

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Sub-Committee on Tariff Negotiating Plan

THE PROCEDURE FOR NOTIFYING THE BASE DATE AND THE LEVEL OF DUTIES BY REFERENCE TO WHICH THE 50 PER CENT LINEAR REDUCTION WOULD BE CALCULATED

Note by the Secretariat

1. At its meeting on 2 July, the Trade Negotiations Committee agreed that the countries participating on the basis of the linear cut should indicate by 1 August the basis on which the across-the-board tariff reduction would apply in their case.
2. It is suggested that, in making this notification, the countries concerned should follow the procedure set out below, which takes account of suggestions made at the 11/12 June meeting of the Sub-Committee on the Tariff Negotiating Plan.
 1. The countries referred to in paragraph 1 above should notify the secretariat by 1 August of (a) the base date, and (b) the basis in other respects, on which they propose that the across-the-board reduction should apply in their case.
 2. At the same time each country should transmit to the secretariat thirty copies of its published tariff as in force on the base date proposed.
 3. In amplification of 1(b) above, the notifying country should indicate:
 - (i) any cases where rates other than those shown in the published tariff which is transmitted will be used as the basis for the across-the-board reduction;
 - (ii) any cases where the rates shown in that tariff which it is proposed to use as the basis for the linear reduction are higher than the rates actually in force on the base date;
 - (iii) any cases where the results of the 1960/61 tariff conference are not yet incorporated in the tariff transmitted.

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4. The notifications under 3 should be submitted in the form of a stencil¹ from which the secretariat can reproduce the necessary number of copies.

5. The secretariat will, as soon as possible after 1 August 1964, circulate a list of the notifications made and the material received from participating countries; requests for copies of the material can be sent to the countries concerned through the secretariat.

¹ Delegations who have any questions about the size, etc. of the stencils should contact Mr. Linden, extension 3319.