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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE  
FIRST SESSION OF THE CONTRACTING PARTIES  
PROTOCOL OF TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS TO THE AGREEMENT

There is attached a list of rectifications required in Schedule XX of the Agreement, supplementary to that which was circulated with document GATT/1/6 of 1 March.

A memorandum on "Explanatory Notes Concerning Changes in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Schedule XX, Proposed by the United States", is also enclosed.

1 March 1948

ADDITIONS TO, AND MODIFICATIONS OF, PRINCIPAL LIST OF GATT,  
SCHEDULE XX RECTIFICATIONS SUBMITTED BY THE UNITED STATES

1. Change Item 212 /second/ to read:
  - (a) In the description for saucers in the second Item 212, the words between the value of "\$3" and the first semi-colon thereafter shall be "per dozen".
  - (b) In the second Item 212 the sub-description starting "Other (except hotel)" shall read in full "Other (except tableware, kitchenware, and table and kitchen utensils):"
2. In Item 213 change "crystaline" to "crystalline".
3. In Item 355 delete the word "immediate".
4. Insert after Item 372 /twelfth/:

Item 372 /thirteenth/

In the thirteenth Item 372:

- (a) The immediate sub-description for the rate of "10% ad val." shall be "For manufacturing or processing vegetable fibers (except winding, beaming, warping and slashing machinery, and combinations thereof)".
- (b) The last two words, and accompanying punctuation, in the immediate sub-description for the rate of "40% ad val." shall be "'Bradford' combs".

5. Insert after Item 919 /second/:

Item 924

The rate in Item 924 shall be "5¢ per lb., but not less than 1-3/7 times the most-favoured-nation rate of ordinary customs duty applicable when such articles are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption to cotton having a staple of 1-1/8 inches or more in length."

6. Change Item 1102 (b) /first/ to read:

In the note following the first Item 1102 (b) the number following "1115 (a) and" shall be "1119".

7. In Item 1502 /first/ insert comma after "Item 1502".

8. Change Item 1503 /third/ to read:

The proviso to the third Item 1503 shall be:

"Provided, That for the purpose only of applying the second

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proviso to paragraph 1503, Tariff Act of 1930, to articles provided for in this item; each rate of duty "existing" (within the meaning of Section 350, Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Act of July 5, 1945) on January 1, 1945, shall be reduced to 50 per centum of such rate."

9. Insert after Item 1503 /third/:

Item 1527 (a) (1) and (2)

In Item 1527 (a) (1) and (2) the rate for the sub-description "All other, of whatever material composed, valued above 20 cents per dozen pieces" shall be "55% ad val., but not less than 50% of the amount payable on the basis of the duty "existing" (within the meaning of Section 350, Tariff Act of 1930 as amended by the Act of July 5, 1945) on January 1, 1945 if the article were not dutiable under paragraph 1527, Tariff Act of 1930."

10. In Item 1529 (a) /first/ change "guage" to "gauge".

11. Add at end of list previously submitted:

Part II - Preferential Tariff

Item 743 /first/

The description of products in the first Item 743 shall be "Limes, in their natural state, or in brine."

Item 751

The words between the third comma and the colon in the principal description in Item 751 shall be "and fruit butters".

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EXPLANATORY NOTES CONCERNING CHANGES IN GATT,  
SCHEDULE XX, PROPOSED BY THE UNITED STATES

Most of the rectifications proposed are typographical or mechanical in nature, generally arising from illegibility of the present text. In the case of the following items, however, the changes are consequential:

Item 212 /second/ (b)

This change is designed to rectify an inadvertent mistake in the description near the top of page 23 (UN English edition) which now reads:

"Other (except hotel and restaurant tableware and kitchenware and hotel and restaurant table and kitchen utensils):"

The concessions set forth on page 22 are limited by specified minimum values. Articles valued below these minima would be covered by the description quoted above. It was not intended to make a concession on any of the items on page 22 valued at less than the minima specified. Consequently, the language of the exception on page 23 should be the same as that in the sub-description on page 22.

Item 720 (a) (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), and (6)

The inclusion in the agreement of the concession on unsmoked boned herring at 1-1/4¢ per lb. would exceed the 50 per cent limitation on the reductions which may be made under the Trade Agreements Act, as amended, since the rate on January 1, 1945 for such herring was 3¢ per lb.

A concession on such unsmoked herring was not negotiated with any country, but was initially included in the interest of simplicity of language.

This change was made in the President's proclamation of December 16, 1947 giving effect to the General Agreement.

Item 745

The bilateral offer list exchanged with the French Government shows a 20% ad val. rate for prepared and preserved peaches, which was inadvertently omitted in correcting the stencil which was used in making the authenticated and certified copies of the agreement. This addition has already been made in the President's proclamation of December 16, 1947.

/Item 806 (b)

Item 806 (b)

The rate of duty in the Tariff Act of 1930 for concentrated lime and syrup was 70¢. In the 1938 Trade Agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States, a concession of 35¢ was made on lime juice only. Consequently, a further reduction in Item 806 (b) to 20¢ for lime syrup would exceed the 50 per cent limitation on reductions which may be made in trade agreements. Therefore, the rate of 20 per cent must be limited to lime juice. Lime syrup will fall into the "other" category at 35¢.

This change also was made in the President's proclamation of December 16, 1947.

Item 1503 /third/

The proviso to this item reduces by 50 per cent any rates otherwise provided for on January 1, 1945 applicable to articles coming within the item which, pursuant to other tariff paragraphs, are higher than the rate of 30% ad val. specified for the item. However, in Section 350 of the Tariff Act of 1930 (Trade Agreements Act), as amended by the Act of July 5, 1945, the rate of duty "existing" on January 1, 1945 is defined to exclude certain emergency rates of duty, including those contained in Schedule III of the 1943 Trade Agreement between the United States and Mexico. Since certain of these emergency rates may be applicable to some of the articles classified under paragraph 1503, the revised wording of the proviso is designed to assure that the 50 per cent reduction provided for therein shall be applicable to the rates of duty "existing" on January 1, 1945.

Item 1527 (a) (1) and (2)

See preceding explanation for Item 1503 /third/.

Item 1529 (a) /first/

This change is necessary in order to avoid making a concession in excess of the 50 per cent limitation under the Trade Agreements Act.

In the 1936 trade agreement between the United States and France the duty was reduced from 90 to 60% ad. valorem on cotton laces, etc. but limited to those "made with independent beams". Consequently, it is not possible under the existing trade-agreements authority to reduce the duty on such laces not made with independent beams below 45%. Under the revised language, these will be dutiable under the

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third sub-description, "Other" at 45% ad valorem.

This rectification was made in the President's proclamation of December 16, 1947 giving effect to the General Agreement.

Item 1786

The word "in" has been inserted in order to bring the language into conformity with that of the Tariff Act of 1930.