GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

SCHEDULE XX - UNITED STATES

Negotiations for the Modification
of Item 1530(e) in Part I of Schedule XX - Footwear

The United States Government in a communication dated 22 July 1954
(GATT/AIR/50 (SECRET)) requested authority to renegotiate the following item:

1530(e) Footwear (including athletic or sporting boots and shoes), the uppers of which are wholly or in chief value of animal hair, cotton, fiber, ramie, rayon or other synthetic textile, silk, wool, or substitutes for any of the foregoing, whether or not the soles are of leather, wood, or other material:

With soles wholly or in chief value
of leather . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 20% ad val.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Agenda and Intersessional Business decided on 2 August 1954 (IC/SR.7) to authorize the renegotiations.

Negotiations were held between the United States and Benelux and have resulted in an agreement that the following note shall be attached to this tariff paragraph:

"For the purpose of this subdivision, footwear of which a major portion, in area, of the basic wearing surface of the outer soles (that part of the article, not including the heel, that is designed to be the basic wearing surface and to resist wear on contact with any surface) is composed of india rubber or any substitute for rubber, or both, shall be deemed to have soles wholly or in chief value of india rubber or substitutes for rubber."

1 Originally negotiated with Czecho-slovakia.
and that the following new concessions shall be added to Part I of Schedule XX:

713 Eggs of poultry (except eggs of chickens) in the shell ........................................ 5¢ per doz.

923 All manufactures, wholly or in chief value of cotton, not specially provided for:

   Fishing nets and fish netting ........ 25% ad val.

Consultations were held, and satisfactorily concluded with those contracting parties which claimed a substantial interest in the concession.

This agreement is submitted to all contracting parties for their examination. If by 14 July, no objections have been lodged with the Executive Secretary, the United States Government will be free to give effect to the above modifications to Schedule XX.