

GATT Office Circular No. 71

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

Curriculum of Studies for the Period 21 to 25 November 1960

During the period 21 to 25 November 1960 the fellows will be regarded, for administrative purposes, as temporary staff members of the Trade Policy Division. Mr. Liebich, who will conduct the lectures during this period, will begin his lectures each morning at 10.15 a.m. At 4.15 p.m. each afternoon Mr. Liebich will hold a discussion with the fellows and will assist them in arranging their studies.

A list of the subjects to be covered by Mr. Liebich, together with references to background documents is attached hereto as Annex I.

It should be noted that Mr. Royer, the Deputy Executive Secretary, will resume his lectures to the fellows from Monday, 28 November until Friday, 2 December.<sup>1</sup> Since Mr. Liebich will not be able to complete his series of lectures by 25 November, he will resume these again on 5 December.

A programme of the lectures to be given by other Officers of the Trade Policy Division will be issued as soon as possible.

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<sup>1</sup> The list of subjects to be covered by Mr. Royer are to be found in Annex II to this document.

A N N E X I

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

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 (IS, 30 & 53)
    - (ii) Belgian family allowances (IS, 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 (IS, 14; 4S, 16 & 99; 7S, 348, 118)
  - (c) Australia/Papua-New Guinea (2S, 18 & 93; 4S, 14 & 82; 5S, 34 & 114; 8S, 28)
  - (d) United Kingdom/Commonwealth duty-free items (2S, 20 & 96; 3S, 25 & 139)
  - (e) United Kingdom/overseas territories (3S, 21 & 131)
  - (f) ECSC (IS, 17 & 85; 6S, 139; 7S, 122)
  - (g) Saar (6S, 30)

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; 7S, 69)
8. EFTA (L/1151; L/1167; L/1235)
9. LAFTA (L/1157; L/1177 and Add. 1-2; L/1201)

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 the interest of third countries (para. 6)
2. Reports of a Group of Experts (8S, 145-L/1141)
3. Complaint: Swedish duties on nylons (3S, 81)
4. Study of national legislation (GATT publication 1958-2)

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"

Provisions concerning the Application of Import Taxes

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

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/1014 & Add.)
- 3. Monopolies for bound items (Art.II:4 and II:4(Rev.))
- 4. Report by Group of Experts (L/1146)

Efforts at removing Barriers to Trade

- 1. Article VIII (paras. 1b, 1c, 2, 3 and 4)
- 2. Decision by the CONTRACTING PARTIES to GATT
  - (a) Recommendation on certificates of origin (doc. Spec(59)52)
  - (b) Standard practices for documentary requirements
  - (c) Recommendation on the abolition of consular formalities
- 3. Actions of GATT which led to Agreements independent of GATT
  - (a) Samples Convention (GATT publication November 1952)  
Solution of difficulties in the interpretation of provisions of this Convention (L/455 of 21 November 1955)
  - (b) Agreement on the importation of educational, scientific and cultural material

Marks of Origin

- 1. Article IX
- 2. Recommendation on Marks of Origin (Special GATT publication)
- 3. Notification of existing provisions (L/478 and Addenda)

A N N E X II

1. The problem of regional arrangements (the rules for the formation of customs unions, free-trade areas, common markets and preferential arrangements).
2. The avoidance of unfair competition in international trade (provisions relating to subsidies and other incentives).
3. The functions of the GATT in the settlement of disputes, the functions and procedures of the Panel on Conciliation.
4. The problem of commodities; the action of the various international bodies dealing with the problem: UN, FAO, ICCICA, study groups, the draft SACA, commodity agreements now operating; the consideration of other problems affecting trade (such as restrictive business practices).
5. The relations of the GATT with other intergovernmental agencies dealing with economic problems
  - (a) The United Nations and its regional commissions
  - (b) United Nations Specialized Agencies: IMF, FAO, ILO
  - (c) Other intergovernmental bodies
  - (d) OEEC, European Coal and Steel Community, Council of Europe, Customs Co-operation Council
  - (e) Non-governmental bodies