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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

CONTRACTING PARTIES

TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND
AND THE UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA

Notification by the Government of the Union of South Africa in Terms of Paragraph (c) of the Decision of 3 December 1955

The following communication has been received from the Government of the Union of South Africa for transmission to the CONTRACTING PARTIES:

In terms of paragraph (c) of the Decision of 3 December 1955, (Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, 4th Supp., p.17), the Government of the Union of South Africa wish to notify the CONTRACTING PARTIES of the undermentioned adjustments which it is proposed to introduce in Annexure B, Part I, of the Trade Agreement of 28 June 1955, between the Union of South Africa and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland -

Delete the following item:-

"ex 251 Boots and shoes:

ex (a) Infants' cotton-mesh and canvas shoes of the tennis or gymnasium type, the soles of which, excluding the socking, are wholly of rubber; and infants' canvas boots and shoes with rope soles -

ex (i) Sizes 0 to 2½
ex (ii) Sizes 3 to 6½
ex (b) Men's, women's and children's, of leather -

(i) children's, sizes 7 to 1.
(ii) men's and youths', women's and maids', sizes 2 and upwards."
(c) Cotton-mesh and canvas shoes of the tennis or gymnasium type, the soles of which, excluding the socking, are wholly of rubber; and canvas boots and shoes with rope soles —

(i) men's and youths', women's and maids', sizes over 4.

(ii) sizes other than those provided for in sub-paragraph (i).

and substitute the following therefor:—

"ex 251 Boots and shoes:

ex (a) Infants', excluding those of leather —

ex (i) sizes 0 to 2½

ex (ii) sizes 3 to 6½

ex (b) Men's, women's and children's, not being slippers, ballet dancing shoes, goloshes, rubber boots, rubber bathing shoes and sandals, spiked running shoes, boots and shoes with rope or wooden soles, wooden footwear, or cotton-mesh and canvas shoes of the tennis or gymnasium type, the soles of which, excluding socking, are wholly of rubber —

(i) children's, sizes 7 to 1.

(ii) men's and youths', women's and maids', sizes 2 and upwards.

ex (c) Cotton-mesh and canvas shoes of the tennis or gymnasium type, the soles of which, excluding the socking, are wholly of rubber; and canvas boots and shoes with rope soles —

(i) men's and youths', women's and maids', sizes over 4.

(ii) sizes other than those provided for in sub-paragraph (i)."

The effect of the proposed adjustments enumerated above would be to extend the scope of the duty-free concession granted to the Federation under South African tariff item 251 in Annexure B, Part I, of the Trade Agreement so as to include all infants' footwear, except of leather, classifiable under South African tariff sub-items 251(a) (i) and (ii), as well as the whole range of men's, women's and children's footwear classifiable under South African tariff sub-items 251(b) (i) and (ii).
These proposed adjustments are intended largely to introduce a measure of orderliness in the concessions appearing under South African tariff item 251 in Annexure B, Part I, of the Trade Agreement, which at present cover a number of tariff sub-items, and the implementation of which has caused considerable administrative and other difficulties.

In terms of paragraph (c) of the Decision of 3 December 1955, the Government of the Union of South Africa are prepared to consult with any contracting party which claims to be substantially affected by the adjustments proposed.