

SUBJECT: DECISION EXTENDING THE WAIVER GRANTED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY TO ACCORD SPECIAL CUSTOMS TREATMENT TO CERTAIN PRODUCTS OF LIBYA

THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE, AT THE MEETING HELD ON 25 AND 26 FEBRUARY 1952, NOTED THAT THE DECISION OF 26 OCTOBER 1951 GRANTED TO ITALY A WAIVER FOR THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF SPECIAL CUSTOMS TREATMENT TO CERTAIN PRODUCTS OF LIBYA UNTIL 30 SEPTEMBER 1952. IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE DECIDED UPON A DATE LATER THAN 30 SEPTEMBER FOR THE OPENING OF THE SEVENTH SESSION, THE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED THAT A NEW DECISION BE TAKEN BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES TO ENABLE THE CONTINUED APPLICATION OF THE SPECIAL TREATMENT ON A PROVISIONAL BASIS UNTIL THE END OF THE SEVENTH SESSION OR UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE CONTRACTING PARTIES SHOULD REACH A FINAL DECISION ON THE MATTER WHICHEVER MIGHT BE EARLIER. (cf. GATT/IC/SR.3)

THE COMMITTEE INSTRUCTED THE SECRETARIAT TO PREPARE A DRAFT DECISION FOR SUBMISSION TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IN ORDER THAT A VOTE MIGHT BE TAKEN BY POSTAL BALLOT. THE DRAFT DECISION HAS BEEN PREPARED AND FOLLOWS BELOW.

CONTRACTING PARTIES ARE REQUESTED TO RECORD THEIR VOTES NOT LATER THAN 30 APRIL. IN VIEW OF THE MAJORITY REQUIREMENTS OF ARTICLE XXV:5 (a), IT IS IMPORTANT THAT EACH CONTRACTING PARTY SHOULD PARTICIPATE IN THIS VOTE.

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PROPOSED DECISION CONCERNING IMPORTS INTO ITALY FROM LIBYA

Submitted by the Intersessional Committee¹ for Approval by
Postal Ballot

WHEREAS the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their Sixth Session by a Decision of 26 October 1951, waived the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 1 of the General Agreement until 30 September 1952 to the extent necessary to permit the Government of Italy to continue to accord the special customs treatment at present in force to certain products of Libya when imported into the customs territory of Italy, without obligation to extend the same treatment to the like products of other contracting parties, and requested the Government of Italy to present for consideration at the Seventh Session any further proposals on this matter, and

WHEREAS the CONTRACTING PARTIES will not be in regular session prior to 30 September 1952,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES

DECIDE that the waiver granted on 26 October 1951 shall be extended to permit the Government of Italy to continue to accord the aforementioned special customs treatment to the products of Libya until the end of the Seventh Session or until such time as the CONTRACTING PARTIES reach a final decision on the matter, whichever is the earlier.

~~Chairman~~

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¹ cf. GATT/IC/SR.3