

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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TERRITORIAL APPLICATION OF GATT

Notification by Australia in Respect of Papua New Guinea

The following communication dated 4 August 1975 has been received from the Australian Permanent Mission accredited to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva:

"The Australian Permanent Mission accredited to the Office of the United Nations at Geneva, on instructions from its authorities, has been asked to deposit with the Director-General the attached certified true copy of a notification to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, on the application of the General Agreement to Papua New Guinea. The original of this document is being deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations today."

The aforesaid notification reads as follows:

"WHEREAS the Government of Australia signed the Protocol of Provisional Application of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade on the thirtieth day of October, one thousand nine hundred and forty-seven; and,

"WHEREAS the Government of Australia may, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of the said Protocol make effective the provisional application of the General Agreement in respect of Papua New Guinea; and,

"WHEREAS the Government of Papua New Guinea desires that the General Agreement be provisionally applied within its territory;

"THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA hereby DECLARES that the General Agreement shall be provisionally applied to PAPUA NEW GUINEA in accordance with paragraph 2 of the said Protocol."

This notification having been deposited with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 4 August 1975, Australia's provisional acceptance of the GATT in respect of Papua New Guinea shall be effective, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of the Protocol of Provisional Application on 3 September 1975.

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