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SUBJECT: RHODESIA AND NYASALAND TARIFF: CUSTOMS TREATMENT FOR PRODUCTS OF UNITED KINGDOM TERRITORIES - ACTION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND:

"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO REFER TO CONTRACTING PARTIES' DECISION OF 19 NOVEMBER 1960 REGARDING THE CUSTOMS TREATMENT FOR PRODUCTS OF UNITED KINGDOM TERRITORIES IN THE CUSTOMS TARIFF OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND, AND I HAVE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND INTENDS TO TAKE ACTION UNDER PARAGRAPH 1 OF THE DECISION TO APPLY TO THE ARTICLES DESCRIBED BELOW, WHEN THEY ARE THE PRODUCTS OF COUNTRIES THE PRODUCTS OF WHICH ARE GENERALLY SO TREATED UNDER THE TARIFF LEGISLATION OF THE FEDERATION, THE MORE FAVOURABLE TREATMENT GENERALLY APPLICABLE TO DEPENDENT TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WITHOUT MAKING A CORRESPONDING REDUCTION IN THE MOST-FAVOURABLE-NATION-RATE.

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EX 65	CLOTHING, THE CLOTH CONTENT (EXCLUDING COLLAR AND CUFF INTERLININGS) OF WHICH, EXCEPT IN THE CASE OF OVERCOATS, CONSISTS ENTIRELY OF PURE SILK PIECE GOODS:
EX (e)	WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' OUTER GARMENTS, N.E.C.: (i) DRESSES: (A) MEASURING MORE THAN 28 INCHES FROM SHOULDER TO HEM. (B) OTHER. (ii) BLOUSES OF WOVEN MATERIAL: (A) OF A CHEST MEASUREMENT OF 30 INCHES OR MORE. (B) OTHER.

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EX (f)(ii)	OTHER UNDERWEAR: (A) BLOOMERS, PANTIES AND SIMILAR GARMENTS OF A WAIST MEASUREMENT OF 23 INCHES OR MORE. (B) PETTICOATS AND SLIPS. (D) OTHER.
EX (g)	SHIRTS: (i) OF WOVEN MATERIAL, OF A CHEST MEASUREMENT OF 30 INCHES OR MORE
EX (h)	DRESSING GOWNS, INCLUDING KIMONOS, HOUSECOATS AND BED JACKETS.
EX (i)	OVERCOATS, DUST-COATS AND MACKINTOSHES, INCLUDING RAIN CAPES AND LEGGINGS THEREFOR: (i) OVERCOATS, EXCLUDING WATERPROOF CLOTHING.
EX (m)	ALL OTHER: (ii) NIGHTDRESSES, NIGHTSHIRTS AND PYJAMAS.
EX 73 (d)	TEXTILE SETS FOR DRESSING TABLES; COMBS; PINS; NEEDLES; TABLE CLOTHS AND TABLE NAPKINS MANUFACTURED WHOLLY OF FLAX OR FROM CLOTH CONTAINING 100 PER CENT OF FLAX; BUCKLES; AND MEASURING TAPES, TEXTILE.
EX 76	PIECE GOODS (EXCEPT 100 PER CENT COTTON) ADMITTED UNDER REBATE OF DUTY FOR MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES BUT EXCLUDING THE TEXTILE CONVERTING INDUSTRY AND THE BANDAGE AND SURGICAL DRESSINGS INDUSTRY.
EX 76 (b)	PIECE GOODS CONTAINING 100 PER CENT OF SILK.
EX 76 (d)	PIECE GOODS CONTAINING 100 PER CENT OF FLAX.
EX 297 (c)(iv)	PENS, EXCEPT BALL POINT PENS; PENCILS, INCLUDING MECHANICAL PENCILS; PENCIL LEADS; AND RUBBER ERASERS.

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EX 331 (2)

ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, FRUIT OR FOLIAGE, SLIDE HAND VIEWERS, INCLUDING BATTERY-OPERATED; CINEMATOGRAF SCREENS; CANDLE-STICKS, N.E.C.; CLOTHES PEGS; MEASURING TAPES, REELS OR RULES; STRAIGHT-EDGE STEELS, NOT GRADUATED; AND SPECTACLE CASES.

"THE ACTION INTENDED FOLLOWS A REQUEST FOR SUCH TREATMENT IN ORDER TO ASSIST THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED. ITS EFFECT WILL BE TO APPLY TO THE PRODUCTS SPECIFIED, WHEN PRODUCED IN DEPENDENT TERRITORIES OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, COLUMN D RATES OF DUTY IN THE RHODESIA AND NYASALAND TARIFF INSTEAD OF THE COLUMN C RATES OF DUTY NOW APPLICABLE.

"THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS SATISFIED THAT THESE CHANGES FALL WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY PARAGRAPH 3 OF THE DECISION OF 19 NOVEMBER 1960.

"FROM THE STATISTICAL DATA AVAILABLE IT APPEARS THAT THE ONLY CONTRACTING PARTIES WITH ANY SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN THE PRODUCTS DESCRIBED ABOVE ARE THE UNITED KINGDOM, THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA AND JAPAN, WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE BEEN SEPARATELY NOTIFIED OF THE ACTION INTENDED.

"I AM TO ASK YOU TO ACCEPT THIS LETTER, IN LIEU OF A CABLE, AS THE NOTIFICATION REFERRED TO IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE DECISION OF 19 NOVEMBER 1960."

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES LAID DOWN IN THE DECISION OF 19 NOVEMBER 1960 ANY CONTRACTING PARTY WHICH CONSIDERS THAT THIS ACTION IS LIKELY TO CAUSE MATERIAL DAMAGE TO ITS COMMERCIAL INTERESTS AND WHICH WISHES TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS WITH THE FEDERATION SHOULD REQUEST AND CONDUCT ANY SUCH CONSULTATION WITH THE LEAST POSSIBLE DELAY. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE FEDERATION MAY PROVIDE THE MORE FAVOURABLE CUSTOMS TREATMENT AS PROPOSED IF, BY 5 NOVEMBER 1962, NO CONTRACTING PARTY HAS REQUESTED CONSULTATION, OR IF IT IS AGREED BY A CONTRACTING PARTY REQUESTING CONSULTATION, BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, OR BY THE COUNCIL, AS THE CASE MAY BE, THAT NO SUCH LIKELIHOOD EXISTS.

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