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NOTE ON THE STATUS OF THE AGREEMENT AND PROTOCOLS

Protocol of Provisional Application - Reservation of Ceylon

The reservation of the Government of Ceylon to its signatures of the Protocol of Provisional Application is recorded in the Annex to GATT/CP.2/4. The following cable message has now been received from the Ceylon Government:

"1. THE FOLLOWING ARE ITEMS ON WHICH DUTIES NEGOTIATED AT GENEVA AS A PEARING IN SCHEDULE VI ARE NOW APPLICABLE: BEANS (PREFERENTIAL RATE ONLY);

BEAMD (FREFERENTIAL TATE ONEL); BUTTER, FROZEN OR TINNED; PHOTOGRAPHIC INSTRUMENTS AND APPARATUS (I CLUDING PAPER, PLATES AND FILMS, EXCEPT CINEMA FILMS) (PREFERENTIAL RATE ONLY); CRANES, HOISTS AND LIFTING MACHINERY AND COMPONENT PARTS THEREOF (PREFERENTIAL RATE ONLY); ELECTRIC MACHINERY AND TRANSFORMERS, CONVERTORS AND MOTORS (PREFERENTIAL RATE ONLY); ASPHALT (GENERAL RATE ONLY); WALLBOARD OF WOOD FIBRE (GENERAL RATE ONLY);

2. FOLLOWING ITEMS REMAIN FREE:

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BRAN AND POLLARD; MILK FOODS (INCLUDING MALTED MILK); MILK, FRESH OR REFRIGERATED, PRESERVED, CONDENSED OR STERILIZED, SWEETINED OR UNSWELTENED (INCLUDING MILK POWDER); RAW WOOL; SEEDS FOR AGRICULTURAL AND HORTICULTURAL PURPOSES; SHEEP, LIVE.

3. FOLLOWING ARE ITEMS ON WHICH PRESENT DUTIES ARE LESS THAN THOSE NEGOTIATED AT GENEVA:

PACKING AND WRAPPING PAPER (OTHER THAN FOR LINING TEA CHESTS, TEA PACKETS AND DESSIGATED COCOANUT CHESTS); RECO STRUCTED OR IMITATION, PRECIOUS AND SEMIPRECIOUS STONES (ARTIFICIAL OR SYNTHETIC); AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS (PREFERENTIAL RATE

ONLY); TOYS AND PARLOUR GAMES (PREFERENTIAL RATE ONLY).

4. DUTIES ON ALL OTHER ITEMS APPEARING IN THE SCHEDULE ARE HIGHER THAN THOSE IN THE GENEVA SCHEDULE. CEYLON GOVERNMENT WILL BE SHORTLY ENTARING INTO NEGOTIATIONS WITH OTHER COUNTRIES FOR REVISION OF CONCESSIONS ORIGINALLY AGREED TO.

5. BASIS OF CALCULATION OF DUTY ON SEVERAL ITEMS CHANGED FROM SPECIFIC TO AD VALOREM AND VICE VERSA. FULL DETAILS OF THESE AND PARTICULARS MENTIONED ABOVE WILL BE SENT SHORTLY."