

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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REQUEST BY THE GOVERNMENT OF ITALY FOR AUTHORITY
TO GRANT FREE ENTRY TO CERTAIN PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN
THE UNITED KINGDOM OF LIBYA

At the second meeting of the Seventh Session, the CONTRACTING PARTIES agreed in principle to accede to the request of the Italian Government for a waiver of obligations of Article I in respect of certain trade with Libya. Accordingly, the following draft is submitted for approval:

DECISION OF -- OCTOBER 1952 CONCERNING
A WAIVER FOR THE APPLICATION BY ITALY OF
SPECIAL CUSTOMS TREATMENT TO CERTAIN
PRODUCTS OF LIBYA

TAKING NOTE that the Government of Italy, in execution of its undertaking to contribute to the economic aid of the United Kingdom of Libya, has requested the CONTRACTING PARTIES for Authorisation to grant special customs treatment, as set out in the Annex to this Decision, to certain products originating in and coming from the United Kingdom of Libya when imported into Italian customs territory, and

TAKING NOTE of the undertaking of the Government of Italy to submit a report not later than 1 September each year on the development of trade under the special treatment thus accorded, and of the undertaking of the Government of Libya to submit a report not later than 1 September each year on the economic progress made and expected which would permit Libya to participate in international trade on a normal competitive basis;

CONSIDERING that the grant of this special treatment to Libyan products is designed to promote the economic development of the territories of the United Kingdom of Libya, which development would be prejudiced if the Government of Italy, in accordance with its obligations under Article I of the General Agreement, should now cease to apply this special treatment to Libyan products,

CONSIDERING that special treatment was accorded by Italy to certain products of Libya before the Second World War and, with some modifications, since the War on a provisional basis, and that the special treatment now proposed is no more extensive than that applied before the War, and

CONSIDERING FURTHER that, in present circumstances, the proposed special treatment, in view of the nature and volume of the production and trade involved, is not likely to result in substantial injury to the trade of any of the CONTRACTING PARTIES;

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES, pursuant to paragraph 5 (a) of Article XXV,

DECIDE that the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article I of the General Agreement shall be waived, for the period ending 31 December 1955, to the extent necessary to permit the Government of Italy to grant the special treatment as set out in the Annex to this Decision, to products of Libya when imported into the customs territory of Italy, without obligation to extend the same treatment to the like products of other contracting parties, and that such treatment shall be governed by the same provisions as other preferences under the General Agreement, and

DECIDE to review the situation ~~at a Session of the~~ CONTRACTING PARTIES in 1955.

A N N E X

SCHEDULE OF PRODUCTS OF LIBYAN ORIGIN TO BE ADMITTED
INTO ITALIAN CUSTOMS TERRITORY FREE OF CUSTOMS DUTY
WITHIN THE LIMITS OF ANNUAL TARIFF QUOTAS

Italian Customs Tariff Numbers	Description of Products	Annual Tariff Quotas (Quintals except where otherwise specified)	Legal Rates of Duty
4	Sheep	3,000 units	40%
5	Goats	600 "	30%
23	Sea fish, fresh (live or dead) or kept in a fresh state	No limitations	Free 20% and 30%
24-g	Fish, salted, dried or smoked, other	2,000	30%
32-a	Poultry eggs	1,200	11%
36-b-2	Casings, dried or salted	800	5%
ex 63	Tomatoes, fresh	6,000	6%
ex 70-a	Dates, edible	15,000	15%
73-a-1	Fresh dessert grapes	10,000	10%
ex 82-b	Red peppers, dried	75	40%
92-a	Wheat	100,000	30%
95-a	Barley, common or unhulled	100,000	30%
ex 110-a-p	Oil seeds	No limitations	from 5% to 10%
ex 134	Oils derived from fish and marine animals in contain- ers of more than 5 litres	No limitations	Free and 5%
ex 139	Fixed oils of vegetable origin:		
i	- olive oil	10,000	30%
l	- castor oil	2,000	25%

Italian Customs Tariff Numbers	Description of Products	Annual Tariff Quotas (Quintals except where otherwise specified)	Legal Rates of Duty
156	Prepared and preserved fish, in airtight and other con- tainers:		
a-2, ex-b	- sardines and anchovies	1,000	40% and 45%
a-3, ex-b	- tunny fish	13,000	40%
a-4, ex-b	- other	4,000	25%, 30% and 40%
ex 157	Tunny-fish roes prepared for food	100	25% and 30%
ex 266-b	Gas coke	40,000	15%
ex 267	Coal-tar	5,000	6%
ex 474 to ex 485	Whole hide leather or half hide leather (excluding butts, parts of hide leather and fresh-split hide leather ("croste")), of large bovine animals (ox, cow, bull) in- cluding buffalo leather - of calves equine animals, sheep (lamb, ewe, ram), goats (kid, goat, he-goat) and other animals, tanned, finished or prepared in any way after tanning, not including parchment-tanned skin leather.	1,000	From 13% to 28%
495-a	Fur skins (including tails), raw, fresh or dried, fine	No limitations	10%
567-a	Wares of wicker-work, not elsewhere specified or included, of straw, bark, cane, reed, alpha, esparto, raffia, sisal, ribbons or shavings of wood or similar vegetable plaiting materials, unspun	2,000	25%
ex 691-b-2	Esparto yarn	2,000	25%
ex 701-b-5	Floor-carpets, other, of wool or tag-wool	500	25%
ex 715-a-6	Cordage, rope and twine, not reinforced, of esparto	3,000	30% and 35%
	Refuse of non-ferrous metals	No limitations	From 1% to 12%

Italian Customs Tariff Numbers	Description of Products	Annual Tariff Quotas (Quintals except where otherwise specified)	Legal Rates of Duty
	Articles and manufactures of all kinds, of cloe and other vegetable fibres	1,000	20%
	Matting	No limitations	20%
	Articles and manufactures of all kinds, of tanned skins	200	From 15% to 40%
	Rope and articles of all kinds, of casings	50	3%, 5% and 10%
	Leather couches	50	30%
	Matting from Taorga, Tadjoura and other places; fabrics of reed and miscellaneous articles plaited with dried palms (bas- kets, dishes, fans and the like)	180	20%
	Fabrics of silk and artificial fibres, with or without silver threads	20	25%
	Arabian-style furniture, chests and boxes, with or without in- laying or marketry work of ivory and mother-of-pearl	180	25% and 30%
	Trays, dishes, floor lamps, in- cense burners, chafing dishes, lanterns of copper and brass with embossed drawings	120	28%
	Articles of leather with embroideries, whether or not of silver, and trimmings of velvet:		
	a) saddles, harnesses, cushions, wallets, purses, bags of all kinds, portfolios, belts and the like	120	from 25% to 40%
	b) slippers	6,000 pairs	from 25% to 33%
	c) shoes	3,500 pairs	from 25% to 33%

Italian Customs Tariff Numbers	Description of Products	Annual Tariff Quotas (Quintals except where otherwise specified)	Legal Rates of Duty
	Articles of silver and silverware (such as boxes, trays, cigarette holders, toilet sets, handles, etc.), and articles of gold being typical Libyan articles	23	5%, 10% and 20%
	Articles of ivory: necklaces, paper knives, boxes, beads, pipes, cigarette holders, handles for walking sticks	13	20% and 25%
	Necklaces of amber	3	25%