

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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NOTE BY THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Sub-Committee might like to consider the following possible formula for dealing with the case of products imported mainly from countries not participating in the negotiations:

- (a) Products imported mainly from countries not participating in the negotiations may be excluded from the linear cut;
- (b) any participating country proposing the exclusion of any product or products pursuant to paragraph (a) shall submit details of the proposed exclusion on the same date as it submits its list of exceptions, together with data regarding the composition of its imports of the products in question;
- (c) if any participating country has a substantial interest in exports of the product or products in question to the country proposing the exclusion the latter shall enter into consultation with such substantially interested country with a view to arriving at a mutually satisfactory arrangement.
- /(d) substantial interest for the purposes of paragraph (c) shall be defined as a share in imports of the product affected of not less than x per cent during a representative period./