

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Amendments to the United Kingdom revised draft

There is herewith circulated a list of the amendments suggested in the first reading of the revised draft convention submitted by the United Kingdom Delegation.

Amendment

Comment

Preamble. Delete "and regarding related subjects"

This phrase is not needed if the Working Party agrees that the provisions of Article 7 of the 1935 Convention should not figure in the present draft Convention.

Article 1 para. (b). For "a metropolitan territory" substitute "its metropolitan territory"

Article 1. Insert new paragraph as follows :-

"The provisions of this Convention shall not be construed as granting to importers the right to import samples, specimens or advertising material which could not otherwise be imported"

The United Kingdom delegation has taken the liberty of basing itself upon the amendment proposed by the Indian delegation in relation to Article 2. It suggests that it would be more appropriate to write a general provision of this kind into Article 1.

Article 3. Delete the Article.

This is in accordance with the views expressed by the United Kingdom delegation, and other delegations, when the Article was discussed during the first reading.

Article 4, para. 1 (i), line 2. Delete "through the post"

It was generally agreed that exemption need not be limited to documents despatched through the post.

(ii) line 3. Amend "packets" to read "a packet"

(iii) line 4. Delete "7 ounces7" Delete "per packet". Amend "packets" to read "a packet".

It is thought preferable to use for the purposes of the Convention an appropriate round figure in the metric system. There is nothing to stop a country continuing the use of a higher figure e.g. 8 ounces in its domestic legislation.

(iv) line 3. After "document" insert "provided in each case that the packet does not form part of a larger consignment". Delete "in a packet" after the word "document".

During the preliminary discussion of this paragraph it was mentioned that postal importation provided an automatic limitation on the number of packets sent. If the exemption is to be generalised to all forms of transmission, a limiting phrase such as that now proposed seems necessary.

(v) line 7. Amend "Separate and simultaneous" to read "Separate but simultaneous".

Amendment

Article 4, para. 2. Delete.

Deletion of this paragraph was generally agreed upon.

Article 4, para. 3. Re-number as 2.  
Amend "paragraphs 1 and 2"  
to read "paragraph 1".  
In line 2 of subparagraph (a) delete "in that territory" and substitute "in the territory of importation".

Article 5. Delete.

Article 6. Renumber as Article 3.

The United Kingdom delegation suggests that the Articles dealing with samples should be brought together and should not be separated by the Article dealing with advertising material.

Article 12. Delete "paragraph number."  
In line 4 insert "  "  
before "instrument" and  
before "accession" insert  
"ratification or".

