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INDIA - AUXILIARY DUTY OF CUSTOMS

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 15 March 1979, has been received from the Permanent Mission of India.

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I have the honour to refer to the decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 28 June 1978 (L/4681) to waive until 31 March 1979, the application of the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of India to apply the temporary auxiliary duty of customs and to state that in view of continuing difficult financial resource position, the Government of India proposes to continue the levy of auxiliary duty of customs for a further period of one year from 1 April 1979, subject to the approval of Parliament. There is no change in the rates of auxiliary duty nor in the conditions for their levy. The exemptions granted earlier are also maintained.

In spite of various measures taken and proposed to be undertaken, by the Government of India to raise additional revenue, the resource situation remains difficult. Continuance of auxiliary duty of customs has, therefore, become unavoidable. Extension of the waiver for another year is requested.

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