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### Report of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland on the Adjustment of Preferences granted to Australian Imports

In a communication dated 24 August 1959, the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland notified that a number of adjustments in the Trade Agreement between the Governments of the Commonwealth of Australia and the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland of 30 June 1955 have been agreed upon between the two Governments, and that the Government of the Federation proposes to introduce the relevant changes in accordance with the provisions of the Decision of 3 December 1955 (BISD, Fourth Supplement, page 17), as amended by the Decisions of 20 November 1958 (BISD, Seventh Supplement, page 40) and of 29 May 1959 (document L/1012, page 12).

The following report is submitted in accordance with the first proviso to the Decision of 3 December 1955 which requires that the contracting parties shall be notified not less than sixty days before any such adjustment is made effective. Any contracting party wishing to claim that it would be substantially affected by any of the adjustments and wishing to consult with the Governments of the Federation thereon should as soon as possible so advise the Government of the Federation and at the same time notify the Executive Secretary.

"In Annexure I, Part I (which contains a list of goods which, when grown, produced or manufactured in Australia, shall be admitted free of duty for consumption in the Federation), the following items shall be marked with an asterisk (\*) as shown:

<u>Federal Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description of Goods</u>
101(1)	Dairy utensils and machinery, n.e.e.*
ex 118	Machinery, apparatus, appliances and implements (not especially provided for, and not including vehicles or domestic machines):
(a)(1)	Agricultural, n.e.e.*

and the following note appended to Part I of the Annexure:

Note - The Federal Government may at any time after investigation impose a protective duty on any goods specified in items marked \*, but shall first consult with the Australian Government. Upon the imposition of such duties the goods concerned shall thereafter be subject to the provisions of Part 2 of this Annexure.'

"In Annexure I, Part 2 (which contains a list of goods which, when grown, produced, or manufactured in Australia, shall, be admitted for consumption in the Federation at the lowest rate of customs duty leviable on similar goods originating in any country or territory of the British Commonwealth, other than Bechuanaland) - the following items shall be added:

<u>Federation Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description of Goods</u>
3(1)	Biscuits, cakes, puddings and pastry
ex 15(b)(ii)	Barley - malted
27(2)	Pudding and cake powders, jelly powders and squares
ex 84	Bath, sink and lavatory plugs, washers and overflows
ex 116 (e)	Lamps and lampware: Other, n.e.e. including brackets and fittings, but not parts of motor vehicles or cycles
ex 118(a)(iii)	Mowers, not being agricultural machines other than electric
ex 119(1)	Electric insulating tape
ex 295(6)	Cellulose film tape
ex 295(6)	Masking tape
ex 296(1)(f)	Cellulose film tape
ex 297(c)	Dispensers for adhesive paper
ex 302(b)	Pens and pencils
ex 319(e)	Lantern slides
ex 331(b)	Dispensers for adhesive paper
ex 331(b)	Slide hand viewers, including battery operated
ex 331(b)	Adhesive tape, plastic

"In Annexure I, Part 3 - (which contains a list of goods, which, when manufactured in Australia, shall enter for consumption in the Federation at the Column C rate of duty rebated to the extent shown) - the following items shall be added:

<u>Federation Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description of Goods</u>	<u>Extent of Rebate</u>
ex 69	Hats, caps and bonnets:	
(a)	Hats:	
(ii)	of wool-felt or fur-felt	10 per cent ad valorem

"The effect of the amendment to Part 1 of Annexure I is to enable the Federation at some future date to impose protective duties on the two items to which the note refers.

"The additions to Parts 2 and 3 of Annexure I alter the basis of the existing preferences (without alteration to the duties imposed) for three items - malted barley, unprinted cellulose film tape and unprinted masking tape - and restore or partly restore preferences previously extended in one or other of the constituent territories of the Federation on their respective base dates for the remaining items.

"The statistics for imports are not available in detail for every item, but the total value of imports from Australia to the Federation of the statistical groups within which these items are classified was £82,808 in 1958, and imports of the items on which preferences have been restored therefore did not exceed this figure.

"The volume of trade involved and the extent of preferences are not such as to alter the overall position of the Trade Agreement in respect of preferences established on the applicable base dates.

"In terms of paragraph (c) of the Decision of 3 December 1955, the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland is prepared to consult with any contracting party which claims to be substantially affected by the adjustments proposed."