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FINAL REPORT OF WORKING PARTY "A" ON ARTICLE XVIII

The Measures Relating to Synthetic Organic Dyestuffs and Radio Electric Sets Notified by Italy

1. Working Party "A" on Article XVIII was appointed at the second meeting of this Session and was instructed "to examine the measures notified by Denmark, Haiti and Italy in accordance with the provisions of Article XVIII and to report thereon to the Contracting Parties". Pursuant to these terms of reference, the Working Party has submitted two interim reports, one concerning the measures notified by Denmark and Haiti (GATT/CP.5/25) and the other on the measure notified by Italy relating to the tax on the manufacture of seed oil (GATT/CP.5/29). The present report deals with the residual items in the notification by Italy, thus concluding the work of the Working Party.
2. In a preliminary discussion of the notification that had been made by Italy under Article XVIII of the measures relating to radio equipment and dyestuffs, the members of the Working Party expressed the opinion that the information supplied by Italy in support of these applications was not sufficient to permit a favourable decision by the Working Party.
3. Subsequently, the representative of Italy withdrew the application of Italy for release under Article XVIII relating to these measures. He maintained that, in any case, for the time being, the measures were being enforced for balance of payments reasons, but he indicated that Italy might later exercise its right to resubmit the application, with additional information, for a release in the terms of Article XVIII. Consequently, the Working Party considered it unnecessary to ask the Italian representative for further information concerning the measures or to consider further their eligibility under Article XVIII.
4. As a result of this withdrawal, the Decision taken by the Contracting Parties on 13 August, 1949, permitting the Italian Government to maintain the notified measures relating to radio equipment pending a decision under Article XVIII, is no longer applicable in the case of these measures.