WORKING PARTY 2 ON ARTICLE XVIII

Supplementary Information concerning the Measures notified by the Government of Ceylon: - Questions agreed between the Ceylon delegation and the Working Party.

1. A complete list of domestic plants with details of ownership, date of establishment, present and potential production, type of product produced and any plans for future expansion.

2. The proposals of the Government of Ceylon with respect to the maximum rate of domestic production that may be used in determining standard ration in respect of each regulated commodity.

3. An indication as to whether import limitations will be applied only to products or types of products that are produced domestically.

4. Import and export statistics of the commodities that will be subject to control.

5. A statement on the policies to be followed in the establishment of the standard ratio.

6. In regard to those items of production which do not fall under paragraph 7 (a) (i) of Article XVIII details of the raw material intended to be utilised, and whether such material is produced domestically, and whether such production is sufficient.

7. The nature of any other controls which affect the import of the regulated product.

8. The list of products submitted by the Ceylon delegation contains a number of general tariff items. An indication as to what parts of the tariff items are actually involved (i.e. the request for supplementary information regarding the classification of products submitted by United Kingdom delegation (See Annex).
9. What is the provision of the Agreement with which the measures are in conflict and from which a release is sought under paragraphs 6 and 7 of Article XVIII?

10. Any special factors in support of the adoption of the measure at this stage and not earlier, especially in the case of industries established during the war? Did these industries enjoy any form of protection so far?

11. Further information as to the way in which the criteria of paragraph 7 are met; for example information relating to the words in (iii): "necessary," "in order to achieve a fuller and more economic use," "unlikely to have a harmful effect," "which would otherwise be wasted,"

12. Information as detailed as possible in support of the statement that adequate protection could not be obtained by the use of tariff.

13. Whether having regard to the date of establishment of the industries given in the Ceylon statement with respect to coir products, soap and matches, the provisions of paragraph 7 (a) (1) are pertinent.
Annex

Supplementary information requested by the United Kingdom delegation regarding the classification of products listed in N.P.2/M.3

1. Rolled steel articles. From the tariff rates quoted, we deduce that some or all of the following rolled steel items are in question, and no others:

   Bars, rods, and slabs including blister, jumper and tool steel:
   (ii) Not fabricated

   Drums for oil

   Expanded metal and other materials for reinforcement:
   (ii) Not fabricated

   Iron and steel plates and sheets, not coated, flat or corrugated, not fabricated, n.e.s.

   Rolled angles, bulbs, channels, shapes and sections, h.i.ron, girders, tees, beams, joists and pillars:
   (ii) Not fabricated

   Staples

   Tubes and pipes, painted or cement coated:
   (ii) Not fabricated

   Wire manufactures:
   (iii) Wire nails, n.e.s.

2. Ceramic wares

   From the rates quoted we deduce that the items concerned are:

   China ware and porcelain, n.e.s.

   Earthenware, n.e.s.

   and that such articles as bath bricks, earthenware pipes and tiles are excluded.

3. Glass ware

   From the rates quoted we deduce that this refers to:

   Glassware, n.e.s.

   and excludes plate glass and window glass.
4. Leather goods
The rates quoted appear to relate to:
Manufactures of leather, n.e.s.
which seems to exclude boots and shoes (for which there appears to be another heading, with different rates) except canvas boots and shoes, rubber soled.

5. Paper
We assume that the items referred to are:
- Printing paper, plain
- Writing paper, n.e.s.
  (i) plain

6. Coir products
We assume this refers to:
- Coir manufactures, n.e.s.
and that cordage, cables, ropes and twine of coir are excluded.

7. Cotton textiles
(b) Lace and net
The nearest item we can find is:
- Lace and net excluding mosquito and curtain netting with rates of 30¢ and 40¢. Does the item referred to in W.P.2/W.3 refer to this tariff item or not?
(d) Handloom towels and towelling
We cannot find a separate tariff item for these. Could the number of the tariff item be quoted?

8. Rubber goods
We would assume that the items quoted are subsections of manufactures of rubber, n.e.s., but the rates of the latter appear to be free and 15¢.

9. General
We should be grateful if the Ceylon Delegation would indicate, in respect of each of the items listed, which are subject to surcharge, in addition to the rates of duty quoted.