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CEYLON APPLICATION UNDER ARTICLE XVIII

Results of Negotiations by Ceylon with the United Kingdom and the United States

Pursuant to paragraph 9 of the Working Party report (L/333) recommending the extension of the releases granted to Ceylon in respect of plywood chests and glassware, the Ceylon delegation has submitted the following notification of the results of its negotiations with the United Kingdom and the United States:-

"Notification by Ceylon dated 16 March 1955

"I am writing with reference to paragraph 9 of Document L/333 of 26 February 1955 which was adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their meeting of 2 March 1955 and to inform you that agreement has been reached with the United States and the United Kingdom in respect of glassware, in the case of the former and plywood tea chests and glassware, in the case of the latter. The terms of the agreement with the United States are contained in the annexed extract from a letter dated 26 February 1955 to the Ceylon delegation from the Vice-Chairman of the United States delegation to the Ninth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. As announced by the United Kingdom representative at the Plenary Meeting of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on 2 March 1955, his Government agreed to the release in respect of glassware, subject to the fulfilment of the conditions set forth in the annex hereto. The United Kingdom agreed to the release in respect of plywood tea chests, subject to the same conditions, as laid down in connection with the release previously granted (see Basic Instruments and Selected Documents, Volume II, page 83, paragraph (d))."

Annex

Extract from a letter dated 26 February 1955
to the Ceylon Delegation
from the Vice-Chairman of
The United States Delegation
to the Ninth Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES

"The Government of the United States has the following understanding with respect to the proposed release on glassware:

- "(a) The Government of Ceylon seeks to be released, under Article XVIII, from the relevant General Agreement obligations for the purpose of issuing import licenses under the Industrial Products Act with respect to glass chimneys for oil lamps and glass tumblers. These items, which are now bound under Article II of the General Agreement, fall within item III B 279 Glass and glassware, n.e.s., in Schedule VI of the General Agreement. In the current Tariff of Ceylon, the items in question fall under the following classification:
- (2) 311-140 Glass chimneys, globes and shades for lamps; oil; and
 - (1) 311-146 Glass manufactures wholly or mainly thereof, n.e.s.
- "(b) Ceylon would ensure that 700 tons would be taken as the maximum quantity of domestic availability of the two items combined in calculating the standard ratio, that is, the ratio between current domestic production, on the one hand, and estimated domestic consumption minus domestic production, on the other.
- "(c) The release would extend until 15 October 1957 in the case of glass chimneys and until 1 September 1956 in the case of glass tumblers.

"It is understood further that the Government of Ceylon agrees to grant to the Government of the United States the following concession in compensation:

"A confirmation and renewal of the existing most-favoured-nation concession rate of 15 per cent on item III G 436 Agricultural machinery, including component parts, n.e.s. to be effective from the date the release was granted until 15 October 1957."