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RECTIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS OF CONCESSIONS

Certification by the CONTRACTING PARTIES

Note by the Secretariat

Contracting parties were asked in document L/1256 of 28 July 1960 to complete as soon as possible the examination of the rectifications and modifications submitted for inclusion in the 1960 Certification of Rectifications and Modifications and enumerated in Annex A hereto, so that any points could be discussed between delegations as from the beginning of the Tariff Conference on 1 September 1960.

The attention of contracting parties is called to the draft new Consolidated Schedule of the Federal Republic of Germany which has just been circulated (Spec(60)303), and to the fact that the German Government would like to have this Schedule incorporated in the forthcoming Certification.

The object of this examination is to obtain approval of submissions in time for the CONTRACTING PARTIES to take at their seventeenth session the action required by Article XXX. Annex C contains the text of a draft Decision which will be submitted for consideration and approval to the seventeenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

A questionnaire is appended in Annex B hereto with the purpose of ascertaining whether such approval will be forthcoming. A contracting party which is not yet in a position to give its approval to a particular submission should mark "x" opposite the name of the contracting party which has submitted the list. The questionnaire should be returned to the secretariat as soon as possible but not later than 4 November 1960.

ANNEX A

List of Submissions by Contracting Parties

The following is an up-to-date list of the submissions received by the secretariat for inclusion in the 1960 Certification of Rectifications and Modifications.

Schedule II - Benelux, Section A - Metropolitan Territories (Spec(60)103)

The submission which has been added to the list contained in document L/1169 is that relating to Schedule II - Benelux, Section A - Metropolitan Territories. This was originally distributed on 10 October 1958 (Spec/249/58); it was not included in the Eighth nor in the Ninth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications since certain points remained to be cleared with the contracting parties. Those matters have now been settled and the list is submitted in its definite form for inclusion in the 1960 Certification of Rectifications and Modifications.

Schedule II - Benelux, Section E - Surinam (Spec(60)73)

The same applies to the submission relating to Section E - Surinam of the Benelux Schedule which is distributed as Spec(60)73 and was originally distributed to contracting parties on 2 October 1958 as document Spec/248/58.

Schedule V - Canada (Spec(60)19 and Add.1)

These appear to be mainly modifications resulting from Article XXVIII negotiations conducted by the Canadian Government.

Schedule VI - Ceylon (Spec(60)232)

The Government of Ceylon submitted a new Schedule replacing the existing Schedule VI at the tenth session. Following discussions with contracting parties a new draft was submitted during the thirteenth session (Spec/223/58) but could not be incorporated in the Eighth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications because certain questions had remained unsettled. It appears that all outstanding questions have now been settled and the final draft has been circulated on 21 September 1960 as document Spec(60)232.

Schedule XIV - Norway (MGT(60)44)

The list contains rectifications to the new Consolidated Schedule XIV of Norway contained in the Ninth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications. The nature of the proposed rectifications is set out in detail in the Explanatory Notes annexed to the Norwegian list.

Schedule XVIII - Union of South Africa (Spec(60)134)

The list contains modifications resulting from Article XXVIII negotiations and rectifications for bringing the tariff item numbers and descriptions into line with the corresponding items of the Customs Tariff of the Union of South Africa as consolidated during July 1959, including subsequent amendments up to 31 March 1960.

Schedule XIX - United Kingdom (Spec(60)75)

The nature of the proposed rectifications is set out in detail in the Explanatory Notes which accompany the United Kingdom submission.

Schedule XXIV - Finland (Spec(59)267)

The new Consolidated Schedule XXIV - Finland, transposed into Brussels Nomenclature, was distributed to contracting parties at the Tokyo session, together with cross-references between the item numbers in the existing Schedule XXIV and the draft submitted. Discussions have been held with contracting parties and the changes resulting therefrom have been incorporated in a new draft Single Schedule which has been circulated as Spec(60)168. The Finnish Government considers this as the final draft and asks for its incorporation in the 1960 Certification of Rectifications and Modifications.

Schedule XXI - Sweden (Spec(60)74)

The list contains rectifications to the new Consolidated Schedule XXI of Sweden contained in the Ninth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications.

Schedule XXIII - Federal Republic of Germany (Spec(60)303)

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany has submitted a draft Consolidated Schedule bringing the text of Schedule XXIII into conformity with the text of the 1959 German Customs Tariff. The German Government wishes that all its separate schedules annexed to the General Agreement be replaced by this Consolidated Schedule which has been circulated on 13 October 1960 as document Spec(60)303.

ANNEX B

To: GATT Secretariat
From: Delegation of _____
Subject: 1960 Certification of Rectifications and Modifications

With reference to document L/_____ the Delegation of _____ is not yet in a position to give its approval to the lists of rectifications and modifications marked "x" hereunder:

Schedule II - Benelux (Section A - Metropolitan Territories) (Spec(60)103)	
Schedule II - Benelux (Section E - Surinam) (Spec(60)73)	
Schedule V - Canada (Spec(60)19 and Add.1)	
Schedule VI - Ceylon (Spec(60)232)	
Schedule XIV - Norway (MGT(60)44)	
Schedule XVIII - Union of South Africa (Spec(60)134)	
Schedule XIX - United Kingdom (Spec(60)75)	
Schedule XXIV - Finland (Spec(59)267)	
Schedule XXX - Sweden (Spec(60)74)	
Schedule XXXIII - Federal Republic of Germany (Spec(60)303)	

ANNEX C

DRAFT DECISION of the CONTRACTING PARTIES Relating to
Rectifications and Modifications of Schedules to the
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

Taken on November 1960; effective as a certification pursuant to
paragraph 3 of Article XXX from

CONSIDERING that there have been long delays in the ratification of
protocols of rectifications and modifications under the procedures of
Article XXX and that the new paragraph 3 which would be added to Article XXX
by Section D of the Protocol Amending Part I and Articles XXIX and XXX of
the General Agreement, dated March 10, 1955 (hereinafter referred to as
"paragraph 3 of Article XXX") has not yet entered into force; and

CONSIDERING that at their fifteenth session the CONTRACTING PARTIES
approved a proposal for the discontinuance of the practice of drawing up
protocols of rectifications and modifications, and, pending the entry into
force of the amended Article XXX, for the incorporation of rectifications
and modifications, which had previously been included in such protocols and
which come within the terms of paragraph 3 of Article XXX, in documents
which would constitute a certification pursuant to that paragraph upon its
entry into force:

The CONTRACTING PARTIES:

1. CERTIFY that the amendments to the Schedules of the General Agreement,
which are annexed to this decision, record rectifications of a purely formal
character or modifications resulting from action taken under paragraph 6 of
Article II (Article III after the amendment contained in Section C of the
above protocol of March 10, 1955 has become operative), Article XVIII,
Article XXIV, Article XXVII, or Article XXVIII; and that the procedures
set forth in the proviso to paragraph 3 of Article XXX have been complied
with in respect to such amendments.
2. DECIDE that on the date of the entry into force of paragraph 3 of
Article XXX this Decision shall constitute a certification by the CONTRACTING
PARTIES on that date pursuant to paragraph 3 of Article XXX.
3. The Executive Secretary to the CONTRACTING PARTIES shall promptly
furnish a certified copy of this Decision to each contracting party to the
General Agreement, and to each government which has provisionally acceded to
that Agreement or has signed a declaration on relations between it and
contracting parties to the General Agreement. He shall also notify them
promptly of the date upon which this decision becomes a certification pursuant
to paragraph 3 of Article XXX.

