

THIRD COMMITTEE: COMMERCIAL POLICY

SUB-COMMITTEE C ON GENERAL COMMERCIAL PROVISIONS

(ARTICLES 32-39)

NOTES ON TENTH MEETING

Held on 8 January 1948 at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B

Chairman: Mr. C. E. MORTON (Australia)

ARTICLE 34 - VALUATION FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES (E/CONF.2/C.3/10 and E/CONF.2/C.3/C/10)

Paragraph 3

1. Upon the request of the representative of the United States, the Chairman agreed to accept the Chairmanship of the Working Party II, composed of the representatives of France, United Kingdom, United States and Uruguay, to consider amendments in relation to sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) submitted by Uruguay and Chile.
2. The Sub-Committee discussed the Notes in the Geneva Draft (Items 31, 32, 33 and 34). It was agreed to recommend that the text of these Notes as drafted in Geneva should be retained.

The representative of Chile stated that if the Report of the Working Party II was found to be satisfactory to his Delegation, the reservation entered by his country in Geneva (Item 29) would be withdrawn.

Paragraph 4

3. The CHAIRMAN stated that the Sub-Committee approved paragraph 4 as given in the Geneva Draft.

Paragraph 5

4. In the discussion of paragraph 5, the CHAIRMAN stated that there was no support for the proposal of the Delegation of Argentina (Item 35) to delete this paragraph.

The Sub-Committee accepted sub-paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) as given in the Geneva Draft.

5. The Sub-Committee was of the opinion that sub-paragraph (d) should be redrafted and the CHAIRMAN requested the representative of the United States to present a redraft in the light of the discussion and the amendment proposed by Uruguay (Item 36), for consideration by the

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6. Paragraph 6

The Sub-Committee accepted the text of paragraph 6 as given in the Geneva Draft.

New Paragraph 7

7. During the discussion of the proposal of Uruguay (Item 37), the representative of this country stated that he wish to amend the words in his proposal to read "7. Traders, before importing merchandise,....". The Sub-Committee agreed to this proposal, but was of the opinion that any such amendment should preferably be incorporated in Article 37. It was resolved to revert to the proposal of Uruguay when discussing Article 37.

ARTICLE 35 - FORMALITIES CONNECTED WITH IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION
(E/CONF.2/C.3/10. E/CONF.2/C.3/10. ADD.1 AND 2).

Paragraph 1

8. The Sub-Committee discussed the amendment of Haiti (E/CONF.2/C.3/10/Add.1). Attention was drawn to a similar proposal of the Delegation of Venezuela to Article 17. The Sub-Committee requested the CHAIRMAN to consult the Chairman of Sub-Committee A of Committee III regarding the outcome of the discussion of the amendment of Venezuela and to propose, if deemed appropriate, to delegate Members of this Sub-Committee to take part in the work of Sub-Committee A when dealing with the amendment of Venezuela.

Paragraph 2

Paragraph 3

9. The text of these two paragraphs was accepted by the Sub-Committee as given in the Geneva Draft.

Paragraph 4

10. The representative of Uruguay withdrew his amendments (Items 40 and 41). The text of paragraph 4 was accordingly accepted as given in the Geneva Draft.

Paragraph 5

11. The Sub-Committee discussed the amendment of the Delegation of Argentina (Items 43, and also 38). The verbal changes as proposed by Argentina for the English and the French texts met with no support in the Sub-Committee and the representative of Argentina was requested to present an interpretative Note for discussion, if he so wished. It was suggested that, in preparing the translation of the text of paragraphs 1 and 5 into official languages, special attention should be paid to the equivalent expressions for the terms 'fees' and 'charges'.