

GATT/AIR/416(SECRET)

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NO. 122
24 SEPTEMBER 1964SUBJECT: REQUEST BY NEW ZEALAND FOR AUTHORITY TO RENEGOTIATE UNDER
ARTICLE XXVIII:4

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION, DATED 22 SEPTEMBER 1964, HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF NEW ZEALAND. THIS REQUEST WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES ON 25 SEPTEMBER 1964.

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT REQUESTS AUTHORITY TO RENEGOTIATE THE CONCESSION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEM IN PART I OF SCHEDULE XIII.

SAWS (NON-MECHANICAL) AND BLADES FOR HAND OR MACHINE SAWS (INCLUDING TOOTHLESS SAW BLADES):

695.210.3 OTHER SAW BLADES 17½ PER CENT

THE CONCESSION ON THIS ITEM WAS NEGOTIATED WITH THE UNITED STATES DURING THE RENEGOTIATION OF THE NEW ZEALAND SCHEDULE IN 1963. THIS REQUEST ARISES FROM THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TARIFF AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD FOLLOWING A TARIFF INQUIRY ON SAWS AND SAW BLADES. THE BOARD CONDUCTED A FULL INVESTIGATION INTO THE NEW ZEALAND INDUSTRY AND RECOMMENDED THAT THE MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION RATE BE INCREASED TO 37½ PER CENT IN ORDER TO ACCORD REASONABLE PROTECTION FOR THE NEW ZEALAND INDUSTRY. IMPORTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED JUNE 1963 AND 1964 WERE:

AUSTRALIA	8,194	12,233
UNITED KINGDOM	45,848	51,191
AUSTRIA	23	13
DENMARK	73	1
SWEDEN	6,498	6,345
SWITZERLAND	722	900
BELGIUM	819	677
FRANCE	-	2
GERMAN FEDERAL REPUBLIC	6,039	7,279
ITALY	156	96
NETHERLANDS	8	-
CANADA	59,861	70,989
USA	19,575	27,825
JAPAN	168	374
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	147,984	177,925

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT ASKS THAT THIS REQUEST BE GIVEN EARLY CONSIDERATION.

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