

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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SCHEDULE XVI - SOUTHERN RHODESIA

Acceptance of Obligations by the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland

At their Ninth Session the CONTRACTING PARTIES recognized the Government of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland as a contracting party (Declaration of 29 October 1954, Third Supplement, page 29) and referred to a working party the question of dealing with Schedule XVI, which contains the tariff concessions previously granted by the Government of Southern Rhodesia. Subsequently, the CONTRACTING PARTIES approved (SR.9/22) the Working Party's recommendations (L/293) to the effect that it would not be possible, until a uniform tariff for the Federation should come into operation, to produce a schedule which would be applicable generally to the Federation and that, therefore, the question should be deferred until the Tenth Session when it could be examined on the basis of a new schedule which the Federation expected to submit to the CONTRACTING PARTIES about the middle of 1955.

As reported in L/376 the Federal Government, in compiling its new tariff, imposed duties on five items at rates higher than those provided for in Schedule XVI. The Federal Government is in communication with the Governments of Italy and the United States regarding the renegotiation of some of these items.

By letter dated 10 September the Government of the Federation proposes that "the items appearing in the present Schedule XVI of Southern Rhodesia - after the deletion of the five items listed in L/376 - should, for the present, be regarded as the new Schedule of the Federation. The final Schedule of the Federation cannot, of course, be established until the results of any negotiations arising out of the modifications already referred to can be incorporated".