

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

L/4026
30 April 1974

Limited Distribution

INDIA - AUXILIARY DUTY OF CUSTOMS

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 30 April 1974¹

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES, by Decision of 15 November 1973², waived, until 31 March 1974, the application of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of India to apply a temporary auxiliary duty of customs (as notified in document L/3934) on items included in Schedule XII - India,

Considering that the Government of India has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that, since the special circumstances which necessitated the imposition of the auxiliary duty continue to exist, it has been decided to continue the auxiliary duty for a further period of one year,

Noting that the terms and conditions of the auxiliary duty remain the same except that items previously subject to an auxiliary duty of 10 per cent ad valorem are from 1 March 1974 subject to a duty of 15 per cent but that almost all items included in Schedule XII remain subject to either nil or a 5 per cent duty,

Noting that the continued application of the auxiliary duty has become effective, on a provisional basis, from 1 March 1974 and is subject to approval with or without modification by the Indian Parliament,

Noting further the assurances of the Government of India that it will, upon request, promptly enter into consultation with any contracting party which considers that serious damage to its interests is caused or imminently threatened by the auxiliary duty,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement,

Decide to waive until 31 March 1975 the application of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of India to apply the auxiliary duty of customs, as notified in document L/4007, on items included in Schedule XII.

¹The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 48 votes in favour and none against.

²BISD, Twentieth Supplement, page 26