

23 January 1959

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Time-Schedule and Curriculum of Studies for the period
2 February to 18 March 1959

1. The attached time-schedule covers the part of the programme related to the application of the provisions of the General Agreement; the list of subjects to be discussed and the time schedule are contained in the annexed document. The talks will be given and the discussions organized by Mr. F.A. Haight, Special Assistant in the Office of the Executive Secretary and officers in the Trade Policy Division.
2. This part of the programme will last from Monday, 3 February till Wednesday, 18 March, inclusively. As a rule, introductory talks by the GATT officer and group discussions will take place on alternate working days, starting at 9.30 each morning and normally finishing at 11.30 a.m. The officer who has conducted the session in the morning would be available at the main office of the fellows between 2.30 and 3 o'clock in the same afternoon to assist them in arranging their studies for the afternoon; in the case of some items dealing with tariffs and customs regulations, the discussion will take place in the afternoon.
3. During the period, i.e., from 2 February to 18 March 1959, the fellows will be regarded, for administrative purposes, as temporary staff members attached to the Trade Policy Division.

TIME-SCHEDULE FOR STUDIES FOR THE PERIOD 2 FEBRUARY - 18 MARCH

Date	Subject ¹	Officer
<u>February</u>		
2	A. ITO and OTC	F.A. Haight
3	B. The General Agreement	
4	C. Import Duties	
5 and 6	D. Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment	
9 and 10	E. Customs Unions and Free Trade Areas	F.K. Liebich
11	F. Anti-Dumping and Countervailing Duties	
12	G. Valuation for Customs Purposes	
13	H. Provisions concerning the application of Import Taxes	
16	I. State Trading	
17	J. Efforts at removing Barriers to Trade	
18	K. Marks of Origin	
19 and 20	L. General rule of elimination of restrictions	
23 and 24	M. Balance-of-payments restrictions	
25 and 26	N. Discriminatory application of restrictions	C. Shih
27 and 28	O. Exchange matters and the IMF	
<u>March</u>		
3 and 4	P. Restrictions on imports for development of Industries	
5 and 6	Q. Special exceptions in Article XI and special problems	
9 and 10	R. Schedules	
11 and 12	S. Modification of concessions	
13 and 16	T. Subsidies	G. Maggio
17 and 18	U. Liquidation of Stocks and Disposal of Surpluses	

¹ For details of curriculum, see Annex.

A N N E X

CURRICULUM OF STUDIES ON THE PROVISIONS OF
THE GENERAL AGREEMENT AND ACTIVITIES OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

Explanatory Note

1. The printed volumes of GATT documents, entitled Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, are referred to in abbreviated form, as follows:

"I"	indicates	Volume I (the old text of the Agreement, procedures, etc.);
"I (Rev.)"	"	Volume I (Revised) (the revised text of the Agreement and the Agreement on the Organization for Trade Co-operation);
"II"	"	Volume II (decisions, reports, etc. up to the end of 1951);
"1S"	"	First Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. of 1952);
"2S"	"	Second Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. of 1953);
"3S"	"	Third Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. from 1954 to March 1955);
"4S"	"	Fourth Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. from April - December 1955);
"5S"	"	Fifth Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. of 1956);
"6S"	"	Sixth Supplement (decisions, reports, etc. of 1957).

2. The numerals following the abbreviations indicate the page numbers in the volumes referred to.

3. The numerals and letters following the number of a GATT Article refer to the paragraphs and sub-paragraphs of the Article.

4. "I" refers to GATT documents.

A. ITO and OTC

1. International Trade Organization (Havana Charter)
2. Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization
3. Organization for Trade Cooperation
 - (a) Discussions at Ninth Session (3S, 231-244)
 - (b) Text of Agreement (I(Rev.))
 - (c) Establishment

B. The General Agreement

1. Protocol of Provisional Application (I,77)
"Existing legislation" (I,77; II,35)
2. Definitive application (Art.XXVI; Annex H)
 - (a) Mandatory legislation
 - (b) Reservations on acceptance (3S, 48)
3. CONTRACTING PARTIES (Art.XXXII)
4. Withdrawal (I,78; Art.XXXI)
5. Territorial application (I,77; Art.XXIV:1 & 2)
Territories to which the Agreement is applied
6. Admission of Territories which acquire Autonomy (Art.XXVI:5(c))
Indonesia, Ghana, Malaya (6S, 9)
Procedures (6S, 11)
Cambodia
7. Accession (Art.XXXIII)
 - (a) Annecy Protocol (I, 79)
 - (b) Torquay Protocol (I,86)
 - (c) Japanese Protocol (4S, 7)
 - (d) Decisions on accession (II, 33-34; 4S, 33)
 - (e) Switzerland (5S, 40)
8. Non-application in particular cases (Art.XXXV; II, 35)
Action with respect to Japan
9. Exceptions (Art.XX and XXI)
10. Observance by regional and local governments (Art.XXIV:12)
11. Interpretative Notes (Annex H and Art. XXXIV)

12. Amendments (Art.XXX)

Protocols of Amendment; Entry into force.

13. CONTRACTING PARTIES (Art.XXV:1)

- (a) Sessions
- (b) Voting (Art.XXV:3 & 4)
- (c) Rules of Procedure (5S, 11)
- (d) Contributions

14. Intersessional Procedures

15. Consultation and complaints of impairment (Art.XXII and XXIII)

16. Waiving of obligations (Art.XXV:5(a); 58, 25)

17. Questions of Interpretation

18. The legal Functions of the GATT secretariat

Drafting of international instruments;
depository functions, registration.

C. Import duties

- 1. Explanation of the functioning of duties as an instrument of trade policy; specific, ad valorem and mixed duties including sliding-scale duties
- 2. Tariff quotas (Article XIII:5)
- 3. Efforts for achieving uniform customs nomenclatures (SITC/Brussels)
- 4. Export duties

D. Most-Favoured-Nation Treatment

- 1. Most-favoured-nation clause (Art.I:1)
 - (a) Rulings
 - (i) "Charges of any kind" (II, 12)
 - (ii) Rebates of internal taxes (II, 12 and Art.I (Rev.))
 - (b) Complaints
 - (i) Norwegian sardines (1S, 30 & 53)
 - (ii) Belgian family allowances (1S, 59)
- 2. Preferential systems (Art.I:2 and Annexes A-F)
- 3. Preferential margins (Art.I:4, Annex G and II:11)

4. Frontier traffic (Art.XXIV:3)
5. Waivers
 - (a) United States trust territory (II, 9 & 173)
 - (b) Italy/Libya (1S, 14; 4S, 16 & 99)
 - (c) Papua/New Guinea (2S, 18 & 93; 4S, 14 & 82; 5S, 34 & 114)
 - (d) United Kingdom/Commonwealth duty-free items (2S, 20 & 96; 3S, 25 & 139)
 - (e) United Kingdom/overseas territories (3S, 21 & 131)
 - (f) ECSC (1S, 17 & 85; 6S, 139)
 - (g) Saar (6S, 30)

E. Customs Unions and Free Trade Areas

1. Article XXIV
 - (a) Purposes and definitions (paras. 4 & 8)
 - (b) Authorization (para. 5)
 - (c) Procedures (paras. 6, 7 & 9)
 - (d) Special cases (para. 10)
2. Nicaragua/El Salvador Free Trade Area (II, 30)
3. Central American Free Trade Area (5S, 29)
4. South Africa/Southern Rhodesia C.U. (II, 29 & 176; 3S, 47)
5. Rhodesia and Nyasaland Federation (3S, 29; 4S, 17 & 72; 5S, 39)
6. France/Tunisia C.U.
7. European Economic Community (6S, 68)

F. Anti-dumping and Countervailing Duties

1. Article VI
 - (a) Definition of dumping (para. 1)
 - (b) Levy of anti-dumping duties (para. 2)
 - (c) Definition and levy of countervailing duties (para. 3)
 - (d) Rules for the levy of duties (paras. 4-6)
 - (e) Application of duties in interest of third countries (para. 6)
2. Complaint: Swedish duties on nylons (3S, 81)
3. Study of national legislation (GATT publication 1958-2)

G. Valuation for Customs Purposes

1. Article VII
 - (a) "Actual value" (para. 2)
 - (b) Rules (paras. 3-5)
2. Bound items (Art.II:3)
3. Study of national legislation (1S, 102; 2S, 52 and 3S, 103-125)
4. The Brussels "Valuation Convention"

H. Provisions concerning the Application of Import Taxes

- (a) Interdiction to grant protection by other charges than duties (Art.VIII:1a)
- (b) Permission to levy fees commensurate to the costs of services rendered (Art.VIII:1a)
- (c) Rules concerning the levy of import charges on imported products (Art.III:1-6)

I. State Trading

1. Article XVII
 - (a) Non-discrimination (para. 1)
 - (b) Governmental purchases (para. 2)
 - (c) Notifications (para. 4(a); 6S, 23)
2. Notification of existing State-trading enterprises (L/784 & Add.)
3. Monopolies for bound items (Art.II:4 and II:4(Rev.))
4. Quantitative restrictions in State trading (Art.XI:3)

J. Efforts at removing Barriers to Trade

1. Article VIII (paras. 1b, 1c, 2, 3 and 4)
2. Decisions by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT
 - (a) Standard practices for documentary requirements (1S, 23 & 100, 3S, 99 and last paragraph of the Recommendation on Consular Formalities 6S, 25)
 - (b) Recommendation on the abolition of consular formalities (1S, 25 & 101; 2S, 59; 3S, 91; 5S, 108; 6S, 25)
 - (c) Recommendation on certificates of origin (5S, 33)

3. Actions of GATT which led to Agreements independent of GATT

- (a) Samples Convention (GATT publication Nov. 1952)
Solution of difficulties in the interpretation of provisions of this Convention (L/455 of 21.11.55)
- (b) Agreement on the importation of educational, scientific and cultural material

K. Marks of Origin

Article IX

Recommendation on Marks of Origin (L/912/Rev.1)

L. General rule of elimination of restrictions

- (a) Provisions of Article XI:1; nature and purpose
- (b) Exceptions to the general rule (special exceptions relating to agricultural and fisheries products; balance-of-payments restrictions; economic development; other exceptions)

M. Balance-of-payments restrictions

- (a) Justification and criteria for the application of restrictions (Art.XII:1 & 2; Art.XVIII:8 & 9)
- (b) Other qualifications and conditions (Art.XII:3; Art.XVIII: 10 & 11)
- (c) Review and consultations (Art.XII:4 & 5; Art.XVIII:12)
- (d) The revision of Article XII and the special provision for "under-developed" countries (Relationship between Articles XVIII:B and XII)
- (e) Standard practices for the application of restrictions
- (f) Reducing incidental protective effects (special report of 1950)

N. Discriminatory application of restrictions

- (a) The rule of non-discrimination (Art.XIII:1)
- (b) Methods and criteria for applying non-discrimination (Art.XIII:2-5)
- (c) Permitted deviation from the rule (Art.XIV:1-5)
- (d) Reports and consultations under Article XIV:1(g)
- (e) Revision of Article XIV and the entry into force
- (f) The restoration of convertibility in 1959 and its implications under the GATT provisions
- (g) The question of bilateral agreements

O. Exchange matters and the IMF

1. Quantitative restrictions and exchange restrictions, multiple exchange rates, etc.
2. Co-operation with the International Monetary Fund
 - (a) The nature and purposes of the IMF
 - (b) The provisions concerning co-operation (Art.XV:1 and 2)
 - (c) Arrangements and past action relating to the IMF
 - (d) Non-frustration clause and related provisions (Art.XV:4, 5 and 9)
3. Special exchange agreements (Art.XV:6-8) - Purpose and essential provisions; waivers granted to Czechoslovakia and New Zealand

P. Restrictions on imports for development of industries

1. Revision of Article XVIII in 1955, and structure of the new Article XVIII
2. Provisions concerning the development of particular industries by under-developed countries (Section C)
3. For other countries in the process of development (Section D)
4. Releases granted in the past and annual review

Q. Special exceptions in Article XI and special problems

- (a) Provisions of Article XI:2
- (b) United States dairy products: complaint
- (c) United States Agricultural Adjustment Act: waiver
- (d) Luxemburg agricultural products: waiver
- (e) The "hard core" waiver
- (f) Belgian restrictions
- (g) German import restrictions

R. Schedules

1. Negotiation of Concessions (I,104-119; Art.XXIX bis., 3S, 218; TN,56/1, 2 & 4)
2. Schedules, an integral part of Part I of the Agreement (Art.II:7)
German starch duties (3S, 77)

3. (a) "Treatment no less favourable" (Art.II:1(a))
Greek coefficients (1S, 23 & 51)
- (b) No "duties in excess" (Art.II:1(b))
- (c) No "other duties or charges in excess" (Art.II:1(b) & (c)).
 - (i) French compensation tax (3S, 26; 5S, 27)
 - (ii) Chilean automobile tax
 - (iii) Amendment of Art.II:1(b) & (c)

S. Modification of Concessions

1. Withdrawals (Art.XXVII)
2. Re-negotiations (Art.XXVIII)
 - (a) Declaration on continued application (6S, 19)
 - (b) "Sympathetic consideration" (2S, 62 paras. 3-5)
 - (c) Italian cheese duties
 - (d) Greek gramophone duties
3. Re-negotiation for economic development (Art.XVIII:A)
4. Emergency action (Art.XIX)

Action by the United States

- (i) Fur felt hats (special report, 1951)
- (ii) Hatters' fur
- (iii) Figs (1S, 28; 2S, 26)
- (iv) Bicycles
- (v) Linen towelling (5S, 32)

Action by Greece - Electric refrigerators

Action by Canada - Strawberries

T. Subsidies

1. Article XVI
 - (a) Notifications (II, 19 and SR.13/11)
 - (b) Complaints
 - United States - oranges
 - Australia - nitrates (II, 188)
 - United Kingdom - eggs
 - United States - poultry
 - (c) Extension of Standstill and Review (6S, 24; SR.13/11)
2. Export promotion and incentives (Commercial Policy - 1957, p.46)

U. Liquidation of Stocks and Disposal of Surpluses

1. Resolution on liquidation (3S, 51 & 230)
2. Resolution on disposals (3S, 50 & 229)