

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ARTICLE XIX - AUSTRIA

### Action on Oilcakes

#### Consultations between Austria and the United States

The following communication, dated 15 January 1969, has been received from the delegations of Austria and of the United States.

With further reference to the consultations concerning the introduction of an import duty by Austria on vegetable oilcakes (GATT Document L/3046), we have the honour to inform you that our two Governments have reached agreement as follows:

- (a) The Government of Austria agrees to revoke the import fee as promptly as its parliamentary-technical procedures permit, and in any event, not later than 1 March 1969.
- (b) The Government of Austria further agrees that it will not replace the oilcake import fee with a domestic consumption tax or other measure of equivalent effect. However, this should not be construed as modifying the obligations and rights which both the Government of Austria and the United States Government enjoy under the GATT.
- (c) When the oilcake fee has been terminated in accordance with the commitment in subparagraph (a) above, and in consideration of the commitment in subparagraph (b), the United States Government will consider the consultations to be satisfactorily concluded. In the meantime, the Governments of the United States and Austria agree that their reciprocal rights and obligations under GATT Article XIX shall be maintained through 15 March 1969.

The delegations request that copies of this letter be circulated to the contracting parties.

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