

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## SCHEDULE XX -- UNITED STATES

### Modification of Concessions on Item 740 - Dried Figs - under the Procedures of Article XIX

The United States Tariff Commission recommended on 24 July 1952 that action be taken under Article XIX of the General Agreement to increase the import duty on "dried figs"<sup>1</sup>. The President has now acted upon this recommendation and, by a Proclamation of 16 August 1952, has modified the concessions which were negotiated with Greece at Annecy and with Turkey at Torquay. Accordingly, as from the close of business on 29 August 1952, the rate of duty applied by the United States Government to the part of item 740 relating to dried figs will be 4½ cents per pound. This increase is to remain in force "for an indefinite period as recommended by the Tariff Commission".

The United States Government have signified that they are willing to continue the consultation on this matter as announced to contracting parties in the notification of 28 July 1952.

Upon taking the above action, the President stated that there is "some indication that the necessity for this step is due to abnormal crop and seasonal factors and that the situation is of temporary nature". The President also noted "that the Tariff Commission in its report states that it will keep the domestic situation under review" and suggested "that the Department of State should keep the foreign situation under surveillance and, should developments justify it, request the Tariff Commission to review the facts next year in time to make any appropriate recommendations before the beginning of the 1953 marketing season".

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<sup>1</sup> This information was communicated to contracting parties by airgram on 28 July 1952.