation of the GATT from January 1948 to August 1949. 32 pages. September 1949. Price $0.15. (GATT/1949-2). Spanish edition is obtainable from the secretariat only. The English edition is out of print but is obtainable as a mimeographed paper from the secretariat.


GATT in Action: Third report on the operation of the GATT. 32 pages. January 1952. In addition there is a 12-page outline of the provisions of the GATT, explaining the salient points of each article. Price $0.50. (GATT/1952-2). A Spanish edition is available through the Consejo Interamericano de Comercio y Producción, Montevideo, Uruguay; or from the secretariat. A German edition is obtainable from the secretariat.

Each year since 1952 the GATT secretariat has published an annual report the contents of which follow the same general pattern. Part I of the report analyzes the main changes in the structure and development of international trade on a worldwide basis. Part II examines commercial policy in the period under review, including such matters as changes in customs tariffs, quantitative restrictions, export promotion schemes and trade agreements. In Part III the work of the Contracting Parties to GATT is summarized.

The following four annual reports have been published:

OTHER PUBLICATIONS OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Quantitative Restrictions


Note: Subsequent reports in this series are reproduced in the Supplements to Basic Instruments and Selected Documents (see page 4).

Tariffs

Administrative Barriers to Trade


TRADE INTELLIGENCE PAPERS

From time to time the GATT secretariat makes public the Trade Intelligence Papers prepared by the Trade Intelligence Unit. Copies of these papers, which are mimeographed, are available from the secretariat on application, in English or French, free of charge. Five papers have been published:

No. 1 Tentative Estimates on the Commodity Composition of International Trade 1951-1953 (July 1954)

No. 2 The Rôle in World Trade of the Dependent Overseas Territories (October 1954)

No. 3 Imports of Manufactured Goods by the United States 1948 to mid-1954 (February 1955)

No. 4 The World Market for Textiles 1938-1953 (March 1955)

No. 5 Further Tentative Estimates of the Commodity Composition of International Trade and Presentation of a World Network of Trade in Constant Prices (October 1955)
INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEWS BULLETIN

The International Trade News Bulletin is published monthly by the secretariat of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and is obtainable from the secretariat only, on a subscription basis. The Trade News Bulletin is primarily a record of news reports on items related to the operation of the General Agreement. The Bulletin provides information concerning developments in commercial policy on a world-wide basis. It lists changes in customs tariffs, import duties and export duties and quantitative controls on imports and exports; and it reproduces official communications from the European Coal and Steel Community. The Bulletin also lists new trade agreements and other intergovernmental trade arrangements. An index to the bulletin (excluding trade agreements) is issued annually, and a separate analytical index of trade agreements is issued twice yearly.

Persons or organizations wishing to obtain the Trade News Bulletin should request a specimen copy (English or French) and subscription form from the GATT secretariat. The cost of subscribing for one year, post free, is Sw.Fr. 12 (or US $3, or £1 sterling, whichever is convenient). The extra cost of airmail postage to countries outside Europe will be quoted on request.

INFORMATION PAPERS

The following papers are available from the secretariat free of charge:


(c) GATT Bibliography: 1947-1953. A list of books, pamphlets, articles in periodicals, newspaper reports and editorials, and miscellaneous items including texts of lectures, which refer to the GATT. 40 pages. English only. A Supplement to the Bibliography, covering 1954 - June 1955, was issued in the summer of 1955 and a second Supplement will be issued in the summer of 1956.

DOCUMENTS ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Practically all the documents issued during the Sessions of the Contracting Parties are confidential at the time of issue and most of them are made public a certain time after the end of each Session. Other documents pertaining to no particular Session or issued between Sessions are also "derestricted" from time to time. The derestricted documents may be consulted at the headquarters of the GATT secretariat, Geneva, or at the United Nations Reference Library, New York.

The Decisions, Declarations and Resolutions of the Contracting Parties at their Sessions are usually derestricted at the close of each Session. All the Decisions, Declarations and Resolutions of the first ten Sessions have been derestricted. The Decisions, etc., from the First to the Sixth Session inclusive, are reproduced in Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Volume II; the Decisions taken at the Seventh Session are reproduced in the First Supplement, those taken at the Eighth Session in the Second Supplement, those taken at the Ninth Session in the Third Supplement and those taken at the Tenth Session in the Fourth Supplement. (see page 4.)