

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## THE UNITED KINGDOM WAIVER FROM ARTICLE I

### Fifteenth Annual Report (1968) on the Use of the Waiver by the United Kingdom

1. The Government of the United Kingdom is requested to make an annual report on the use made of the partial waiver from the obligation of Article I of the General Agreement granted to them at the Eighth Session<sup>1</sup> of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and amended at the Ninth Session.<sup>2</sup>
2. Since the fourteenth report (L/3064) was submitted there have been no changes in the rates of duty in force on certain fatty alcohols classified to the United Kingdom tariff sub-heading 15.10(A) or on alcohol ethers classified to the United Kingdom tariff sub-heading 34.02(A).
3. Since the fourteenth report (L/3064) was submitted, the waiver has been invoked in connexion with the imposition of a most-favoured-nation rate of duty on certain types of high purity silicon and certain silicon products.
4. In GATT/AIR/666 (SECRET) dated 8 August 1968 it was stated that the United Kingdom had notified the contracting parties of the invocation of the Decision of 24 October 1953, as amended on 5 March 1955, with regard to certain types of high purity silicon and certain silicon products which are included under headings 28.04(A) and 38.19(D) respectively of the Customs Tariff of the United Kingdom and for tariff purposes can be defined as silicon, monocrystalline; and products containing more than 99.9 per cent by weight of silicon. The notification stated that the United Kingdom wished to impose a most-favoured-nation rate of duty on certain types of high purity silicon and certain silicon products without imposing a duty on imports from the territories listed in Annex A to the General Agreement. No requests for consultations under the procedures annexed to the above Decision were made.
5. The Government of the United Kingdom confirms that a most-favoured-nation duty of 14 per cent ad valorem is charged on these products with effect from 3 October 1968.

<sup>1</sup>BISD, Second Supplement, page 20.

<sup>2</sup>BISD, Third Supplement, page 25.