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The current, up-to-date text of the General Agreement is contained in BASIC INSTRUMENTS, VOLUME III, published by the GATT secretariat in December 1958. For price and United Nations Sales Number, see page 4.

The text of the General Agreement contained in Basic Instruments, Volume III, is reproduced as amended by various protocols, including those parts of the Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III and the Procès-Verbal of Rectification concerning that Protocol which became effective for two-thirds of the contracting parties, on 7 October 1957. The remaining amendments contained in the Protocol Amending the Preamble and Parts II and III and the amendments in the Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX and the Protocol of Organizational Amendments, which are not in force for any contracting party, have not been incorporated in this text.
All volumes in the Basic Instruments series are published in English and in French and can be ordered from the GATT secretariat and from United Nations Sales Agents. Some volumes in this series are available in Spanish.¹


Seven Supplements to the Basic Instruments have been published.

The **First Supplement**, March 1953, contains important Decisions, Resolutions, Recommendations and Reports which were adopted by the Contracting Parties between May and October 1952.

The **Second Supplement**, January 1954, contains similar material for the period November 1952 to December 1953.

¹ Volume I (revised) and the Third, Fourth, Fifth, Sixth and Seventh Supplements are available in Spanish.
The Third Supplement, June 1955, contains the Decisions, Resolutions and Reports adopted at the Ninth Session, including the Reports relating to the Review of the Agreement, and a comprehensive index.

The Fourth Supplement, 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 It also lists all unpublished Decisions, etc., since 1948 and provides a consolidated index.

The Fifth Supplement, February 1957, contains the Decisions, Declarations, Resolutions, Rulings and Reports of the Contracting Parties adopted at the Eleventh Session, October-November 1956. It also contains the amended rules of procedure for sessions of the Contracting Parties and for intersessional meetings, as well as an index to Volumes I and II and the first five Supplements of the Basic Instruments.

The Sixth Supplement, March 1958, contains the Decisions, Declarations, Resolutions, Rulings and Reports of the Contracting Parties adopted at the Twelfth Session, October-November 1957. It also contains a consolidated index to all volumes up-to-date in the BISD series.


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Volume I: English, French
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REPORTS ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE, COMMERCIAL POLICY AND THE OPERATION OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

The following three publications provide accounts of the work of the Contracting Parties to the GATT in its earlier stages 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 the GATT secretariat and from United Nations Sales Agents.


GATT in Action: Third report on the operation of the GATT. January 1952. Price $0.50. (GATT/1952-2) Spanish and German editions are obtainable from the secretariat.

Annual Reports on International Trade, Commercial Policy and the work of the Contracting Parties

Each year since 1952 (except 1957 - see below) the GATT secretariat has published an annual report under the title International Trade. The contents of these reports follow the same general pattern. Part I analyses 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.

For the year 1957 the secretariat published a report entitled Commercial Policy 1957 which is limited to a survey of developments in commercial policy and a description of the work of the Contracting Parties.
In 1958, a Panel of four internationally known economists, established by the Contracting Parties to the General Agreement at their Twelfth Session, undertook a special study in the field of international trade and their report was published in October 1958 under the title *Trends in International Trade*. This report was widely acclaimed and formed the basis for the Programme for the Expansion of Trade which was adopted by the Contracting Parties in November 1958.
After a detailed examination of the short-term fluctuations and long-term changes in the structure of world trade the report focuses attention on certain specific problems: first, the trade and payments difficulties of the non-industrialized countries, particularly in their commercial relations with the industrialized countries; secondly, the need for stability in the world markets for primary products, especially in the industrialized countries; thirdly, policies of agricultural protectionism in the industrialized countries and on the way in which the harmful effects of such policies could be minimized. The protective role played by revenue duties in the industrial countries is discussed and the conclusion is reached that alleviation of revenue duties could improve the export proceeds of the non-industrial countries. The effects of the European Economic Community on trade in raw materials and foodstuffs, and, in particular, the results of the agricultural arrangements in the Community and of the linking of the overseas associated territories with the Community are also analysed.

The Report examines the commercial policies of the highly industrialized countries and considers that some of these policies are relatively unfavourable to the primary producing countries and that in some cases protectionism has been carried too far by the industrialized countries. The conclusion is reached that further progress depends on the willingness of the industrial and the non-industrial countries to negotiate on a wide range of their economic and financial policies.

The members of the Panel were as follows: Roberto de Oliveira Campos, Director of the Brazilian National Bank for Economic Development and Professor of Economics at the University of Brazil; Gottfried Haberler, Professor of Economics at Harvard University; James Meade, Professor of Political Economy, University of Cambridge; and Jan Tinbergen, Professor of Development Programming at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Economic Studies, Rotterdam.


Available in Spanish under the title of Las tendencias del comercio internacional (March/April 1959).
Report of the Working Party on the Association of Overseas Territories with the European Economic Community, including Commodity Trade Studies

At the Twelfth Session, the Contracting Parties examined the relevant provisions of the Rome Treaty establishing the European Economic Community in the light of the obligations which the Member States of the Community have assumed under the General Agreement. At the end of that Session the work was continued under the auspices of the Intersessional Committee which appointed a working party "to study the problems which the association of overseas countries and territories with the European Economic Community raises for the trade of other contracting parties to the General Agreement".

The Working Party made an examination of the trade in twelve commodities which were regarded as being of special concern to contracting parties, namely:

- cocoa
- bananas
- oilseeds
- wood
- coffee
- sugar
- cotton
- aluminium
- tea
- tobacco
- hard fibres
- lead

Trade studies on each of the above commodities were set out in the form of Annexes to a Report which the Working Party submitted to the Intersessional Committee in 1958.

The Report, which was published in February 1959, examines matters of a legal nature arising from the association of the overseas territories with the Community; it summarizes the discussions on economic issues, in particular the effects on trade of the new tariff régime, as well as general issues relating to the Treaty of Rome. The views of the representatives of the Six and of the other members of the Working Party are clearly set out.

The Report and the twelve commodity trade studies are published in their original mimeographed form, bound in one volume. Copies can be obtained only from the GATT secretariat. Price £2.00.
Restrictive Business Practices

A study of the part played by restrictive business practices in economic life; the attitude of domestic legislation with respect to such practices; and attempts made since 1945 to achieve international control of restrictive business practices affecting international trade. This memorandum was written by Professor J. L'Huillier of the University of Geneva, following an instruction by the Contracting Parties, at the Twelfth Session, to the secretariat to collect and analyse documentation on the subject of restrictive business practices.

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 tariff negotiating conferences, 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, have been consolidated in a single text, namely the Consolidated Schedules of Tariff Concessions, which was published by the Contracting Parties in January 1952. Price $15.00 per set of five volumes. English or French. (GATT/1952-1)

The Consolidated Schedules, together with the "unrevised" text of the GATT, were published in German by the Bundesministerium für Wirtschaft, Bonn, in Deutsches Handelsarchiv, 2 Oktober Heft 1952.

In June 1955 a Protocol of Terms of Accession of Japan to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 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 $0.60.

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 $2.50.

The concessions resulting from the tariff negotiations held during 1958 for the provisional accession of Switzerland are contained in the Declaration on the Provisional Accession of the Swiss Confederation to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, to which the Schedules of participating governments are annexed. Available only from the GATT secretariat. English and French combined. Price $2.00.

Supplementary Concessions. From time to time the GATT secretariat publishes protocols of supplementary tariff concessions. Details are available from the GATT secretariat on request.
TRADE INTELLIGENCE PAPERS

From time to time the GATT secretariat makes public the Trade Intelligence Papers prepared by the Trade Intelligence Division. Copies of these papers, which are usually mimeographed, are available from the secretariat on application, in English or French.

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)
No. 6 The Possible Impact of the European Economic Community, in particular the Common Market, on World Trade (December 1957). The English version of this Paper is available only in a printed edition, price Sw.fr.2.00.

Out of stock - in English: Nos. 1,2,3,5.
in French: Nos. 2,3,4.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE NEWS BULLETIN

The International Trade News Bulletin is published monthly by the secretariat of the GATT and is obtainable from the secretariat only, on an annual subscription basis. The Trade News Bulletin is primarily a record of news reports on items related to the operation of the General Agreement. It 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 reports developments in the field of export incentives. 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.24.00 (or US$6.00 or £2 sterling). The extra cost of airmail postage to countries outside Europe will be quoted on request.

INFORMATION PAPERS AND BROCHURES

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

(a) The Achievements of the GATT, an address by Mr. Eric Wyndham White, Executive Secretary of the GATT, at the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva, December 1956.

(b) The First Ten Years of the GATT, an address by Mr. Eric Wyndham White, Executive Secretary of the GATT, at the London School of Economics and Political Science, London, May 1958. Also available in French, Les dix premières années du GATT.


(e) GATT Bibliography: 1947-1953. A list of books, pamphlets, articles, newspaper reports and editorials, and miscellaneous items including texts of lectures which refer to the GATT. English only. A Supplement to the Bibliography was issued in August 1955; a Second Supplement in August 1956; a Third Supplement in August 1957, and a Fourth Supplement in August 1958.