

AIRGRAM

TÉLÉGRAMME PAR AVION

GATT/AIR/14

23 APRIL 1952

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE II - BENELUX
SUSPENSION OF ITEM 312 UNDER THE PROCEDURES OF ARTICLE XIX

1. I REPORTED TO THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IN GATT/CP/140 OF 25 JANUARY THAT AS FROM THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 8 FEBRUARY 1952 THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WOULD MODIFY THE CONCESSION ON HATTERS' FUR WHICH HAD BEEN NEGOTIATED WITH THE BENELUX GOVERNMENTS IN 1947 BY INCREASING THE RATE OF DUTY STIPULATED FOR ITEM 1520 IN PART I OF SCHEDULE XI.

2. THE GOVERNMENT OF BELGIUM ENGAGED IN CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES, AS REPORTED IN GATT/CP/140/Add.1, AND HAS NOW ANNOUNCED, BY LETTER DATED 8 APRIL (RECEIVED ON 22 APRIL), ITS INTENTION TO SUSPEND, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XIX: 3 (a), THE APPLICATION OF THE FOLLOWING CONCESSION TO THE TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES:

Benelux Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rate of Duty
312	Mastics; sealing wax and bottling wax: a. Mastics	4 p.c.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF PARAGRAPH 3 (a) OF ARTICLE XIX, THE BENELUX GOVERNMENTS WILL BE FREE TO SUSPEND AS FROM 22 MAY 1952 THE APPLICATION TO THE TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES OF "SUCH SUBSTANTIALLY EQUIVALENT OBLIGATIONS OR CONCESSIONS UNDER THIS AGREEMENT THE SUSPENSION OF WHICH THE CONTRACTING PARTIES DO NOT DISAPPROVE". ACCORDINGLY, UNLESS ACTION IS TAKEN TO SECURE CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROPOSED SUSPENSION BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OR BY THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE BEFORE THAT DATE, THE SUSPENSION OF THE CONCESSION SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 2 TO THE TRADE OF THE UNITED STATES WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON 22 MAY 1952.

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Sent to: Chairman of Contracting Parties
34 contracting parties (Belgium with covering letter)
copies to Liaison Officers, Permanent U.N. Delegations
and representatives of non-European C.P.s