As announced in document L/813 the Austrian Government has sent to the secretariat the Schedules described hereunder and attached hereto. The attention of contracting parties is called to the fact that it is intended to put the new Austrian Customs Tariff into effect on 1 September 1958 and that the annexed documents should therefore be examined, and any questions clarified with the Austrian Government, as soon as possible.

Annexes

1. The Schedule of all the tariff concessions negotiated at Torquay in 1951, except as withdrawn or modified in the re-negotiations which have been completed to date, transposed into the new tariff nomenclature. This Schedule also includes the compensatory concessions recently granted in replacement of concessions negotiated at the Torquay conference, and also those concessions which were granted during Article XXVIII negotiations.

In effecting the transposition, specific duties have been converted into ad valorem duties at the rate of one gold crown for seven Austrian schillings, in accordance with the relevant Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES (document L/371 and Add.1).

2. The Schedule of tariff concessions included in the Second Protocol of Supplementary Concessions, also transposed into the new tariff nomenclature. The same procedure as in the case of the Torquay Protocol concessions has been followed for converting specific duties.

3. The List of rectifications and modifications to the Sixth Protocol of Supplementary concessions. These rectifications and modifications are of a purely formal nature, and result, for the most part, from the fact that the Austrian customs tariff has been adapted to the Brussels Nomenclature 1955 (while the tariff concessions had been negotiated on the basis of the 1950 Brussels Nomenclature), and also from a number of minor changes in the structure of tariff items which had to be made during the final stage of preparation of the new Austrian customs tariff.

4. The 1958 Austrian Tariff Law (Zolltarifgesetz 1958 - BGBI Nr. 74/58) which ought to facilitate consideration by the contracting parties of the transpositions that have been effected.

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Ad 1: The transposed Schedule of the tariff concessions annexed to the Torquay Protocol does not yet incorporate the results of current Article XXVIII re-negotiations concerning the withdrawal of the duty-free binding on Argon (ex item 508 A of the old tariff - item 28.04 B1 of the new tariff). A supplementary Schedule will be transmitted to the secretariat for distribution to the contracting parties as soon as the re-negotiations arising from the withdrawal of this concession have been completed.

Ad 1 and 2: The first two columns show the old and new tariff items. Tariff concessions granted since 1955 under Article XXVIII replacing concessions granted at Torquay, bear the notation "XXVIII" in the new list concerning the Torquay Protocol, while those concessions which result from the 1957/58 re-negotiations are marked "XXVIII/1957".

It should also be noted that Article XXVIII concessions which had been negotiated on the basis of the 1950 nomenclature have already been adapted, in the text of the new Schedule to the Brussels Nomenclature 1955.