

GATT/AIR/247

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SUBJECT: CONSULTATION WITH NEW ZEALAND UNDER ARTICLE XII:4(a)

WITH REFERENCE TO THE FORTHCOMING CONSULTATION WITH NEW ZEALAND UNDER ARTICLE XII:4(a), REGARDING THE MEASURES NOTIFIED ON 14 APRIL 1961 (L/1447) AND THE FURTHER INTENSIFICATION OF BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS IMPORT RESTRICTIONS NOTIFIED ON 23 JUNE 1961.

THE NEW ZEALAND GOVERNMENT HAS ADVISED THE SECRETARIAT THAT WHATEVER MAY HAVE BEEN THE POSITION REGARDING THE MEASURES OF INTENSIFICATION INTRODUCED IN APRIL LAST, THERE CAN BE NO DOUBT THAT THE FURTHER MEASURES TAKEN LATE IN JUNE CONSTITUTE "SUBSTANTIAL INTENSIFICATION" WITHIN THE MEANING OF ARTICLE XII:4(a).

INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS HAVE TAKEN PLACE REGARDING THE TIMING OF THIS CONSULTATION. DUE TO THE HEAVY SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS IN THE WEEKS IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING AND FOLLOWING THE COUNCIL MEETING IN SEPTEMBER, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BALANCE-OF-PAYMENTS COMMITTEE AND A NUMBER OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE HAVE AGREED THAT ALTHOUGH THE TERMS OF THE ARTICLE CALL FOR CONSULTATION "IMMEDIATELY AFTER" AN INTENSIFICATION, IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO POSTPONE THE CONSULTATION UNTIL THE MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN THE PERIOD 30 OCTOBER - 10 NOVEMBER.

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