

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED  
LIMITED C  
GATT/CP.4/H/2  
23 March 1950  
ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

CONTRACTING PARTIES  
Fourth Session

WORKING PARTY "H" ON ARTICLE XVIII

Letter dated 23 March 1950 from the Leader of the  
Ceylon Delegation to the Chairman of the Working  
Party.

"I have the honour to invite your attention to my  
letter dated the 1st August, 1949, addressed to the  
Chairman of the Contracting Parties, whereby I requested  
that the following five items, which appear in the re-  
negotiated Ceylon Schedule, be dealt with under paragraph 5  
of Article XVIII:

Plywood chests for packing tea and other Ceylon  
produce, (Ex III U 492),  
Glassware (Ex III B 235),  
Chinaware and Porcelainware (Ex III B 231),  
Leather goods (III Q 430),  
Cotton textiles (Ex III I 339)

At the London negotiations it was found that the item  
"cotton textiles", which is included in Tariff item III I 339,  
had inadvertently been omitted from the original Ceylon  
application as well as from the amended application to which  
I have referred in this letter.

It is the intention of the Government of Ceylon to  
bring "cotton textiles" under regulation in terms of the  
Industrial Products Act and I shall accordingly be grateful  
if the item "cotton textiles" be now considered under  
paragraph 5 of Article XVIII. This inadvertent omission  
and the treatment which the materially affected contracting  
parties have suggested for this item are referred to in  
paragraph 3 of GATT/CP.4/12 dated the 1st March, 1950,  
which is already under consideration by your Working Party.

I also annex hereto trade statistics for imports in  
respect of Item III I 339 for the years 1948 and 1949. It  
is regretted that information for the preceding years is  
not available in Geneva."

VALUE OF IMPORTS INTO CEYLON OF COTTON MANUFACTURES  
NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED

	<u>1948</u>	<u>1949</u>
	Rs.	Rs.
United Kingdom...	1,440,747	1,435,880
India	1,943,411	1,711,324
Canada	4,579	-
Hong Kong	82,052	173,134
Straits Settlements	196	-
Belgium	5,154	-
China	9,933	13,749
Czechoslovakia	9,396	73,774
France	796	1,859
Holland	12,855	-
Italy	2,292	-
Japan	18,166	32,673
Switzerland	5,319	-
U.S.A.	1,058,713	546,830
Australia		3,399
Malaya		6,417
New Zealand		16
Foreign India		5,216
	<u>4,593,609</u>	<u>4,400,271</u>