

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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CONTRACTING PARTIES

CONSULTATION UNDER ARTICLE XIV:1 (g)

Communication from the Government of South Africa¹

"With reference to your airgram GATT/AIR/5 of January 3rd, I have been instructed to transmit to you the following reply:

"The Government of the Union of South Africa intends consulting Contracting Parties in terms of Article XIV:1 (g) regarding deviation from provisions of Article XIII but due to unavoidable circumstances it will unfortunately not be possible to submit the required statements to you by 15th March. Relevant statements will however be transmitted as soon as possible.

"As regards the decision of the Intersessional Committee in connection with intensification of import restrictions, we wish to refer you to the General Notice to Importers regarding textile piece goods which was published in our Government Gazette on 15th February. A copy of this notice has already been airmailed to you and the effect thereof is that permits for the importation of textile piece goods from hard currency countries are no longer being freely issued.²

"The Union is at present so fully stocked with large piece goods that hardly any applications for importation of large piece goods from either hard or soft currency countries are being received and a quota for importation thereof from hard currency countries has therefore not yet been worked out.

"In any case generally speaking this measure is more a deviation from the provisions of Article XIII on which we will consult in accordance with Article XIV:1 (g) during the Seventh Session and not a substantial intensification of import restrictions justifying convening of the Intersessional Committee for initiation of consultation under Article XII:4 (b)."

¹ Dated 23 February 1952.

² See Annex.

Annex

Union of South Africa

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES

GENERAL NOTICE TO IMPORTERS OF TEXTILE PIECE GOODS

As publicly announced by the Minister of Economic Affairs the Director of Imports and Exports advises for general information that, with effect from the 30th January, 1952, paragraph 2 of General Notice No. 2949 of 19th November, 1951, is amended by the deletion therefrom of the words "both the hard currency countries and"

2. The effect of this is that the provisions of General Notice No. 2949 of 1951 will, as from the date mentioned, apply only to the importation of textile piece goods from the soft currency countries.

3. Special permits in terms of General Notice No. 2949 of 1951 for the importation of textile piece goods from the hard currency countries will, however, be issued in cases where the importers concerned can establish to the satisfaction of the Director that they had placed firm orders and that such orders had been accepted and confirmed by the suppliers not later than 30th January, 1952.

4. All importations of textile piece goods from hard currency countries in terms of General Notice No. 346 of 1951 and General Notice No. 2949 of 1951 will, inter alia, be liable to form a debit against any future quotas covering the importation of textile piece goods from the hard currency countries, which may be issuable to the importers concerned.