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## UNION OF SOUTH AFRICA - WAIVER FROM ARTICLE I<sup>1</sup>

### First Annual Report (Covering the Period 1 July 1960, to 31 December 1960) on the Use of the Waiver by the Union of South Africa.

1. The Government of the Union of South Africa is required to make an annual report on the use made of the partial waiver from the obligations of Article I of the General Agreement granted to it at the sixteenth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.
2. Since the waiver was granted, it has been invoked in connexion with changes in the most-favoured-nation rates of duty on the following commodities:
  - (i) cotton belting duck weighing more than 10 ounces per square yard; and
  - (ii) bedsheets and pillow-cases other than of calico, drill, twill, sateen or winter sheeting.Details of the changes are set out in the annex to this report.
3. No request for consultations was received in respect of cotton belting duck.
4. A request for consultations in respect of bedsheets and pillow-cases was received from the Government of the United States but the consultations had not been concluded by the end of 1960.
5. Since the measures only came into operation recently, namely on 26 August 1960 and 30 September 1960, respectively, no subsequent statistics are available to indicate their effects on the imports of the Union of South Africa from all sources. The South African Government does not consider, however, that the commercial interests of any contracting party have been adversely affected to a material extent.

ANNEX

I. Cotton belting duck weighing more than 10 ounces per square yard  
(Reference number of secretariat notification: GATT/AIR/199(SECRET)  
dated 22 July 1960)

<u>Description of South African tariff</u> <u>item 75(1) as on 1 July 1960</u>	<u>M.f.n. rate of duty</u>
Canvas piece goods of more than 10 oz. in weight per square yard whether or not painted or surface coated -	
(a) of cotton, flax or mixtures thereof, without other fibres, or with other fibres except rayon	15% ad valorem
(b) of rayon, with or without other fibres	15% ad valorem
(c) other	Free

Description of South African tariff  
item 75(1) as amended on 26 August 1960

Canvas piece goods of more than 10 oz. in weight per square yard whether or not painted or surface coated -	
(a) of cotton, flax or mixtures thereof without other fibres or with other fibres except rayon or cellulose acetate, but excluding belting duck of cotton, without other fibres	15% ad valorem
(b) of rayon or cellulose acetate with or without other fibres	15% ad valorem
(c) belting duck of cotton with or without other fibres	20% ad valorem
(d) other	Free

II. Bedsheets and pillow-cases other than of calico, drill, twill, sateen  
or winter sheeting (Reference number of secretariat notification:  
GATT/AIR/200(SECRET) dated 3 August 1960)

<u>Description of South African tariff</u> <u>item 73(1)(a)(xiii) as on 1 July 1960</u>	<u>M.f.n. rate of duty</u>
Household linens including table cloths, serviettes, bedsheets, pillow-cases and dusters -	
(a) of calico, drill, twill or sateen	30% ad valorem
(b) winter sheets	25% ad valorem
(c) other	15% ad valorem

Description of South African tariff  
item 73(1)(a)(xiii) as amended on  
30 September 1960

M.f.n. rate of duty

Household linens, including table  
cloths, serviettes, bedsheets,  
pillow-cases and dusters -

- |  |                |
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| (a) bedsheets (excluding winter-<br>sheets) and pillow-cases | 30% ad valorem |
| (b) winter sheets  | 25% ad valorem |
| (c) other -  |                |
| (i) of calico, drill, twill or sateen                        | 30% ad valorem |
| (ii) of other material                                       | 15% ad valorem |