

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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Special Distribution

Preferential Arrangements
Among Developing Countries
Negotiated in GATT

COMMITTEE OF PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES

Reporting Procedures

Note by the Secretariat

1. To facilitate the preparation of the fifth annual report on the operation of the Protocol to the Committee on Trade and Development and to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, the main points relevant to reporting procedures are summarized in the following paragraphs.

2. The Decision¹ of 26 November 1971 concerning the introduction of trade preferences among developing countries provides, inter alia, that

"the CONTRACTING PARTIES will review annually, on the basis of a report to be furnished by the participating countries, the operation of this Decision in the light of the aforementioned objectives and considerations and after five years of its operation carry out a major review in order to evaluate its effects".

3. The objectives and considerations may be summarized as follows:

(i) Participating countries are permitted to accord preferences to one another to facilitate trade between them, provided barriers to trade of other contracting parties are not raised.

(ii) Participating countries will keep under review the possibility of promoting negotiations for additions or enlargements to the schedules of concessions.

¹BISD, Eighteenth Supplement, pages 26-28

(iii) Participating countries have undertaken to facilitate the accession of all developing countries on terms consistent with their individual development, financial and trade needs.

(iv) Any modifications to the concessions shall be notified to the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

(v) Where any benefit accruing to any contracting party under the General Agreement may be or is impaired, participating countries shall afford adequate opportunity for consultation.

(vi) Should any such consultations prove unsatisfactory, the matter may be brought before the CONTRACTING PARTIES for examination and recommendation.

4. As in the case of reporting procedures for other arrangements subject to a waiver from the provisions of Article I of the General Agreement, the report on this arrangement should also include a statistical presentation. In this connexion, the fourth annual report of the Committee of Participating Countries to the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/4561 and Addendum), contained statistical data concerning trade in the items appearing in the schedules of concessions annexed to the Protocol during the period 1974-1975-1976 as well as a brief description of the main developments relevant to the operation of the Protocol.

5. In order to allow sufficient time for the preparation and finalization of the report by the Committee of Participating Countries at its September 1978 meeting, participating countries should submit to the secretariat all the necessary data as early as practicable and, in any case, no later than 4 September 1978. For comparative purposes, the statistical tabulations should cover, to the extent possible, the calendar or fiscal years 1975, 1976 and 1977.

6. Statistical details may be provided in accordance with the attached pro forma which has been used in the preparation of previous annual reports.

7. With regard to uniformity in the presentation of data for the annual report, the Committee, at its April 1976 meeting took note of the following suggestions made by a member: (a) import values should indicate whether they are c.i.f. or f.o.b. wherever possible; (b) all values should be rounded to the nearest thousand dollars; (c) world totals should include the value of imports originating from participating countries; (d) the value of imports originating from participating countries should not

include imports from those countries not having completed ratification procedures. In cases where the value of imports is negligible or not available the symbols (...) or (n.a.) respectively might be used. In addition the symbol (-) might indicate where no trade has taken place with respect to particular items.

8. The information supplied by individual participating countries might be accompanied by a short description of developments related to the application of the Protocol. For convenience, the material provided could then be collated in draft form by the secretariat together with relevant information on the "objectives and considerations" summarized in paragraph 3, points (ii) to (vi) above. After the report has been given final shape by the Committee of Participating Countries it will be submitted to meetings of the Committee on Trade and Development, in advance of the thirty-fourth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES in accordance with agreed procedures. The major review provided for in the CONTRACTING PARTIES Decision of 26 November 1971 (see paragraph 2 above) is expected to take place at the time of consideration of the fifth annual report of the Committee of Participating Countries.

9. It may be noted that for the following eight countries, the Protocol entered into force on 11 February 1973: Brazil, India, Israel, the Republic of Korea, Pakistan, Spain, Turkey and Yugoslavia. The Protocol has also entered into force for eight additional participating countries: Tunisia (7 March 1973), Egypt (15 August 1973), Chile (19 May 1974), Mexico (29 August 1974), Greece (1 November 1974), Uruguay (10 September 1975), Peru (28 May 1976) and Bangladesh (29 March 1977).

Country X

Imports of the Items Included in the List of Concessions of Country X

Tariff item number ^{1/}	Product description	1975 ^{2/}				1976 ^{2/}				1977 ^{2/}			
		Imports from participating countries		Imports from world		Imports from participating countries		Imports from world		Imports from participating countries		Imports from world	
		Total ^{3/}	Main suppliers ^{3/}	Total ^{3/}	Main suppliers ^{3/}	Total ^{3/}	Main suppliers ^{3/}	Total ^{3/}	Main suppliers ^{3/}	Total ^{3/}	Main suppliers ^{3/}	Total ^{3/}	Main suppliers ^{3/}

^{1/} CCCN heading and national tariff number. Statistical number may also be added.

^{2/} Calendar year or fiscal year relevant to the concessions listed in the Protocol for which statistical data are available.

^{3/} Import value.