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Modification of Concessions on Item 740 - Dried Figs -
under the Procedures of Article XIX

Supplemental investigation to determine whether the
modification of the tariff concession remains necessary

The following communication from the United States Government was received on 18 March:

" The United States Tariff Commission announced on March 11, 1953 that, at the direction of the President, it had instituted a supplemental investigation under paragraph 2 of the Executive Order 10401 to determine whether, and if so to what extent, the modification of the tariff concession granted under item 740 of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade with respect to dried figs remains necessary in order to prevent or remedy serious injury of the threat thereof to the domestic industry.

" The trade agreement concession on dried figs was modified by a Presidential Proclamation on August 16, 1952 issued in accordance with the findings and recommendation made by the United States Tariff Commission in its report to the President based upon the results of an escape clause investigation made under Section 7 of the Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1951. The Commission found that dried figs were being imported in such increased quantities as to cause serious injury to the domestic industry and recommended the duty on dried figs to be increased from 2½ cents to 4½ cents per pound to prevent the continuance of such injury. The higher rate of duty became effective August 29, 1952.

" The President's request for this review is in accordance with the assurance given by the United States delegation to the Seventh Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade that the United States Government would review the escape clause action on dried figs as soon as possible."