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Notification by the Government of Australia

The following communication dated 21 July, has been received from the Australian authorities.

On 19 May 1967 the Government of Australia notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES (L/2793) of its intention to extend its system of tariff preferences for less-developed countries.

The Government of Australia hereby advises the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the United Kingdom Government requested consultations under paragraph 4 of the Decision of 28 March 1966, regarding the threat of substantial injury to the trade of Hong Kong with Australia in respect of certain articles to which it was proposed to extend tariff preferences to less-developed countries, excluding Hong Kong.

These consultations have been concluded and, as a result, the Government of Australia advises the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it has agreed to extend to Hong Kong the tariff preferences under item 55.09.390 (cotton piece-goods less than 6 ounces per square yard) and under item 97.04.900 (equipment for parlour, table and funfair games).

In regard to item 97.04.900, it has been agreed that the extension of the preference to Hong Kong is for a trial period of twelve months with the position to be reviewed when import statistics relating to the quota period 1 July to 31 December 1967 become available.

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