

**SECRET**No. 111

GATT/AIR/410 (SECRET)

4 SEPTEMBER 1964

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE I - AUSTRALIA - REQUEST FOR AUTHORITY TO RENEGOTIATE UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII:4 (GUNS, RIFLES AND BARRELS OR ACTIONS)

THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATION, DATED 24 AUGUST 1964, HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION.

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

189 ARMS, VIZ.:

- (a) DOUBLE-BARRELLED GUNS AND RIFLES BEARING THE BRITISH OR OTHER APPROVED TEST MARK. AD VALOREM 10 PER CENT.
- (d) BARRELS OR ACTIONS, OTHER
1. FOR DOUBLE-BARRELLED GUNS, BEARING THE BRITISH OR OTHER APPROVED TEST MARKS. AD VALOREM 10 PER CENT.
  2. FOR SINGLE-BARRELLED GUNS BEARING THE BRITISH OR OTHER APPROVED TEST MARK. AD VALOREM 10 PER CENT.

THE CONCESSIONS WERE NEGOTIATED WITH BENELUX IN 1947. THIS REQUEST ARISES FROM AN INQUIRY BY THE COMMONWEALTH TARIFF BOARD INTO THE PRODUCTION IN AUSTRALIA OF SHOTGUNS. THE BOARD HAS RECOMMENDED DUTIES HIGHER THAN THE BOUND RATES AND THE GOVERNMENT WISHES TO INTRODUCE THE INCREASED TARIFF PROTECTION FOR THE LOCAL INDUSTRY AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY.

IMPORTS OF THE GOODS COVERED BY THE CONCESSION ARE NOT RECORDED SEPARATELY. IMPORTS OF SHOTGUNS, BOTH SINGLE-BARRELLED AND DOUBLE-BARRELLED AND INCLUDING ALSO SHOTGUN/RIFLE COMBINATIONS, HAVE BEEN RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

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	<u>1961/1962</u>		<u>1962/1963</u>		<u>1963/1964</u>	
	<u>NO.</u>	<u>£A,000</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>£A,000</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>£A,000</u>
UNITED KINGDOM	283	6.1	229	4.5	170	3.9
BELGIUM	1793	69.2	1518	62.2	1566	74.8
FRANCE	626	13.0	272	6.9	234	4.8
GERMANY	35	0.5	11	0.4	7	0.3
ITALY	3924	68.5	3300	54.0	3398	64.5
UNITED STATES	5024	63.2	4196	52.8	4476	57.9
OTHER	1448	24.4	1851	196.0	2385	46.5
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>          </u>					
<u>IMPORTS:</u>	<u>13133</u>	<u>244.9</u>	<u>11378</u>	<u>376.8</u>	<u>12236</u>	<u>252.7</u>

IT APPEARS FROM THE STATISTICS QUOTED ABOVE THAT BENELUX IS THE PRINCIPAL SUPPLIER OF SHOTGUNS OF ALL TYPES AND ITALY AND THE UNITED STATES ARE IMPORTANT SUPPLIERS. HOWEVER, THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS UNDER WHICH SINGLE-BARRELLED AND DOUBLE-BARRELLED SHOTGUNS WERE SEPARATELY RECORDED PRIOR TO 1960 WOULD INDICATE THAT THE UNITED STATES INTEREST IN SHOTGUNS IS ESSENTIALLY IN THE SINGLE-BARRELLED TYPE. THESE SEPARATE RECORDS ARE AVAILABLE ONLY FOR THE YEARS QUOTED.

IMPORTS OF SINGLE-BARRELLED SHOTGUNS:

	<u>1958/1959</u>		<u>1959/1960</u>	
	<u>NO.</u>	<u>£A,000</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>£A,000</u>
UNITED KINGDOM	459	6.4	190	1.9
BELGIUM	3052	84.2	1017	30.8
FRANCE	40	0.8	201	4.0
ITALY	2500	51.0	2142	40.2
GERMANY	161	1.1	28	0.2
UNITED STATES	4	0.1	1593	25.5
OTHER	1257	11.1	615	6.9
<u>TOTAL IMPORTS:</u>	<u>7473</u>	<u>154.7</u>	<u>5786</u>	<u>109.5</u>

IMPORTS OF DOUBLE-BARRELLED SHOTGUNS:

	<u>1957/1958</u>		<u>1958/1959</u>		<u>1959/1960</u>	
	<u>NO.</u>	<u>£A,000</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>£A,000</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>£A,000</u>
UNITED KINGDOM	225	9.6	129	5.7	22	1.7
BELGIUM	517	10.6	604	28.1	303	20.7
FRANCE	142	2.4	45	1.1	86	1.4
ITALY	1787	34.9	3222	60.3	1877	35.2
GERMANY	2	0.1	48	2.3	19	0.4
UNITED STATES	1	-	1	-	179	3.2
OTHER	891	23.5	981	20.5	487	10.2
<u>TOTAL IMPORTS:</u>	<u>3565</u>	<u>81.1</u>	<u>5030</u>	<u>118.0</u>	<u>2973</u>	<u>72.8</u>

NOTE: 1957/58 FIGURES INCLUDE DOUBLE-BARRELLED RIFLES.

THE TARIFF BOARD HAS ESTIMATED THAT THE CURRENT ANNUAL DEMAND FOR SHOTGUNS OF ALL TYPES IS PROBABLY NOT MORE THAN 10,500 UNITS, INCLUDING ABOUT 9,500 GUNS OF THE 12 GAUGE TYPE. OF THE 12 GAUGE TYPE 2,500 OR 26.3 PER CENT HAS BEEN ESTIMATED AS THE DEMAND FOR DOUBLE-BARRELLED GUNS.

IMPORTS OF BARRELS AND ACTIONS ARE RECORDED UNDER THE MORE GENERAL DESCRIPTION "BARRELS AND ACTIONS AND PARTS N.E.I. OF GUNS AND RIFLES".

IMPORTS HAVE BEEN RECORDED AS FOLLOWS:

	<u>1961/1962</u>		<u>1962/1963</u>		<u>1963/1964</u>	
	<u>NO.</u>	<u>£A,000</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>£A,000</u>	<u>NO.</u>	<u>£A,000</u>
UNITED KINGDOM	-	2.2	-	3.5	-	5.0
BELGIUM	-	3.1	-	3.0	-	3.2
FRANCE	-	0.1	-	0.2	-	-
GERMANY	-	0.4	-	1.0	-	1.2
ITALY	-	0.7	-	1.0	-	1.0
UNITED STATES	-	2.0	-	3.0	-	2.5
OTHER	-	1.3	-	2.2	-	1.2
<u>TOTALS:</u>		<u>9.8</u>		<u>13.9</u>		<u>14.1</u>

THE REQUEST WILL BE EXAMINED AT AN EARLY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL.

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