

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Limited Distribution

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## DISPOSAL OF COMMODITY SURPLUSES

The following communication, dated 18 July 1969, has been received from the delegation of Australia.

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I have been asked by the Australian authorities to submit to you the following advice relating to the disposal of strategic stocks:

"Pursuant to Resolution of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 4 March 1955, the Government of Australia wishes to advise that it intends to dispose of 10,000 tons of natural rubber from Government stocks to the Australian domestic market.

"The rate of disposal is currently under discussion with the Government of Malaysia, principal supplier to the Australian market.

"It is proposed that the disposal will take place over a minimum period of two years."