

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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CONTENT OF EXCEPTIONS LISTS

Note by the Executive Secretary

1. It has been agreed that the exceptions lists to be tabled on 16 November 1964 by governments participating in the negotiations on the basis of the linear offer should indicate inter alia:
 - (i) products which it is proposed to exclude from the linear cut¹;
 - (ii) the justification for the exclusion of these products;
 - (iii) for which of these products an offer can be made of less than the linear cut;
 - (iv) in relation to those products included in the lists on which tariffs were bound in earlier negotiations, the present position of the product in the schedule of the country concerned.

2. It is suggested that the following additional information of a more detailed nature should be given for each product included in exceptions lists:
 - (i) tariff item number;
 - (ii) full description;
 - (iii) rate set out for the products in the notification by the country concerned of the basis on which it proposes that the linear cut should apply in its case, together, in the case of a specific rate, with the ad valorem equivalent of the rate.

3. It is assumed that the participating countries will be submitting statistical information on their imports of all products, including those in their lists of exceptions. It is suggested that the statistics should be provided for 1962 and 1963, or, if that is not possible, the two most recent years for which statistics are available.

¹Including (a) products subject to a mixed duty where it is not proposed to apply the linear reduction to one element in the duty, (b) products where the present rate of duty is zero and where it is not proposed to bind this rate in the negotiations and (c) products where it is proposed to make the linear cut but where it is proposed to implement the cut at a slower rate than is required under the staging provisions.