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## APPLICATION BY CEYLON FOR RELEASE UNDER ARTICLE XVIII

### Further information on Rubber Footwear

The following revised statement has been submitted by the Ceylon delegation to replace the whole of Section II on Rubber Footwear on pages 4 - 6 of L/35/Add.1.

Rubber footwear was brought under regulation in September 1951 and covers the items mentioned in the annexed paper.

An importer of any kind of rubber footwear is given the option to buy any variety of the local product. For instance an importer of shoes need not necessarily buy local rubber shoes. He can buy slippers or sandals instead. This gives the importer a range of products from which he can make a selection. It is understood that this element of flexibility has been well received by the trade. From the point of view of the local industry, it is hoped that by studying the reactions of importers in their choice of local regulated products it will be possible to determine what particular types of footwear are most popular with the public. This will enable the industry, both during and after the period of release, to adjust its production to the best advantage.

The potential capacity of the local industry is over 1,500,000 pairs, but the maximum quantity of domestic availability suggested for the purpose of calculating the standard ratio is 600,000 pairs. The figure of domestic consumption which can be reached in the next few years, particularly when schools adopt rubber soled footwear as standard equipment, will be well over this latter figure. Active health education and the general raising of living standards as a result of several developmental schemes under the Colombo Plan, for instance, will certainly result in a substantial increase in consumption.

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RUBBER FOOTWEAR

(a) Provision of Agreement under which release is sought

Article XVIII, sub-paragraph 7(a)(iii).

(b) Range and type of goods to which measure relates

Rubber footwear including rubber shoes with canvas or cloth uppers, waterproof rubber shoes, all rubber shoes and slippers and sandals.

Tariff item numbers and description:

542 Boots and shoes,  
i) Canvas, rubber soled,  
ii) other  
548 Slippers and sandals.

(c) Precise description of the product of the industry for the protection or development of which the measure is intended

Same as (b)

(d) Domestic production of the items described in (b)

	<u>Pairs</u>
- Shoes with Canvas or Cloth uppers . . . . .	288,642
- Waterproof rubber shoes . . . . .	25,000
- All rubber shoes . . . . .	251,000
- Slippers and Sandals . . . . .	<u>46,000</u>
	611,142
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Value: Rs. 2,500,000

(e) Imports by country of origin

<u>CANVAS RUBBER SOLED BOOTS AND SHOES</u>			
<u>Year</u>	<u>Country of Origin</u>	<u>Quantity</u> <u>Dcz. Pairs</u>	<u>Value</u> <u>Rse</u>
1949	United Kingdom	2,278	54,123
	Hong Kong	468	11,643
	India	13,036	251,481
	Union of S. Africa	6	544
	Czechoslovakia	<u>50</u>	<u>2,033</u>
		<u>15,838</u>	<u>319,830</u>

<u>Year</u>	<u>Country of Origin</u>	<u>Quantity Doz. Pairs</u>	<u>Value Rs.</u>
1950	United Kingdom	851	29,488
	Hong Kong	82	2,103
	India	12,620	280,826
	Malaya	4,686	103,217
	Czechoslovakia	64	2,936
	U.S.A.	4	114
	Japan.	<u>1,144</u>	<u>39,294</u>
	<u>19,451</u>	<u>457,978</u>	
1951	United Kingdom	254	20,103
	Hong Kong	476	18,196
	India	13,957	394,071
	Malaya	148	4,499
	Czechoslovakia	214	11,624
	Japan	<u>1,545</u>	<u>56,930</u>
		<u>16,594</u>	<u>505,423</u>

BOOTS AND SHOES - OTHER

1949	United Kingdom	6,140	643,854
	Australia	3	508
	Canada	56	12,374
	Hong Kong	5,983	103,526
	India	5,743	506,498
	Malaya	6,452	135,004
	Pakistan	3	625
	South Africa	15	3,747
	China	481	6,323
	Czechoslovakia	173	17,647
	Japan	2	157
	Holland	-	41
	Switzerland	-	30
	U.S.A	<u>48</u>	<u>8,229</u>
	<u>25,099</u>	<u>1,438,598</u>	
1950	United Kingdom	6,306	927,353
	Australia	3	466
	Canada	4	1,008
	Hong Kong	10,251	147,164
	India	10,950	718,089
	Malaya	5,989	135,027
	South Africa	68	20,928
	China	16	742
	Czechoslovakia	1,180	94,501
	Japan	3	256
	Thailand	500	9,400
	U.S.A	<u>129</u>	<u>4,316</u>
	<u>35,399</u>	<u>2,059,250</u>	

<u>Year</u>	<u>Country of Origin</u>	<u>Quantity. Doz. Pairs</u>	<u>Value Rs.</u>
1951	United Kingdom	11,503	1,935,472
	Hong Kong	4,493	78,189
	India	19,963	1,895,897
	Malaya	575	22,576
	South Africa	29	6,351
	Burma	-	6
	Czechoslovakia	445	45,482
	Holland	1	37
	Japan	-	-
	U.S.A	3	1,036
		<u>37,012</u>	<u>3,986,109</u>

MANUFACTURES OF RUBBER N.E.S

<u>Year</u>		<u>Cwt</u>	<u>Rupees</u>
1949	United Kingdom	1,135	246,603
	India	159	29,916
	Hong Kong	-	34
	Czechoslovakia	14	1,109
	Germany	7	1,327
	Holland	3	742
	Japan	42	5,254
	U.S.A	40	9,734
		<u>1,400</u>	<u>294,759</u>
	1950	United Kingdom	730
Australia		-	15
India		122	24,648
Czechoslovakia		157	12,980
France		-	135
Germany		134	34,122
Holland		4	892
U.S.A		12	2,322
	<u>1,159</u>	<u>264,321</u>	
1951	United Kingdom	1,557	350,090
	India	151	20,816
	Austria	-	1
	Czechoslovakia	463	41,220
	France	1	1,150
	Germany	106	34,052
	Holland	8	2,096
	Italy	-	734
	U.S.A	20	1,595
		<u>2,306</u>	<u>451,754</u>

(f) Tariff and other protection enjoyed

Rubber shoes with canvas or cloth uppers - 17½ %  
 Waterproof shoes  
 All Rubber shoes } 17½ % pref. 27½ % gen.  
 Slippers and Sandals }

(g) Information and forecast about future development of industry etc.

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(h) Prices of imported and domestic products.

- Domestic rubber canvas shoes: Rs. 30.- to Rs. 81.- per dozen
- Imported rubber canvas shoes: Rs. 36.- to Rs. 84.- " "
- Domestic slippers and sandals: Rs. 33.- Per Dozen
- Imported slippers and sandals: Rs. 56.- " "

(i) Date of establishment of industry

1951.

(j) Indigenous primary commodity which is being processed

Rubber.

(k) Number and location of enterprises or firms

Four

(l) Number of persons employed

400.

(m) Average level of wages paid to employees

Males:	Rs. 2.50 - Rs. 5 per day
Females:	Rs. 2.25 - Rs. 3 per day
Boys:	Rs. 2.50 per day.

(n) Capital investment

Rs. 15,000,000

(o) Net profit or losses

Not available.

(p) Cost of transport etc.

Not available.

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