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SEVENTH PROTOCOL OF RECTIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Items submitted by the Government of the Benelux Countries

The Governments of the Benelux countries have submitted the attached list of rectifications for inclusion in the Seventh Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications which is to be drawn up at the Twelfth Session. The notes appearing hereunder are submitted - in accordance with paragraph 7 of L/600 - to facilitate checking by the contracting parties.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

1. At the first tariff conferences held under the auspices of GATT at Geneva, in 1947, the Benelux countries granted the following concession to the United States of America:

"703. Sheets and plates of iron or steel, flat,
unworked:

a. simply forged or hot-rolled, not pickled:

1. not over 1.1 millimeters thick 4 p.c.

2. others 3 p.c. "

2. On 1 May 1953, certain modifications were made to the customs tariff of the Benelux countries. One such modification was the transposition of item 703 into three new items, Nos 701, 702 and 706, as follows:

- 701: Iron or steel coils for re-rolling

- 702: Universal plates

- 706: Sheets and plates of iron or steel, hot-rolled or
cold-rolled, flat, unworked.

3. In accordance with GATT provisions, the concession granted to the United States had to be rectified accordingly.

This rectification was included in the Third Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications to the Schedules annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, signed at Geneva on 24 October 1953.

An extract of this rectification is given hereunder:

"Item 703

This item shall be deleted and replaced by the following items:

- 701. Iron or steel coils etc.
- 702. Universal plates etc.
- 706. Sheets and plates of iron or steel, hot-rolled or cold-rolled, flat, unworked:
 - a. So-called electric sheets and plates, of a thickness:
 - 1. of more than 1 mm 3 p.c.
 - 2. of 1 mm or less 4 p.c.
 - b. Other sheets and plates:
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4. The new Benelux item 706 includes both hot-rolled and cold-rolled sheets and plates. Furthermore, with regard to so-called electric sheets and plates included in sub-item a., the new text of the concession grants to the United States a binding on all so-called electric sheets and plates, obtained through any process, while the original concession only included hot-rolled sheets and plates.

5. The proposed rectification would reduce the scope of the concession to that which was originally granted.

ANNEXE

LISTES DE GENEVE (1947)

LISTE II - BELGIQUE - LUXEMBOURG - PAYS-BAS

Section A - Territoires métropolitains

PREMIERE PARTIE - Tarif de la nation la plus favorisée

Position 706

La sous-position a doit se lire:

"ex a) Tôles dites "magnétiques", laminées à chaud
d'une épaisseur:

1. de plus de 1 mm:

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| A. présentant, quelle que soit leur épaisseur, une perte en watts inférieure ou égale à 0,75 watt | 3 p.c. |
| B. autres | 3 p.c. |

2. de 1 mm. ou moins:

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| A. présentant, quelle que soit leur épaisseur, une perte en watts inférieure ou égale à 0,75 watt | 4 p.c. |
| B. autres | 5 p.c. " |

