

GATT/AIR/193 (SECRET)

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No.

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20 APRIL 1960

SUBJECT: REQUEST BY AUSTRALIA UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII:4
CONSIDERATION BY THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE

IN ADDITION TO THE REQUESTS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA CONTAINED IN GATT/AIR/190 AND 191 (SECRET) AND WHICH ARE TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE ON 20 APRIL, THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT SUBMITTED A FURTHER REQUEST ON 13 APRIL AS FOLLOWS:

"THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS AUTHORITY, UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII, PARAGRAPH 4, TO RENEGOTIATE THE FOLLOWING CONCESSIONS ACCORDED UNDER SCHEDULE I:

PART I - MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION TARIFF

ITEM 106 (B) TRIMMINGS AND ORNAMENTS N.E.I. FOR HATS, SHOES AND OTHER ATTIRE, ETC. (AS DESCRIBED IN THE SIXTH PROTOCOL OF RECTIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS TO THE GENEVA, 1947, SCHEDULES) AD VALOREM 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ %;

PART II - PREFERENTIAL TARIFF

ITEM 105 (M) LINEN PIECE GOODS AND PIECE GOODS CONTAINING A MIXTURE OF FIBRES IN WHICH LINEN PREDOMINATES, ETC. (2) N.E.I. AD VALOREM 5%;

"2. THE CONCESSION UNDER ITEM 106 (B) WAS INITIALLY NEGOTIATED WITH FRANCE IN 1947. ALTHOUGH AUTHORITY IS SOUGHT TO NEGOTIATE THE CONCESSION ON THE WHOLE OF ITEM 106 (B), ONLY THE EMBROIDERIES INCLUDED IN THE ITEM WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED TARIFF AMENDMENTS. SWITZERLAND HAS BEEN THE PRINCIPAL MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION SUPPLIER.

"3. THE CONCESSION UNDER ITEM 105 (M) (2) WAS INITIALLY NEGOTIATED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM IN 1947. THE ITEM WAS ALSO NEGOTIATED WITH BENELUX IN 1947, BUT THE CONCESSION UNDER PART I WILL NOT BE AFFECTED BY THE PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES. AS THE CONCESSION UNDER PART II WAS NEGOTIATED WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM, WE WOULD CONTEMPLATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM ONLY.

"4. THIS REQUEST ARISES FROM AN ENQUIRY BY THE COMMONWEALTH TARIFF BOARD INTO THE PRODUCTION OF EMBROIDERIES IN AUSTRALIA.

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

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

"5. THE TARIFF BOARD FOUND THAT THE AUSTRALIAN INDUSTRY WAS WELL ESTABLISHED AND EFFICIENT BUT WAS UNDER CERTAIN COST DISABILITIES COMPARED WITH OVERSEAS MANUFACTURERS.

"6. IMPORT STATISTICS FOR EMBROIDERIES IN THE PIECE UNDER ITEM 106(B) ARE:

<u>COUNTRIES</u>	1956/57 £A	1957/58 £A	1958/59 £A
UNITED KINGDOM	350	1,407	1,979
HONG KONG	820	-	-
AUSTRIA	2,111	2,500	2,165
CZECHOSLOVAKIA	-	2,565	2,509
BELGIUM	64	-	-
FRANCE	2,021	103	2,860
ITALY	-	607	813
GERMANY F.R.	92	927	342
SWITZERLAND	4,585	9,123	9,050
TOTAL:	10,043	17,232	19,718

"7. IMPORT STATISTICS UNDER ITEM 105 (H) (2) ARE:

UNITED KINGDOM	447,906/5	519,925	364,430
TOTAL:	470,172	549,722	383,380

"8. THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT REQUESTS THAT THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE SHOULD CONSIDER THIS REQUEST AT ITS FORTHCOMING MEETING ON 20 APRIL."

AS IT HAS NOT BEEN POSSIBLE TO DISTRIBUTE THIS REQUEST IN TIME FOR CONSIDERATION AT THE MEETING ON 20 APRIL, THE COMMITTEE WILL BE ASKED AT THAT MEETING TO FIX A DATE FOR A FURTHER MEETING.

B. WYNDHAM WHITE