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11 APRIL 1963

SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA  
UNDER THE DECISION OF 4 JUNE 1960

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION, DATED 5 APRIL 1963, HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT:

"I HAVE THE HONOUR TO ADVISE YOU THAT THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT DESIRES TO INCREASE FROM 20 PER CENT AD VALOREM WITH A MINIMUM PER GARMENT OF 15 CENTS TO 30 PER CENT AD VALOREM WITH A MINIMUM PER GARMENT OF 50 CENTS FOR DRESSES AND FROCKS AND 15 CENTS FOR OTHER GARMENTS ITS MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION RATE ON KNITTED OUTER CLOTHING N.E.E., INCLUDING JERSEYS, PULLOVERS AND SHIRTS, OTHER THAN GARMENTS CONTAINING MORE THAN 50 PER CENT BY WEIGHT OF WORSTED WOOL, OR 50 PER CENT OR MORE BY WEIGHT OF RAYON OR CELLULOSE ACETATE, OR MIXTURES THEREOF, OR 50 PER CENT OR MORE BY WEIGHT OF COTTON (TARIFF ITEM 65 (b) (1v) (4)) INCLUDED IN ANNEXURE B, PART 1, OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH AFRICA AND THE FEDERATION OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND WHICH CAME INTO OPERATION ON 1 JULY 1960.

"SINCE THIS INCREASE IN DUTY WILL INCREASE THE EXISTING MARGIN OF PREFERENCE IN FAVOUR OF THE FEDERATION, THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT HEREBY WISHES TO NOTIFY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES OF THE ACTION CONTEMPLATED BY IT AND OF ITS READINESS TO CONSULT WITH ANY MATERIALLY AFFECTED CONTRACTING PARTY IN TERMS OF THE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN DOCUMENT L/1225 OF 3 JUNE 1960, AND THE DECISION ADOPTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES ON 4 JUNE 1960.

"THE ONLY CONTRACTING PARTIES WHICH ARE LIKELY TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN THE PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE MARGIN OF PREFERENCE ON THE PRODUCTS CONCERNED ARE ITALY, THE UNITED KINGDOM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. THE UNITED KINGDOM, ITALIAN AND UNITED STATES GOVERNMENTS ARE BEING ADVISED DIRECTLY OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS COMMUNICATION. TOTAL SOUTH AFRICAN IMPORTS OF THE GOODS IN QUESTION IN 1961 AND 1962 WERE AS FOLLOWS:

| <u>COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</u> | <u>1961</u><br>RAND. | <u>1962</u><br>RAND. |
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| ITALY                    | 301,333              | 238,187              |
| UNITED KINGDOM           | 247,146              | 163,528              |
| UNITED STATES OF AMERICA | 64,105               | 66,627               |
| OTHER                    | 205,477              | 121,852              |
| TOTAL                    | <u>818,061</u>       | <u>590,194</u> "     |

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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROCEDURES SET OUT IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF THE DECISION OF 4 JUNE 1960 (BISD, 9TH SUPPL., PAGE 52), ANY CONTRACTING PARTY WHICH CONSIDERS THAT THE PROPOSED ACTION "IS LIKELY TO CAUSE MATERIAL DAMAGE TO ITS COMMERCIAL INTERESTS" AND WHICH WISHES TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA "WITH A VIEW TO ARRIVING AT A MUTUALLY SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT" SHOULD COMMUNICATE WITHOUT DELAY WITH THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT.

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