SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT

Notification of Non-Discriminatory Measures

The following letter, dated 20 October 1947, has been received by the Chairman of the Tariff Negotiations Working Party from the Head of the Chilean Delegation, and is circulated for the information of members of the Tariff Agreement Committee. It forms part of the correspondence already circulated in Document E/PC/T/256 Add.1., with which it should be read in conjunction.

Translation from SPANISH.

Letter from: Mr. Angel Faivovich,
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to: Mr. L.D. Wilgress,
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Geneva.


I have received your letter of the 18th instant, referring to the Chilean statement on the non-discriminatory protective measures which were in force in Chile on 1 September 1947.

You informed me firstly that the Working Party was pleased to note that this Delegation is in a position to remove from its statement the restrictions described under sections (C) and (D) of my letter of 14 October; but that nevertheless the remaining sections still contain certain products, including, for example, milling-cutters, boring tools, retort carbon and tissues of horse-hair, which appear in the Chilean Schedule to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and that the restrictions in respect of these products, imposed for purposes of economic development, will have to be removed as soon as the General Agreement comes into force, in accordance with the provisions of Article XVIII, paragraph 7.
In reply to this point I would inform you that neither milling-cutters nor boring tools and retort carbon are specifically mentioned in the Chilean Schedule to the Tariff Agreement, and for that reason were not included in the postscript to my letter, dated 17 October. Nevertheless, these products, or some of them, could be included under some generic item of the said Schedule, such as, for example, Item 1367. In that case, this Delegation agrees that, if those products are actually included in the Chilean Schedule, the restrictions now imposed upon them for purposes of economic development would have to cease on the date Chile signs the Tariff Agreement.

With regard to tissues of horse-hair, I would point out that this product figures in the postscript to my letter, dated 17 October, under the name of "Optima" tissue.

Regarding Section (E) of my letter dated 14 October, the only product which appears in the Chilean Schedule as well, is "liquors", and this also appears in the postscript to my letter of the 17th instant.

The Working Party wonders whether, in regard to Section (E), it is necessary to maintain differential excise duties, in view of the fact that Chile would remain free to increase the tariffs on products which appear in Section (E) but which have not been the subject of negotiations at Geneva.

In reply to this point I would inform you that, after a detailed study of the question, my Government may possibly decide to transfer the present differential excise duty imposed on these products to the Customs duty; this, however, is a question which must in any case be left for the decision of the Chilean Government.

I have the honour to be .............

Signed: A. Faivovich
Head of the Delegation of Chile.