

GATT/AIR/264 (SECRET)

3 JANUARY 1962

SUBJECT: UNITED KINGDOM WAIVER NOTIFICATION RE: LETTUCE AND
ENDIVES

THE COMMUNICATION REPRODUCED HEREUNDER, DATED 29 DECEMBER 1961, HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT.

1. "I AM INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WISH TO INVOKE THE DECISION OF 24 OCTOBER 1953, AS AMENDED ON 5 MARCH 1955, IN ORDER TO APPLY A HIGHER MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION RATE OF DUTY ON LETTUCE AND ENDIVES IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM DURING THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL WITHOUT IMPOSING A DUTY ON IMPORTS FROM THE TERRITORIES LISTED IN ANNEX A TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT.
2. "IN THE CUSTOMS TARIFF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM THE RELEVANT ITEM APPEARS IN CHAPTER 7 AS HEADING 07.01(F). IT HAS NOT BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A TARIFF CONCESSION DURING THE PERIOD IN QUESTION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT. PROTECTIVE DUTY HAS AT NO TIME SINCE 1 JANUARY 1939 BEEN CHARGEABLE IN RESPECT OF THE GOODS IN QUESTION WHEN IMPORTED FROM THE TERRITORIES LISTED IN ANNEX A. ATTACHED TO THIS LETTER ARE STATISTICS OF IMPORTS OF LETTUCE AND ENDIVES DURING THE MONTHS OF MARCH AND APRIL IN THE YEARS 1959, 1960 AND 1961.
3. "IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SET OUT IN THE DECISION, THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT ARE INFORMING THE NETHERLANDS GOVERNMENT OF THEIR INTENTION TO INVOKE IT. I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL, THEREFORE, IF, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THESE PROCEDURES, YOU WOULD NOTIFY ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM'S INTENTION. I AM ALSO TO STRESS THE NEED FOR SECRECY REGARDING THIS COMMUNICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH (1) OF THE PROCEDURES UNDER THE DECISION."

IMPORTS OF LETTUCE INTO THE UNITED KINGDOM DURING
MARCH AND APRIL

COUNTRY	1959 CWT	1960 CWT	1961 CWT
TOTAL COMMONWEALTH	9	80	60
TOTAL FOREIGN	78,926	88,683	104,708
OF WHICH			
THE NETHERLANDS	62,014	73,956	96,672
TOTAL IMPORTS	78,935	88,763	104,768

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A CONTRACTING PARTY WISHING TO REQUEST CONSULTATIONS WITH THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER PARAGRAPH (b) OF THE PROCEDURES ANNEXED TO THE DECISION OF 24 OCTOBER 1953 (WAIVER TO THE UNITED KINGDOM IN CONNEXION WITH ITEMS TRADITIONALLY ADMITTED FREE OF DUTY FROM COUNTRIES OF THE COMMONWEALTH - BISD, SECOND SUPPLEMENT, PAGE 20), SHOULD SO INFORM THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY NOT LATER THAN 2 FEBRUARY 1962. IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SUCH REQUEST, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WILL BE FREE TO TAKE THE ACTION PROPOSED IN THEIR COMMUNICATION.

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