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ARTICLE XXVIII:5 NEGOTIATIONS

Schedule I - Commonwealth of Australia

The following communication, dated 6 September 1983, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

(1) The Government of Australia has notified the Contracting Parties that it reserves the right for the duration of the three year period which began 1 January 1982 to modify its schedule in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXVIII. (TAR/41).

(2) Pursuant to that notification Australia proposes to modify the following concession:

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rate of Duty
Ex.84.15	Refrigerators and Refrigerating equipment (whether electrical or other) except - domestic electrical refrigerators and freezers - airconditioning equipment - condensers - evaporators	25%

(3) Modification will consist of deletion of the word "electrical" from the first group of exceptions to the concession, which in its modified form will read as follows:

Ex.84.15	Refrigerators and Refrigerating equipment (whether electrical or other) except - domestic refrigerators and freezers - airconditioning equipment - condensers - evaporators	25%
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(4) The concession was negotiated in the Tokyo Round of Tariff Negotiations and recorded in the Protocol Supplementary to the Geneva (1979) Protocol to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade of 22 November 1979.

(5) Import statistics for non-electrical domestic refrigerators and parts, which are taken to be absorption refrigerators, are set out below. Clearances under Ex.84.15.900 Stat Keys 729 (Complete Units), 751 (Parts) are relevant:

3 Year Average (1979/80, 1980/81, 1981/82) DOLLARS A'000

	SK729	SK751	TOTAL
Germany F.R.	7	-	7
Italy	-	2	2
Japan	1	2	3
New Zealand	7	2	9
Sweden	1405	6	1411
U.K.	150	5	155
U.S.A.	8	11	19
Belgium/Luxembourg	162	6	168
Switzerland	171	7	178
Other	-	2	2
TOTAL	1911	43	1954

(6) Australia is willing to enter into negotiations with the principal most-favoured-nation supplier of the product concerned (in accordance with Document L/4906 of 3 December 1979).

(7) Australia draws attention to a related notification under Article XIX of the GATT (L/5529 of 17 August 1983) and that, in relation to para 7 of that notification Australia is now seeking a more permanent solution in relation to the binding in question.