

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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SCHEDULE XXXVII - TURKEY

Transposition of Specific into Ad Valorem Duties

At the Ninth Session the Turkish Government requested authority to transpose the specific duties in its Schedule into ad valorem duties. The CONTRACTING PARTIES granted this request (SR. 9/ 24) and authorized the Government of Turkey to negotiate and consult with interested contracting parties under the "sympathetic consideration" procedures for the modification of concessions.

The Government of Turkey has now reported that it has concluded negotiations and consultations with the following countries:

Australia	France	Norway
Austria	Germany, Federal Republic of	Sweden
Benelux	Greece	Union of South Africa
Canada	India	United Kingdom
Czechoslovakia	Italy	United States of America
Denmark	New Zealand	Uruguay

and has obtained their agreement to the transposition of specific duties into ad valorem duties as listed in SECRET/42.¹ If by 26 June no objection has been received by the Executive Secretary the Government of Turkey will be free to give effect to the new ad valorem duties. The modifications of the text of Schedule XXXVII will be embodied later in a protocol of rectifications and modifications.

The Turkish Government also notified its intention (L/229) to bring the nomenclature of its Schedule into conformity with that of the new Turkish tariff which follows the Brussels nomenclature and which entered into force on 7 June 1954. The CONTRACTING PARTIES recalled their decision taken at the Fifth Session (GATT/CP.5/SR.3) that changes of nomenclature may be carried out under the rectification procedure. The Turkish Government, therefore, when it decides to undertake the transposition of the nomenclature will submit the new text for examination and approval by the contracting parties.

¹ A small number of items, contained in the original list (MGT/31/54), are not included in this list. The conclusion of the discussions on these items is still pending and the outcome will be notified in addenda to SECRET/42.

