## AIRGRAM

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## SUBJECT: INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING FOR AUSTRALIAN 23 JAN 1355 APPLICATION UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII:4

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION DATED 20 JANUARY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT:

"THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS AUTHORITY FOR AUSTRALIA TO RENEGOTIATE, UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII PARAGRAPH 4, THE CONCESSIONS ON ITEM 105(F)(1) APPEARING IN PART I (MOST FAVOURED NATION TARIFF) AND PART II (PREFERENTIAL TARIFF) OF SCHEDULE I. THE CONCESSIONS IN PART I WERE NEGOTIATED WITH FRANCE, AND THOSE IN PART II WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM. ON THE BASIS OF THE LAST THREE YEARS TRADE, THE UNITED KINGDOM IS THE PRINCIPAL PREFERENTIAL SUPPLIER AND ITALY IS THE PRINCIPAL M.F.N. SUPPLIER.

"THIS REQUEST FOLLOWS. A RECOMMENDATION BY THE AUSTRALIAN TARIFF BOARD THAT ITEMS lo5(F)(1) AND lo5(F)(2) BE AMALGAMATED AND THAT THE PROPOSED NEW COMBINED ITEM BE SUBJECT TO EXISTING DUTIES ON ITEM lo5(F)(2). THE REFERENTIAL AND M.F.N. RATES UNDER ITEM lo5(F)(2)ARE ALSO BOUND TO THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FRANCE RESPECTIVELY.

"ITEM 105(F)(1) COVERS PIECE-GOODS OF WOOL OR CONTAINING WOOL ORDINARILY USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF OUTER CLOTHING FOR HUMAN WEAR AND WEIGHING MORE THAN 3 OZ. FER SQUARE YARD. ITEM 105(F)(2) COVERS PIECE-GOODS OF WOOL OR CONTAINING WOOL N.E.I. MUCH DIFFICULTY IS EXPERIENCED IN DETERMINING WHETHER CERTAIN PIECE-GOODS ARE ORDINARILY USED FOR OUTER CLOTHING AND THE PROPOSED REVISION IS DESIGNED TO AVOID THESE DIFFICULTIES.

"BASICALLY TAIS REQUEST TO RENEGOTIATE ITEM 105(F)(1) ARISES OUT OF THE NEED TO ADJUST BOUND CONCESSIONS IN THE LIGHT OF THE AUSTRALIAN TARIFF BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION FOR AMALGAMATION OF ITEMS 105(F)(1) AND 105(F)(2). THIS ADJUSTMENT OF BOUND CONCESSIONS BECOMES NECESSARY BECAUSE IN AMALGAMATION OF THE TWO ITEMS THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT COULD NOT BE SURE THAT THE RATES OF DUTY UNDER ITEM 105(F)(1) WILL AT ALL TIMES BE LESS THAN THOSE UNDER ITEM 105(F)(2) ALTHOUGH, AT LEAST IN RESPECT OF MOST-FAVOURED-NATION TRADE, THE STATISTICAL EVIDENCE AVAILABLE MAKES IT CLEAR THAT THIS IS THE POSITION FOR PRACTICALLY ALL IMPORTS ADMITTED UNDER ITEM 105(F)(1). AUSTRALIA TAKES THE VIEW THAT THIS PROCESS OF ADJUSTMENT SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XXVIII."

SENT BY : Executive Secretary, GATT, Tel. address : ICITO GENEVA

ENVOYÉ PAR : Secrétaire Exécutif, GATT, Adresse télégraphique : ICITO GENÈVE

ACCORDINGLY I PROPOSE TO CONVENE THE COMMITTEE TO MEET ON 11 FEBRUARY 1959 AT 2.30 P.M. IN THE PALAIS DES NATIONS, GENEVA. I HAVE CHOSEN THIS DATE BECAUSE OF THE PRESENCE IN GENEVA OF DELEGATES ATTENDING MEETINGS OF COMMITTEE I ON EXPANSION OF TRADE FROM 9 TO 13 FEBRUARY.

STATISTICAL INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT IN .... SUPPORT OF THEIR APPLICATION IS ANNEXED HERETO.

E. WYNDHAM WHITE

## CLEARANCES UNDER TARIFF ITEL 105(F)(1) - EXCLUDING WOOL SUBSTITUTES S.I. 2358

Piece Goods, woollen, or containing wool, ordinarly used in the manufacture of outer clothing for human wear and weighing more than 3 oz. per sq. yd. OPERATIONS DE DEDOUANEMENT DE PRODUITS VISES AU No 105 F)1) (A L'EXCLUSION DES PRODUITS DE SUBSTITUTION DE LA LAINE S.I. 2358)

Tissus de laine ou contenant de la laine, ordinairement employés pour la confection de vêtements de dessus et pesant plus de 3 onces par yard carré

	1955-56				1956-57				1957-58			
	Quantity Sq. Yds.	Yds. £A. fob.		Value q. yd.	Quantity Sq. Yds.	Value £A. fob.	Unit Value per sq. yd. Valeur unitaire (par yard car <del>ré</del> )		Quantity Sq. Yds.	Value £A. fob.	Unit Value per sq. yd. Valeur unitaire (par yard carré)	
	Quantité (yards carrés)	Valeur (livres austr. fob)	Valeur unitaire (par yard carré)		Quantité (yards carrés)	Valeur (livres austr. fob)			Quantité (yards carrés)	Valeur (livres austr. fob)		
United Kingdom - RoyaumeUni		1,138,580			1,234,535	814,533	138.	2d.	1,772,792	1,129,286	12s.	7d.
Canada	15	19	25s.	2d.		- 1			23	25	21s.	5 <b>d.</b>
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New Zealand - Neuvelle-Zélande	-	-			-	-			161	155	18s.	7d.
Austria - Autriche · · · · · · · · · · ·	3,854	738	3s.		6,055	1,489	45.	10d.	-	-		
Benelux	29	86	59s.		-	-			138	199	100	10d.
France	21,187	25,951	24s.	5d.	34,738	43,077	0.000-00	10d.	59,186	68,627	23s.	
Germany, F.R Allemagne, Rép. féd	117,449	32,315	5s.	5d.	38,598	15,398	the second count	10d.	39, 391	13,849	7s.	-
Indonesia - Indonésie	-	-		I	10	5	10s.	- 10 M 10	-	-		
Italy - Italie	168,986	56,871	6s.	7d.	117,848	34,103	14 av	10d.	456,039	144,619		2d.
Japan - Japon	2,506	763	6s.	- 1	60	49	16s.	2d.	25,355	6,234		10d.
Netherlands - Pays-Bas	2,149	1,055	9s.	10d.	-	-			394	115		10d.
Switzerland - Suisse	7,871	6,891	17s.	5d.	10,732	8,278	155.	5d.	13,346	11,330	16s.	104.
Czechoslovakia - Tchécoslovaquie	-	-		1	956	728	158.	2 <b>d</b> .	-	-		
United States - Etats-Unis	24	42	35s.	-	-	-			39	41	21s.	1000 million (1000)
Non—GATT — Pays non membres du GATT	10,074	2,042	4s.	-	-	-			3,055	1,687	36s.	2d.
70TAL	1,999,394	1,265,353	12s.	7d.	1,443,543	917,670	12s.	7d.	2,368,551	1,377,585	135.	7 <b>d.</b>

Department of Trade, CANBERRA A.C.T., January, 1959. Janvier,