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Certification by the CONTRACTING PARTIES

It was hoped, before the sixteenth session, that it would be possible for contracting parties to complete the examination and to secure approval of all the lists of Rectifications and Modifications which had been submitted (see W.16/1). When it became clear that this would not be the case and that the CONTRACTING PARTIES would, therefore, not be able to take the decision required by paragraph 3 of Article XXX, it was suggested (W.16/20) that contracting parties pursue the examination of the submissions listed in W.16/1 plus those of South Africa and Norway which were presented after the latter document was circulated.¹ A revised list is annexed hereto.

In order to ensure that the decision required by Article XXX may be taken at the seventeenth session, contracting parties are requested to carry out the examination as rapidly as possible and to discuss any points of doubt at the beginning of the Tariff Conference from 1 September 1960.

¹The South African submission was distributed as Spec(60)134 and the Norwegian submission as MGT(60)44.

ANNEX

List of Submissions by Contracting Parties

The following is an up-to-date list of the submissions received by the secretariat for inclusion in the 1960 Certification of Rectifications and Modifications.

Schedule II - Benelux, Section A - Metropolitan Territories (Spec(60)103)

The submission which has been added to the list contained in document L/1169 is that relating to Schedule II - Benelux, Section A - Metropolitan Territories. This was originally distributed on 10 October 1958 (Spec/249/58); it was not included in the Eighth nor in the Ninth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications since certain points remained to be cleared with the contracting parties. Those matters have now been settled and the list is submitted in its definite form for inclusion in the 1960 Certification of Rectifications and Modifications.

Schedule II - Benelux, Section E - Surinam (Spec(60)73)

The same applies to the submission relating to Section E - Surinam - of the Benelux Schedule which is distributed as Spec(60)73 and was originally distributed to contracting parties on 2 October 1958 as document Spec/248/58.

Schedule V - Canada (Spec(60)19 and Add.1)

These appear to be mainly modifications resulting from Article XXVIII negotiations conducted by the Canadian Government.

Schedule VI - Ceylon (Spec/228/58)

The Government of Ceylon submitted a new Schedule replacing the existing Schedule VI at the tenth session. Following discussions with contracting parties a new draft was submitted during the thirteenth session but could not be incorporated in the Eighth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications because certain questions had remained unsettled. It appears that all outstanding questions have now been settled.

Schedule XIV - Norway (MGT(60)44)

The list contains rectifications to the new Consolidated Schedule XIV of Norway contained in the Ninth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications. The nature of the proposed rectifications is set out in detail in the Explanatory Notes annexed to the Norwegian list.

Schedule XVIII - Union of South Africa (Spec(60)134)

The list contains modifications resulting from Article XXVIII negotiations and rectifications for bringing the tariff item numbers and descriptions into line with the corresponding items of the Customs Tariff of the Union of South Africa as consolidated during July 1959, including subsequent amendments up to 31 March 1960.

Schedule XIX - United Kingdom (Spec(60)75)

The nature of the proposed rectifications is set out in detail in the Explanatory Notes which accompany the United Kingdom submission.

Schedule XXIV - Finland (Spec(59)267)

The new Consolidated Schedule XXIV - Finland, transposed into Brussels Nomenclature, was distributed to contracting parties at the Tokyo session, together with cross-references between the item numbers in the existing Schedule XXIV and the draft submitted. Discussions have been held with contracting parties and the changes resulting therefrom have been incorporated in a new draft Single Schedule which is being circulated as Spec(60)168. The Finnish Government considers this as the final draft and asks for its incorporation in the 1960 Certification of Rectifications and Modifications.

Schedule XXX - Sweden (Spec(60)74)

The list contains rectifications to the new Consolidated Schedule XXX of Sweden contained in the Ninth Protocol of Rectifications and Modifications.

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Schedule XI - France, Section A - Metropolitan Territories (Spec/335/58)

In view of the fact that several governments have only recently submitted observations, which require a detailed examination, the French Government has decided not to request the inclusion in the 1960 Certification of Rectifications and Modifications of Schedule XI - France, Section A - Metropolitan Territories.