

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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SEVENTH PROTOCOL OF RECTIFICATIONS AND MODIFICATIONS

Submission of Requests for Rectifications and Modifications to GATT Schedules

1. At the Eleventh Session lists of rectifications and modifications were circulated so late that it was not possible for contracting parties to have them checked by the competent officials in their capitals and to give clearance before the end of the Session. As a consequence the opening for signature of the Sixth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications was delayed until 11 April 1957.
2. To avoid such delays in the future the CONTRACTING PARTIES adopted the recommendation of the Working Party on Schedules (BISD, Fifth Supplement, page 98) that requests for rectifications and modifications be sent to the secretariat as early as possible before each session and that the secretariat should not circulate, for inclusion in the Protocol to be opened at that session, any requests which reach it less than thirty days before the opening of the session.
3. The latest date for submission of requests for The Seventh Protocol is, therefore, 17 September 1957. It is suggested, however, that contracting parties endeavour to submit their requests not later than 15 August 1957. This will enable the secretariat to edit the lists for uniformity and to prepare the stencils to be used for the Protocol at a time when the workload is likely to be lighter than it will be in the month preceding the Twelfth Session.
4. The attention of contracting parties is also drawn to the recommendations in paragraph 7 of the Report of the Working Party on Schedules that, in order to facilitate checking, contracting parties should provide explanations and give document references, if any, for each item. Such explanations and references should not be incorporated in the lists of proposed rectifications and modifications but be provided separately.
5. Copies of the requests received will be distributed by the secretariat to the addresses listed in L/483/Add.1 (and Corr. 1-3).

