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SUBJECT: UNITED KINGDOM WAIVER NOTIFICATION RE: FATTY ALCOHOLS AND ALCOHOL ETHERS

THE COMMUNICATION REPRODUCED HEREUNDER DATED 18 JANUARY 1965, HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED KINGDOM.

I AM INSTRUCTED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM WISHES TO INVOKE THE DECISION OF 24 OCTOBER 1953, AS AMENDED ON 5 MARCH 1955, IN ORDER TO BE FREE TO APPLY A HIGHER MOST-FAVOURLED-NATION RATE OF DUTY ON CERTAIN FATTY ALCOHOLS, WITHOUT IMPOSING A DUTY ON IMPORTS FROM THE TERRITORIES LISTED IN ANNEX A OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT. THE FATTY ALCOHOLS CONCERNED ARE COVERED BY THE HEADING 15.10 IN THE CUSTOMS TARIFF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM, AND FOR TARIFF PURPOSES CAN BE DEFINED AS NORMAL ALIPHATIC ALCOHOLS CONTAINING EIGHT OR MORE CARBON ATOMS IN THE MOLECULE AND HAVING AN IODINE VALUE NOT GREATER THAN TEN.

FATTY ALCOHOLS HAVE NOT BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A TARIFF CONCESSION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT. NO PROTECTIVE DUTY HAS BEEN CHARGEABLE AT ANY TIME SINCE 1 JANUARY 1939, IN RESPECT OF FATTY ALCOHOLS IMPORTED FROM THE TERRITORIES LISTED IN ANNEX A AND IMPORTS FROM THESE TERRITORIES ARE NEGLIGIBLE. FIGURES FOR IMPORTS OF FATTY ALCOHOLS (SEE ANNEX 1) HAVE BEEN SEPARATELY RECORDED ONLY SINCE 1963; THEY RELATE TO ALL FATTY ALCOHOLS, INCLUDING TYPES WHICH ARE NOT DEALT WITH IN THIS APPLICATION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED KINGDOM ALSO WISHES TO INVOKE THE DECISION OF 24 OCTOBER 1953, AS AMENDED, WITH REGARD TO CERTAIN ALCOHOL ETHERS, WHICH ARE INCLUDED UNDER HEADING 34.02 IN THE CUSTOMS TARIFF OF THE UNITED KINGDOM AND FOR TARIFF PURPOSES CAN BE DEFINED AS PRODUCTS OF THE CONDENSATION OF NORMAL ALIPHATIC ALCOHOLS CONTAINING EIGHT OR MORE CARBON ATOMS IN THE MOLECULE WITH EPOXYALKANES OR ALKANEDIOLS, AND PREPARATIONS AND MIXTURES CONTAINING NOT LESS THAN 90 PER CENT BY WEIGHT OF SUCH PRODUCTS. ALCOHOL ETHERS HAVE NOT BEEN THE SUBJECT OF A TARIFF CONCESSION BY THE UNITED KINGDOM UNDER THE GENERAL AGREEMENT NOR HAS A PROTECTIVE DUTY BEEN CHARGEABLE AT ANY TIME SINCE 1 JANUARY 1939. NO IMPORT STATISTICS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE PRODUCT AS DEFINED, BUT FIGURES COVERING THE WHOLE OF THE TARIFF HEAD CONCERNED - 34.02, SHOW THAT, IN 1963, 830 TONS WERE IMPORTED FROM THE COMMONWEALTH PREFERENCE AREA OUT OF A TOTAL OF 10,285 TONS.

THE UNITED KINGDOM DO NOT WISH TO INCREASE THE DUTY ON THE ALCOHOL ETHERS IMMEDIATELY, BUT FORESEE THE NEED TO DO SO AT SHORT NOTICE AT A FUTURE DATE.

SENT BY : Executive Secretary, GATT, Tel. address : GATT GENEVA

ENVOYÉ PAR : Secrétaire exécutif, GATT, Adresse télégraphique : GATT GENÈVE

I AM TO REQUEST THAT THIS COMMUNICATION BE REGARDED AS THE OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION REQUIRED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE DECISION OF 24 OCTOBER 1953, AS AMENDED, AND THAT ALL CONTRACTING PARTIES BE INFORMED ACCORDINGLY. I AM ALSO TO STRESS THE NEED FOR SECRECY REGARDING THIS COMMUNICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH (i) OF THE PROCEDURES UNDER THE DECISION. NOTIFICATION IS SIMULTANEOUSLY BEING MADE TO THE GOVERNMENTS OF WEST GERMANY AND THE UNITED STATES, WHO APPEAR TO THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT TO HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST IN THE TRADE IN THE ITEMS IN QUESTION.

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 22 FEBRUARY 1965. 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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Finland				
Sweden				
Norway				
Denmark				17,716
West Germany				270,562
Malaysia				13,134
Japan				7,720
India				1,527
France				25,773
United States				2,070
Canada				40,000
UK				20,000

ANNEX 1/ANNEXE 1

Imports of Fatty Alcohols/Importations d'alcools gras

<u>Countries/Pays</u>	<u>1963</u>		<u>Jan. - Oct. 1964</u>	
	<u>Tons/tonnes</u>	<u>£</u>	<u>Tons/tonnes</u>	<u>£</u>
Canada	-	-	6.45	733
Total Commonwealth and Irish Republic/ Total en provenance du Commonwealth et de la République d'Irlande	-	-	6.45	733
Finland/Finlande	54.05	4,755	-	-
Sweden/Suède	7.2	363	-	-
Norway/Norvège	24.45	7,343	-	-
Denmark/Danemark	787.3	167,788	88.25	17,716
West Germany/ Allemagne occidentale	2,185.9	405,825	1,429.7	270,562
Netherlands/ Pays-Bas	107.6	18,722	70.75	12,124
Belgium/Belgique	377.25	33,773	75.15	7,710
France	532.1	79,994	4.95	1,327
Hungary/Hongrie	103.8	13,022	126.05	15,213
Japan/Japon	405.0	70,138	325.4	55,552
United States/Etats-Unis	648.75	63,956	181.05	18,070
Total Foreign/Total en provenance de l'étranger	5,233.4	865,679	2,301.3	398,274
TOTAL	5,233.4	865,679	2,307.75	399,007