

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/5474
13 April 1983
Limited Distribution

INDIA - AUXILIARY DUTY OF CUSTOMS

Extension of Time-Limit

Decision of 11 April 1983¹

Considering that the CONTRACTING PARTIES by Decision of 15 November 1973², 30 April 1974³, 5 May 1975⁴, 30 July 1976⁵, 31 August 1977⁶, 28 June 1978⁷, 30 April 1979⁸, 30 April 1980⁹, 13 April 1981¹⁰ and 3 May 1982¹¹ waived until 31 March 1983 the application of the provisions of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to enable the Government of India to apply the auxiliary duty of customs, as notified in documents L/3934 and L/4007, on the items included in Schedule XII - India;

Considering that the Government of India has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that the resource situation remains difficult in spite of various measures taken and proposed to be taken by it and that therefore a continuance of the auxiliary duty of customs has become unavoidable;

¹The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 61 votes in favour and none against.

²BISD 20S/26

³BISD 21S/25

⁴BISD 22S/12

⁵BISD 23S/6

⁶BISD 24S/14

⁷BISD 25S/11

⁸BISD 26S/226

⁹BISD 27S/11

¹⁰BISD 28S/19

¹¹L/5316

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Considering that the Government of India has requested the extension of the time-limit of the waiver for another year;

Noting that proposals placed before the Indian Parliament through the Financial Bill of 1983 stipulate maintenance at existing levels of auxiliary duty of customs on GATT-bound items;

Noting the assurance of the Government of India that it will, upon request, promptly enter into consultations with any contracting party which considers that serious damage to its interests is caused or imminently threatened by the auxiliary duty;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement and in accordance with the procedures adopted by them on 1 November 1956,

Decide that the time-limit provided for in the Decision of 15 November 1973 shall be extended until 31 March 1984.