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## TARIFF OF RHODESIA AND NYASALAND

### Adjustments under the Decision of 3 December 1955

The following communication has been received from the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland with the request that this item be included in the Provisional Agenda for the Eleventh Session:

"The CONTRACTING PARTIES have recognised the need for the Federation to achieve a unification of the diverse tariff systems of the constituent Territories. At the Tenth Session, a Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES was recorded, giving clearance from Article I for a unified tariff. At the same time this Decision recognised that further adjustments within the limits of certain general principles followed in the framing of this tariff might be necessary.

"Certain adjustments have been found to be necessary through practical experience of the operation of the existing arrangements. These arise from the present need to operate a customs barrier across the territory of the Federation. This is giving rise to difficulties and anomalies, and in order to eliminate this internal frontier control the Federation requires to apply its tariff uniformly over the whole area.

"It appears to the Federation that, if the CONTRACTING PARTIES agree, this is a problem which could appropriately be dealt with according to principles and procedures as laid down in the Decision of the Tenth Session; and they request that this communication be taken as notification for the purpose of such procedures.

"In extending the coverage of the existing tariff uniformly over the whole of the Federation, the Federation would concurrently reduce preferences in the resultant tariff as follows:-

<u>Tariff Item and Description:</u>	<u>Proposed Reduction in Margin of Preference by</u>
8 (b) Cheese: All other, including tinned and processed cheese .....	5% ad val.
25 (1) Hog casings .....	5% ad val.
25 (2) Other sausage casings .....	5% ad val.
75 (1) Piece goods: canvas, not less than . 10 oz. in weight per square yard ..	5% ad val.

<u>Tariff Item and Description:</u>	<u>Proposed Reduction in Margin of Preference by</u>
75 (2) Tarpaulins, tents, awnings and similar articles, n.e.e. ....	5% ad val.
ex 76 (c)(ii) Piece goods: 100% cotton .....	2½% ad val. or ½d. per square yard
136 (1)(a) Pumps: Water, and water pumping apparatus, n.e.e. ....	2½% ad val.
168 Emery, corundum and similar abrasives, in bulk or in the form of cloth paper or wheels, discs, bicc. bricks, cones, segments, sticks and mounted points; sand-, garnet-, glass- and flint-paper ...	5% ad val.
296 (1) Printed, ruled, lithographed and embossed matter:	
(a) Picture post cards; Christmas cards, birthday, Now Year and other cards; calendars, calendar pads, calendar mounts and almanacs: not being advertising matter .....	5% ad val.
(c)(ii) Catalogues, price lists and other advertising matter, n.e.e. ....	5% ad val. or 6d. per lb.

"Following procedures as laid down in the Decision of the Tenth Session, the Federation would also be prepared to consult with any contracting party which might so wish.

"The Federation believes that the principles and provisions of the Decision will thereby be fully satisfied."