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ARTICLE XXV:5 (WAIVER POWER)

Note by the Secretariat

1. As requested by the Negotiating Group on GATT Articles, the Secretariat has prepared the following background note on Article XXV:5, the provision which gives the CONTRACTING PARTIES the power to waive obligations under the General Agreement. The note analyzes the scope of the waiver power (Part I), the relation between Article XXV:5 and other provisions of the General Agreement (Part II) and the waivers granted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES (Part III). A list of the waivers granted since 1948 is contained in the Annex to the note.

I. SCOPE OF THE WAIVER POWER

A general waiver power was provided for in the United States 1946 "Suggested Charter for an International Trade Organization" (Article 55:2), the Havana Charter for an International Trade Organization (Article 77:3) and in the various drafts of the General Agreement (for instance Article XXII of the New Work draft, EPCT/34/Rev.1, p. 78). The waiver power given to the CONTRACTING PARTIES in Article XXV:5 of the General Agreement is defined as follows:

"In exceptional circumstances not elsewhere provided for in this Agreement, the CONTRACTING PARTIES may waive an obligation imposed upon a contracting party by this Agreement; Provided that any such decision shall be approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast and that such majority shall comprise more than half of the contracting parties. The CONTRACTING PARTIES may also by such a vote

- (i) define certain categories of exceptional circumstances to which other voting requirements shall apply for the waiver of obligations, and
- (ii) prescribe such criteria as may be necessary for the application of this paragraph".

It was agreed among the drafters that the waiver power should apply to all obligations (London Report, p. 22). A GATT Working Party confirmed this interpretation in 1953:

"The Working Party is of the view that the text of paragraph 5(a) of Article XXV is general in character; it allows the CONTRACTING PARTIES

to waive any obligations imposed upon the contracting parties by the Agreement in exceptional circumstances not provided for in the Agreement, and places no limitations on the exercise of that right. In this connection, the Working Party noted that the report of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee of the Havana Conference, referred to in the statement of the Czechoslovak representative, states with respect to the analogous provision of the Charter that 'it was finally agreed that all the obligations undertaken by members ... should come within the purview of this general provision'. The Report does not contain any other agreed statement on the scope of the Article" (BISD 1S/2).

At the Tenth Session, the representative of one contracting party put forward his Government's objections to the granting of waivers from obligations under Part I of the General Agreement. The Intersessional Committee considered the matter on the basis, inter alia, of a note by the Secretariat (L/403) and in its report (L/532) recommended that the CONTRACTING PARTIES should affirm their intention to proceed with caution in considering requests for a waiver from obligations in Part I or from other important obligations of the Agreement, and to take appropriate measures to safeguard the interests of contracting parties. In response to this recommendation the CONTRACTING PARTIES took in 1956 the following decision:

ARTICLE XXV - GUIDING PRINCIPLES TO BE  
FOLLOWED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES IN  
CONSIDERING APPLICATIONS FOR WAIVERS FROM  
PART I OR OTHER IMPORTANT OBLIGATIONS OF THE  
AGREEMENT

Procedures adopted on 1 November 1956

(a) Applications for waivers from Part I or other important obligations of the General Agreement should be considered only if submitted with at least thirty days' notice. It is recognized, however, that in exceptional cases calling for urgent action this requirement may, by general agreement, be relaxed.

(b) In the interval afforded by such notice, the applicant contracting party should give full consideration to representations made to it by other contracting parties and engage in full consultation with them.

(c) The CONTRACTING PARTIES when examining an application should give careful consideration to any representations that such consultations had proved unsatisfactory, and in general should not grant an application in cases where they are not satisfied that the legitimate interests of other contracting parties are adequately safeguarded.

(d) Any decision granting a waiver should include procedures for future consultation on specific action taken under the waiver and, where appropriate, for arbitration by the CONTRACTING PARTIES or through appropriate intersessional machinery if the matter should arise while the CONTRACTING PARTIES are not in session.

(e) Any such decision should also provide for an annual report and, where appropriate, for an annual review of the operation of the waiver.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES have never defined the terms "in exceptional circumstances" in Article XXV:5; however some working parties established to examine waiver requests referred to them.

The Working Party report, adopted in 1970, on "Greece - Preferential Tariff Quotas to the USSR" states:

"The Working Party, with the exception of one member, expressed serious concern over the action taken by Greece which had led it to request a waiver from its obligations under Article I. The members concerned considered that the question of principle and precedent was of utmost importance. While expressing sympathy for and understanding the difficulties encountered by Greece, they were not convinced that exceptional circumstances as required under Article XXV:5 existed and therefore were opposed to granting of a waiver. In their view, Greece should consider terminating the Special Protocol or extending the tariff concessions on a most-favoured-nation basis, at an early date." (BISD 18S/179).

The Working Party report, adopted in 1984, on "United States Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act" records the following views:

"Some members stated that in their view the exceptional circumstances referred to in paragraph 5 of Article XXV had not been established. A deviation from the m.f.n. principle on the basis of geographical and non-economic considerations had to be well justified. These members considered that compliance with the criteria specified in paragraph 3 of the Enabling Clause was per se not sufficient to warrant the granting of a waiver. One member noted that the CONTRACTING PARTIES had not defined what constituted the exceptional circumstances referred to in Article XXV:5 and that each contracting party would consider the question individually when deciding how to vote on the proposed waiver. The representative of the United States said that the exceptional circumstances justifying the waiver were basically economic and legal: (i) the economic recovery of the fragile economies of the region required trade policies aimed at achieving sustained investment and growth rates, and (ii) the CBERA established a programme not covered by the provisions of the Enabling Clause, though consistent with its objectives, which required a GATT framework". (BISD 31S/189).

## II. THE RELATION BETWEEN ARTICLE XXV:5 AND OTHER PROVISIONS OF THE GENERAL AGREEMENT

### A. Relationship between Articles XXV:5 and XXX

In the Review Working Party II at the Ninth Session in 1955, the representative of Cuba asked for a legal opinion as to whether the CONTRACTING PARTIES could grant, by the majority specified in paragraph 5(a) of Article XXV, a waiver from obligations which a contracting party has assumed under Part I of the Agreement even though Article XXX required for an amendment of these obligations the acceptance by all contracting parties. (BISD 3S/208). The Executive Secretary expressed the opinion that the

CONTRACTING PARTIES could grant such a waiver by a two-thirds majority. The considerations which had led the Executive Secretary to this interpretation were subsequently presented in a Secretariat note (L/409). The note refers, inter alia, to the following arguments:

"In the absence of any other qualification the words 'may waive an obligation' (Article XXV:5(a)) must refer to any obligation under the Agreement. If the drafters had intended this power to be limited to Parts II and III of the Agreement it would have been a simple matter to include such a qualification. This was not done."

"The phrase 'Except where provision for modification is made elsewhere ...' (Article XXX:1) provides a clear exception for action taken under the provisions of Article XXV:5(a), for -

- (i) if the waiver of an obligation in Part I is not considered to represent a 'modification' it can hardly be a change that would require the application of the amendment procedure; and
- (ii) if such a waiver is considered to be a 'modification', this phrase provides an explicit exception from the unanimity requirement for amendment for Part I."

"The report of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee for the ITO shows that the application of the waiver provision to all the provisions of the Charter was not accidental but the result of careful deliberation (see the discussion recorded in the report of the First Session on page 22)".

"In the Tariff Agreement Committee there was a lengthy discussion on the unanimity provision in the new amendment article and its relationship to those other provisions under which obligations in Part I might be modified without a unanimous vote. This discussion is recorded on pp. 4-33 of document E/PC/T/TAC/PV/15. ... the discussion that took place shows that the Committee was well aware of the possible effect of the unanimity provision on other provisions in the Agreement and adopted the exception in Article XXX specifically to prevent any conflict from arising."

"The CONTRACTING PARTIES have previously considered the issue discussed in this memorandum and have decided that the waiver provisions of Article XXV do apply to Part I of the Agreement."

"From the above analysis it appears -

(a) that the CONTRACTING PARTIES intentionally made a distinction in the Agreement between an amendment and a waiver granted in exceptional circumstances;

(b) that they made an effort to avoid the possibility of conflict between Article XXX and other Articles by writing an exception in Article XXX;

(c) that they explicitly decided that the provisions of Article XXV:5(a) may be applied to any obligation under the Agreement; and

(d) that they have, in many cases, granted waivers of obligations of Part I by less than a unanimous vote."

B. Relationship between Article XXV:5 and the "Enabling Clause"

In its request for a waiver for the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA) the United States referred to footnote 2 of paragraph 2 of the "Enabling Clause" (BISD 26S/203) and Article XXV:5. (L/5573). In reply to a question, the reference to the Enabling Clause was explained by the United States as follows:

"The United States has interpreted 'the GATT provisions for joint action' in footnote 2 of paragraph 2 of the Enabling Clause as referring to provisions of the GATT, including the general waiver provision contained in paragraph 5 of Article XXV which deals with joint action by contracting parties. It was for this reason that the United States cited both footnote 2 of paragraph 2 of the Enabling Clause and paragraph 5 of Article XXV in its waiver request." (L/5620)

The 1984 Working Party report, adopted in 1984, on the United States Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act notes:

"At the request of the Working Party, the representative of the secretariat described the secretariat's understanding of the meaning of footnote 2 of paragraph 2 of the Enabling Clause. In brief, the Enabling Clause provided authority or cover only for the kinds of preferential treatment described therein. Footnote 2 of paragraph 2 of the Enabling Clause recognized that there could be other situations involving preferential treatment not falling within the scope of paragraph 2 which the CONTRACTING PARTIES might wish to cover under the GATT provisions for joint action. The provisions in question could not be those of Part IV, including Article XXXVIII thereof, as these did not provide authority for preferential treatment. The joint action envisaged had to be in terms of paragraph 5 of Article XXV irrespective of whether this was specifically mentioned or not" (BISD 31S/189).

C. Relationship between Article XXV:5 and XXIII

Some waiver decisions explicitly declare "that this Decision shall not preclude the right of affected contracting parties to have recourse to the appropriate provisions of Article XXIII" (see e.g. BISD 3S/32, 35; 8S/31, 33). Other waiver decisions include special consultation and dispute settlement provisions without explicit reference to Article XXIII (see, e.g. BISD 7S/37, 39; 8S/29, 31; 10S/51, 53).

III. THE WAIVERS GRANTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

The CONTRACTING PARTIES have taken so far 61 decisions with an explicit reference to Article XXV:5. These decisions are listed in the Annex.

Some decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES do not indicate the legal basis on which they are taken. For instance, the 1968 decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES on the Trade Expansion and Economic Co-operation Agreement between India, the United Arab Republic and Yugoslavia does not state on which legal basis the permission to implement the Agreement notwithstanding the provisions of Article I:1 was granted (BISD 16S/17). In

the Working Party which examined this Agreement the representatives of the participating countries took the view that the Arrangement was consistent with Part IV of the General Agreement while other representatives considered that Part IV did not override the obligations in the other parts of the General Agreement and that a waiver was therefore required (BISD 16S/87). The fact that Article XXV:5 was not mentioned in the decision reserved the contracting parties' positions on this point. This decision and other cases in which the CONTRACTING PARTIES waived obligations without an explicit reference to Article XXV:5 are not listed in the Annex.

Of the 61 waivers listed in the Annex, 57 were granted to individual contracting parties and 4 to a defined group of contracting parties. In most cases, the CONTRACTING PARTIES waived obligations under Article I (22 cases) or Article II (28 cases) or both Articles I and II (2 cases). The only other provisions covered by waivers were Article XI (5 cases) and Article XV (4 cases). An annual reporting requirement was included in 24 cases. In 45 cases the CONTRACTING PARTIES fixed an expiry date. Of these waivers all but 5 expired. Some waivers, though formally still in force, may in fact no longer be needed by the contracting parties concerned either because the measures covered by the waiver were discontinued or because they are now covered by other decisions of the CONTRACTING PARTIES such as the Enabling Clause.

The CONTRACTING PARTIES have never made use of their power to "define certain categories of exceptional circumstances to which other voting requirements shall apply for the waiver of obligations" (paragraph 5(i)).

WAIVERS GRANTED BY THE CONTRACTING PARTIES UNDER ARTICLE XXV:5  
(up to 1 September 1987)

(a) Waivers Granted to One Contracting Party

No.	Beneficiary	Subject	GATT Article(s) waived	Date of Decision	Type of Decision	Reference	Date of expiry	Reporting requirement
1.	Australia	Products of Papua New Guinea	I	24.10.1953 25.11.1955 13.11.1956 30.05.1959	Orig. dec. Amend. dec. Amend. dec. Amend. dec.	2S/18 4S/14 5S/34 8S/28	No date	Annual
2.	Australia	Tariff preferences for less-developed countries	I	28.03.1966	Orig. dec.	14S/23	No date	Annual
3.	Belgium	Certain agricultural products (under "hard-core" waiver)	XI	03.12.1955	Orig. dec.	4S/22	03.12.1960 and 31.12.1962	Annual
4.	Brazil	New customs tariff	II	16.11.1956	Orig. dec.	5S/36	12 months after new tariff enactment	None
5.	Brazil	New Schedule III	II	19.11.1960	Orig. dec.	9S/36	01.05.1961	None

No.	Beneficiary	Subject	GATT Article(s) waived	Date of Decision	Type of Decision	Reference	Date of expiry	Reporting requirement
6.	Brazil	Renegotiation of schedule revision	II	27.02.1967 29.02.1968  25.11.1968 19.05.1969  20.02.1970  19.11.1971 30.01.1973 01.02.1974 30.04.1974 26.11.1975  31.03.1977 17.04.1978	Orig. dec. Extension  Extension Extension  Extension  Extension Extension Extension New decision (Suspension of Part II) Extension Extension	15S/75 16S/19  16S/20 17S/23  17S/24  18S/28 20S/25 21S/24 21S/24 22S/10  24S/13 25S/10	29.02.1968 25th sess. CPs 30.03.1969 26th sess. CPs 27th sess. CPs 31.12.1972 31.12.1973 31.03.1974 30.04.1974 31.03.1977  31.03.1978 31.03.1979	None
7.	Canada	Delay in the implementation of certain concessions in Geneva (1967) Protocol	II	25.07.1968	Orig. dec.	16S/20	01.01.1969	None
8.	Canada	CARIBCAN	I	26.11.1986	Orig. dec.	L/6102 SR.42/4	15.06.1998	Annual



No.	Beneficiary	Subject	GATT Article(s) waived	Date of Decision	Type of Decision	Reference	Date of expiry	Reporting requirement
9.	Ceylon	Temporary duty increases	II	10.04.1961 15.11.1962 25.03.1965 06.04.1966 21.01.1967 25.11.1968 21.05.1971	Orig. dec. New decision Extension Extension New decision Decision Extension	10S/35 11S/60 13S/21 14S/31 15S/76 16S/22 18S/29	31.12.1962 31.12.1964 31.12.1966 31.12.1966 31.12.1968 31.12.1970 31.12.1971	Annual
10.	Chile	Import surcharges	II	27.05.1959 18.11.1960 08.12.1961 13.11.1962 21.06.1963 15.03.1965	Orig. dec. Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension	8S/29 9S/38 10S/43 11S/68 12S/52 13S/22	31.12.1960 31.12.1961 31.12.1962 31.12.1963 31.12.1964 31.12.1966	None
11.	Chile	Renegotiation of schedule	II	30.12.1966 20.11.1967 25.11.1968 23.06.1969 20.02.1970	Decision on new schedule Extension Extension Extension Extension	15S/83 15S/85 16S/27 17S/25 17S/26	31.12.1967 25th sess. CPS 30.06.1969 26th sess. CPS 31.12.1970	None
12.	Cuba	Import controls from renegotiations of schedule	XI	30.11.1957	Orig. dec.	6S/25	30 days after renegotiation concluded	None

No.	Beneficiary	Subject	GATT Article(s) waived	Date of Decision	Type of Decision	Reference	Date of expiry	Reporting requirement
13.	Cuba	Provisions of Article XV:6	XV	07.08.1964	Orig. dec.	13S/23	No date	No regular reporting
14.	Czechoslovakia	Provisions of Article XV:6	XV	05.03.1955 30.11.1957	Orig. dec. Amendment	3S/43 6S/28	No date	No regular reporting
15.	Finland	Adjustment of specific duties	II	03.03.1955	Orig. dec.	3S/28	04.04.1955	None
16.	France	Trade with the Saar	I	22.11.1957	Orig. dec.	6S/30	When EEC intratrade is duty-free	Annual
17.	France	Trade with Morocco	I	19.11.1960	Orig. dec.	9S/39	No date	None
18.	Germany, Fed. Rep.	Trade with the Saar	I	22.11.1957	Orig. dec.	6S/30	When EEC intratrade is duty-free	Annual
19.	Germany, Fed. Rep.	Import restrictions	XI	30.05.1959	Orig. dec.	8S/31	Nov. 1962	Annual
20.	Greece	Renegotiation of concessions	II	12.11.1959 02.06.1960	Orig. dec. Extension	8S/51 9S/40	16th sess. (Nov. 1959) 17th sess. CPs (Nov. 1960)	None

No.	Beneficiary	Subject	GATT Article(s) waived	Date of Decision	Type of Decision	Reference	Date of expiry	Reporting requirement
21.	India	Regulatory duty	II	18.04.1972 29.07.1972	Orig. dec. New decision	19S/7 19S/7	30.06.1972 15.05.1973	None
22.	India	Auxiliary duty of of customs	II	15.11.1973 30.04.1974 05.05.1974 30.07.1976 31.08.1977 28.06.1978 30.04.1979 30.04.1980 13.04.1981 03.05.1982 11.04.1983 16.04.1984 03.06.1985	Orig. dec. Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension	20S/26 21S/25 22S/12 23S/6 24S/14 25S/11 26S/226 27S/11 28S/19 29S/25 30S/9 31S/18 32S/18	31.03.1974 31.03.1975 30.06.1976 30.06.1977 31.03.1978 31.03.1979 31.03.1980 31.03.1981 31.03.1982 31.03.1983 31.03.1984 31.03.1985 31.03.1986	None
23.	India	Renegotiation of schedule	II	16.03.1973 31.03.1974 30.03.1976	Orig. dec. Extension New decision	20S/26 21S/26 23S/7	30.06.1974 30th sess. CPS 31.12.1977	None
24.	Indonesia	Renegotiation of schedule	II	10.04.1961 25.06.1961	Orig. dec. Amendment	10S/43 10S/45	Nov. 1961	Annual
25.	Indonesia	Provisions of Article XV:6	XV	28.02.1966	Orig. dec.	14S/33	No date	No regular reporting

No.	Beneficiary	Subject	GATT Article(s) waived	Date of Decision	Type of Decision	Reference	Date of expiry	Reporting requirement
26.	Indonesia	Renegotiation of schedule	II	13.11.1973 26.11.1975	Orig. dec. Extension	20S/28 22S/13	31.12.1975 31.12.1976	None
27.	Indonesia	Establishment of a new Schedule XXI	II	22.11.1976 29.11.1977 27.11.1978 29.02.1980 25.11.1980 24.11.1981	New decision Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension	23S/9 24S/15 25S/12 27S/12 27S/13 28S/20	31.12.1977 31.12.1978 31.12.1979 31.12.1980 31.12.1981 31.12.1982	Regular reporting
28.	Italy	Imports from Libya	I	26.10.1951 09.10.1952 17.11.1954 25.11.1955 20.11.1958 16.11.1961 25.01.1965 21.11.1967	Orig. dec. Extension Amendment Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension	II/10 IS/14 3S/21 4S/16 7S/34 10S/45 13S/24 15S/85	30.09.1952 31.12.1955  31.12.1958 31.12.1961 31.12.1964 31.12.1967 31.12.1969	Annual
29.	Italy	Imports from Somalia	I	19.11.1960 01.04.1966 21.11.1967  14.01.1970 28.02.1970	Orig. dec. Extension Extension  Extension Amendment to correct the extension date	9S/40 14S/34 15S/87  17S/27 17S/28	31.12.1965 31.12.1967 30.06.1968 and 31.12.1969 28.02.1970 31.12.1970	None

No.	Beneficiary	Subject	GATT Article(s) waived	Date of Decision	Type of Decision	Reference	Date of expiry	Reporting Requirement
30.	Jamaica	Margins of preference	I	02.03.1971	Decision to replace a date in the General Agreement in relation to preferences	18S/33	No date	None
31.	Luxembourg	Import restrictions on certain agricultural products	XI	03.12.1956	Orig. dec.	4S/27	To be reviewed in 1960	Annual
32.	Malawi	Renegotiation of schedule	I II	20.11.1967 19.11.1968	Orig. dec. Extension	15S/89 16S/27	31.12.1968 30.06.1969	None
33.	New Zealand	Provisions of Article XV:6	XV	20.01.1955 30.11.1957	Orig. dec. Amendment	3S/42 6S/32	No date	No regular reporting
34.	New Zealand	Renegotiations of Schedule XIII	II	30.11.1957 10.11.1958 04.06.1960	Orig. dec. Extension New decision	6S/34 7S/36 9S/42	Nov. 1958 (end of 13th sess. CPs) Nov. 1959 (end of 15th sess. CPs) 31.12.1960	None

No.	Beneficiary	Subject	GATT Article(s) waived	Date of Decision	Type of Decision	Reference	Date of expiry	Reporting requirement
34.	New Zealand (cont'd)			18.11.1960 06.12.1961 31.10.1962 31.01.1964	Extension Extension Extension Extension	9S/44 10S/46 11S/69 12S/53	31.12.1961 31.12.1962 31.12.1963 31.12.1964	
35.	New Zealand	Tariff-free quotas for handicrafts from South Pacific Islands	I	13.11.1973	Orig. dec.	20S/30	31.12.1976	Annual
36.	Nicaragua	Import duties	II	20.11.1959 09.11.1962	Orig. dec. Extension	8S/52 11S/70	30.06.1962 30.11.1963	Annual
37.	Nicaragua	Increase in rates of duty specified in Schedule XXIX	II	23.11.1961 17.03.1965	Orig. dec. Extension	10S/48 13S/26	22.11.1964 23.11.1967	None
38.	Pakistan	Flood relief surcharge	II	28.01.1974	Orig. dec.	21S/27	31.12.1974	None
39.	Pakistan	Renegotiation of Schedule	II	29.11.1977 27.11.1979 25.11.1980 24.11.1981 22.11.1982 07.11.1983	Orig. dec. Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension	24S/15 26S/227 27S/14 28S/21 29S/26 30S/10	31.12.1979 31.12.1980 31.12.1981 31.12.1982 31.12.1983 31.12.1984	None

No.	Beneficiary	Subject	GATT Article(s) waived	Date of Decision	Type of Decision	Reference	Date of expiry	Reporting requirement
39.	Pakistan (cont'd)			30.11.1984 26.11.1985 24.11.1986	Extension Extension Extension	31S/19 32S/17 33S/99	31.12.1985 31.12.1986 31.12.1987	
40.	Peru	Import surcharges	I II	21.11.1958 17.11.1959 19.11.1960 06.12.1961	Orig. dec. Amendment decision Extension Extension	7S/37 8S/56 9S/45 10S/50	08.06.1961 - 08.06.1962 30.04.1963	Annual
41.	Peru	Import surcharges	II	20.03.1964	Orig. dec.	12S/54	March 1965 (end of 22nd sess. CPs)	None
42.	Peru	Renegotiation of schedule	II	25.03.1965 01.04.1966	Orig. dec. Extension	13S/27 14S/36	31.03.1966 31.12.1966	None
43.	Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Fed. of	Customs tariff and agreements with South Africa and Australia	I	03.12.1955 13.11.1956 20.11.1958	Orig. dec. Resolution Extension	4S/17 5S/39 7S/40	01.07.1958 - 01.07.1959	None
44.	Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Fed. of	Base dates under Article I:4	I	19.11.1960	Orig. dec.	9S/46	No date	None

No.	Beneficiary	Subject	GATT Article(s) waived	Date of Decision	Type of Decision	Reference	Date of expiry	Reporting requirement
45.	Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Fed. of	Products of United Kingdom territories	I	19.12.1960	Orig. dec.	9S/47	No date	Annual
46.	South Africa	Treatment of Rhodesia and Nyasaland products	I	04.06.1960	Orig. dec.	9S/51	30.06.1965	Annual
47.	Turkey	Renegotiation of Schedule XXXVII	II	19.11.1960 19.05.1961	Orig. dec. Extension	9S/49 10S/51	18th sess. of CPs 19th sess. of CPs	None
48.	Turkey	Renegotiation of Schedule XXXVII	II	22.08.1964 01.04.1966	Orig. dec. Extension	13S/29 14S/36	31.10.1965 30.09.1966	None
49.	Turkey	Stamp duty	II	20.07.1963 11.11.1967 24.08.1969 30.01.1973 03.07.1973 15.05.1975 17.04.1978 27.11.1979 24.11.1981 21.11.1983 26.11.1985	Orig. dec. Amendments to extension Amendment Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension	12S/55 15S/90 17S/28 20S/31 20S/32 22S/13 25S/12 26S/228 28S/22 30S/11 32S/18	31.12.1967 31.12.1972 - 31.05.1973 30.06.1975 31.12.1977 31.12.1979 31.12.1981 31.12.1983 31.12.1985 31.12.1987	Annual



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50.	United Kingdom	Traditional duty-free items from Commonwealth	I	24.10.1953 05.03.1955	Orig. dec. Amendment	2S/20 3S/25	No date -	Annual
51.	United Kingdom	Problems of dependent overseas territories	I	05.03.1955	Orig. dec.	3S/21	No date	Annual
52.	United States	Trust territory of Pacific Islands	I	08.09.1948	Orig. dec.	II/9	No date	None
53.	United States	Products covered under Agricultural Adjustment Act	II	05.03.1955	Orig. dec.	3S/32	No date	Annual
54.	United States	Imports of automotive products	I	20.12.1965	Orig. dec.	14S/37	No date	Annual
55.	United States	Tariff classification	II	20.07.1963 26.06.1964 30.06.1965 01.12.1965	Orig. dec. Extension Extension Amendment	12S/47 13S/30 14S/43 14S/43	30.06.1964 30.06.1965 30.06.1966 -	None
56.	United States	Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act	I	15.02.1985	Orig. dec.	31S/20	30.09.1995	Annual

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(b) Waivers Granted to More Than One Contracting Party

No.	Beneficiary	Subject	GATT Article(s) waived	Date of Decision	Type of Decision	Reference	Date of expiry	Reporting requirement
1.	Members of the European Coal and Steel Community	Coal and steel products	I	10.11.1952	Orig. dec.	1S/17	10.02.1958	Annual
2.	All contracting parties which had maintained import restrictions for balance-of-payments reasons	"Hard core"	XI	05.03.1955 01.11.1957 05.11.1958 19.11.1959 19.11.1960 08.12.1961	Orig. dec. Extension Extension Extension Extension Extension	3S/38 6S/32 7S/33 8S/27 9S/35 10S/35	31.12.1957 31.12.1958 31.12.1959 31.12.1960 31.12.1961 31.12.1962	None
3.	All developed contracting parties	Generalized system of preferences	I	25.06.1971	Orig. dec.	18S/24	25.06.1981	None
4.	Participants in the "Protocol relating to Trade Negotiations among Developing Countries"	Trade negotiations among developing countries	I	26.11.1971	Orig. dec.	18S/26	No date	No regular reporting