

GATT/AIR/1378

6 JUNE 1977

SUBJECT: NON-TARIFF MEASURES SUB-GROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS"

1. AS AGREED BY GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES", THE SUB-GROUP "QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS" WILL RECONVENE AT 10 A.M. ON 5 JULY 1977. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE BUILDING OF THE INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION - ROOM B.

QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS (INCLUDING IMPORT PROHIBITIONS AND SO-CALLED VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINTS)

2. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT AT ITS MARCH 1977 MEETING (MTN/NTM/30, PARAGRAPHS 5-7) THE SUB-GROUP AGREED TO REVERT AT THIS MEETING TO THE FOLLOWING MATTERS:

- (A) POSSIBILITY OF FORMULATING ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES FOR BILATERAL AND/OR PLURILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS ON QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS, AND POSSIBILITY OF WORKING OUT A GENERAL FORMULA OR FORMULAE OF AUTOMATIC APPLICATION (MTN/NTM/2, PARAGRAPH 6(iv)). IN THIS CONTEXT ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO PROPOSALS AND STATEMENTS CIRCULATED IN MTN/NTM/W/5, MTN/NTM/W/29, MTN/NTM/W/66 AND MTN/NTM/W/67;
- (B) DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT INCLUDING SPECIAL PROCEDURES IN FAVOUR OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. IN THIS CONTEXT ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO PROPOSALS AND STATEMENTS CIRCULATED IN COM.TD/W/188, COM.TD/W/198, MTN/3B/15, MTN/3B/18 (ANNEX) AND MTN/NTM/W/29, AS WELL AS A NOTE BY THE SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED IN MTN/3B/20.

3. MEMBERS OF THE SUB-GROUP MAY ALSO WISH TO CONSIDER REPORTS ON CONSULTATIONS HELD UNDER THE PROCEDURE ADOPTED BY THE SUB-GROUP AT ITS APRIL 1975 MEETING (MTN/NTM/2, PARAGRAPH 6(i-iii)). SUMMARY NOTES RECEIVED BY THE SECRETARIAT HAVE BEEN CIRCULATED IN MTN/NTM/W/40 AND ADDENDA. DELEGATIONS WHO HAVE NOT YET SUBMITTED SUMMARY NOTES WITH RESPECT TO CONSULTATIONS IN WHICH THEY HAVE PARTICIPATED AS EXPORTING OR IMPORTING COUNTRIES ARE INVITED TO DO SO WITHOUT DELAY.

IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

4. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT AS AGREED BY GROUP "NON-TARIFF MEASURES" THE SUB-GROUP MET AT TECHNICAL LEVEL ON 24-25 MAY 1977. THE ACTING CHAIRMAN WILL REPORT ORALLY TO THE SUB-GROUP ON THE WORK UNDERTAKEN. AT THAT MEETING, THE SECRETARIAT WAS REQUESTED TO EXAMINE, IN CLOSE CONSULTATION WITH DELEGATIONS AND ON THE BASIS OF CONCRETE EXAMPLES TAKEN FROM ANNEX 2 TO MTN/NTM/W/73/REV.1, THE FEASIBILITY OF DRAWING UP DRAFT TEXTS ON AUTOMATIC LICENSING AND LICENSING TO ADMINISTER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. THE SECRETARIAT WILL SUBMIT THE RESULT OF THIS EXAMINATION TO THE SUB-GROUP AT THIS MEETING.

5. AT THE MEETING ON 24-25 MAY 1977 AT TECHNICAL LEVEL THE SECRETARIAT WAS ALSO REQUESTED TO ESTABLISH A DOCUMENT WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE RELEVANT PROVISIONS OF THE GATT, ESPECIALLY ARTICLES VIII AND XIII, AND THE DRAFT TEXTS ELABORATED BY THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTS (MTN/NTM/W/2, ANNEXES I AND II). THIS DOCUMENT WILL BE CIRCULATED TO MEMBERS OF THE SUB-GROUP BEFORE THE MEETING.

6. MEMBERS OF THE SUB-GROUP MAY WISH TO DISCUSS AT THIS MEETING THE FUTURE WORK ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES.

7. THE MEETING IS OPEN TO THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH HAVE INDICATED THEIR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS AND HAVE THUS ASSUMED MEMBERSHIP OF THE TRADE NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE. SUCH MEMBERS ARE ACCORDINGLY INVITED TO INFORM ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE NAMES OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES WHO WILL ATTEND THE MEETING OF THE SUB-GROUP.

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