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Schedule XV - Pakistan

Re-negotiations by Pakistan with Czechoslovakia

China, France and United States

- References:
- (1) GATT/CP/2/25
 - (2) GATT/CP/2/SR.19
 - (3) GATT/CP/2/39
 - (4) GATT/CP/2/39/Add.1.
 - (5) GATT/CP/5/Add.3
 - (6) GATT/CP.3/SR.7

Pakistan Delegation beg to submit their final report on re-negotiations with the four countries, mentioned above, as follows :-

CZECHOSLOVAKIA - Item No.60 (3)

- Glass beads and false pearls.

As already reported in GATT/CP/5/Add.3 re-negotiations with Czechoslovakia were completed during the Second Session at Geneva and no Contracting Party having raised any objection within the prescribed time limit the concession on this item has already been withdrawn by Pakistan.

CHINA - Item No.49 (b)

- Textile manufactures

As a result of re-negotiations on item 49(b) with China at Annecy it has been agreed that the following items from those mentioned under tariff item 49(b) of Pakistan GATT Schedule XV will be deleted :

Bolster cases; dusters; glass-cloths; pillow slips; scarves; shawls; sacks (cotton); towels; and umbrella coverings.

The existing rate of tariff duty shown against item 49(b) in Schedule XV will, therefore, apply only to the following products under 49(b):-

Cross-stitch, drawn-threads or otherwise embroidered bed sheets; bed spreads; counterpanes; cloths, table; cloths, tray; covers, bed; covers, table; handkerchiefs; napkins; pillow cases; and shirts.

As China, to whom the concession on 49(b) was originally given by Pakistan at Geneva in 1947, has agreed to the above compromise withdrawal of concession by Pakistan on the deleted items mentioned above will be made after following the procedure of inviting objections from other Contracting Parties by the Chairman within thirty days of such notification. Pakistan Delegation request that report may be taken as notification to them by the Chairman and if no Contracting Party raises any objection Pakistan may be permitted to withdraw the concession after thirty days.

FRANCE - Item 49(2) - Ribbons, and
Item 79 - Musical instruments, etc.

Though an understanding was reached between the French Government and the Government of Pakistan through diplomatic channels at Karachi and no objections were raised by any Contracting Party within thirty days of the circulation of the notice of the settlement between France and Pakistan by the Secretariat in document GATT/CP/5/Add.2 dated the 23rd March, 1949, the French representative at the meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES held on 23rd April, 1949 (GATT/CP/3/SR.7) did not have any official information on the settlement reached at Karachi through diplomatic channels. The position has now been clarified and the French Delegation have confirmed that their Government do not have any objection to the withdrawal of concessions by Pakistan on item 49(2) and item 79 occurring in GATT Schedule XV. The time limit of raising objections having expired, the concessions on these items are, therefore, being withdrawn by Pakistan.

UNITED STATES - Item No.31(4) - Camphor
and Item No.73(4)-Wireless receivers etc.

Re-negotiations on item 31(4) - Camphor - were completed as already reported in document GATT/CP/5/Add.3. As the Government of the Netherlands had raised an objection to the withdrawal of concession by Pakistan on items under ex 73(4) in Schedule XV, the re-negotiations were conducted at Annecy, only in respect of these items. Since some items under ex 73(4) also occurred in Part II of Schedule relating to preferences, Pakistan Delegation had to hold joint discussion with the delegations of the Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States. As a

result of these discussions the following agreement has been reached relating to items falling under both Parts I and II of Schedule XV between Pakistan, Netherlands, United Kingdom and the United States:-

<u>M.F.N. Rate</u>	<u>Preference margin</u>
When not exceeding 50%	6%
When exceeding 50% but less than 60%	8%
When 60% or above	10%
