GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES

WAIVER GRANTED TO THE UNITED KINGDOM OF ITS OBLIGATIONS
UNDER ARTICLE 1:4(b) IN CONNECTION WITH PRODUCTS
TRADITIONALLY ADMITTED FREE OF DUTY FROM
COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Notification of 19 March 1955 by the United Kingdom

Under the Procedures which form a part of the Decision of 24 October 1953
(see Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Second Supplement, page 20 and
W.9/237) the United Kingdom Government has notified the secretariat of its
desire to act under the waiver in respect of wood wool. The communication from
the United Kingdom Government is reproduced overleaf. For the purposes of
paragraph (b) of the Procedures, the date of this notification will be
19 March 1955.
"1. I refer to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 24 October 1953, in relation to certain difficulties of the United Kingdom under Article I of the General Agreement; and to the procedures, simultaneously approved, for the application of the Decision (G/65 of 26 October 1953).

"2. An application has been received by Her Majesty's Government from the manufacturers of wood wool in the United Kingdom requesting a revision of the protective tariff on this product. The present duty (which is not bound) on wood wool of foreign origin on entry into the United Kingdom is £1.5s. per ton (Group XI(3) of Part 3 of the United Kingdom Tariff). A decision has now been taken by Her Majesty's Government to increase this rate of duty, and it is accordingly necessary for Her Majesty's Government to proceed in accordance with the procedures. Thirty-six copies of detailed statistics of imports of wood wool into the United Kingdom are enclosed with this letter.

"3. I am today simultaneously informing the authorities of Sweden, Norway and the Netherlands of Her Majesty's Government's intentions.

"4. I am asking these Governments to let Her Majesty's Government have the earliest possible intimation, within the period of thirty days laid down in the procedures, if they wish to request consultations in accordance with those procedures. I am suggesting that if there are any points of doubt or difficulty arising in connection with this case which they would wish to discuss, they might ask their representatives in London to get in touch with Mr. E. Wagstaff, who is the Assistant Secretary of the responsible Division of the Board of Trade.

"5. Arrangements are being made for this letter and enclosures to reach you on 18 March, and I should be grateful for your confirmation that the period of thirty days may be regarded as commencing on 19 March and ending on 17 April 1955."