

No. 4133

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
BELGIUM**

**(ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE BELGO-LUXEMBOURG
ECONOMIC UNION) and NETHERLANDS**

**Agreement (with attached schedule and exchange of notes)
supplementary to the General Agreement on Tariffs
and Trade. Signed at Washington, on 27 June 1957**

Official texts of the Agreement and notes: English and French.

Official text of the schedule: English.

Registered by the United States of America on 20 December 1957.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
BELGIQUE**

**(AGISSANT AU NOM DE L'UNION ÉCONOMIQUE
BELGO-LUXEMBOURGEOISE) et PAYS-BAS**

**Accord (avec liste annexée et échange de notes) formant
supplément à l'Accord général sur les tarifs douaniers
et le commerce. Signé à Washington, le 27 juin 1957**

Textes officiels de l'Accord et des notes: anglais et français.

Texte officiel de la liste: anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 20 décembre 1957.

No. 4133. AGREEMENT¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ON THE ONE PART, AND BELGIUM (ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE BELGO-LUXEMBOURG ECONOMIC UNION) AND THE NETHERLANDS, ON THE OTHER PART, SUPPLEMENTARY TO THE GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE.² SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, ON 27 JUNE 1957

The Kingdom of Belgium, acting for the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union, and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, on the one part, and the United States of America, on the other part;

Considering the reciprocal concessions and advantages for the promotion of trade provided for in their respective Schedules annexed to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade² (hereinafter referred to as the General Agreement);

Taking cognizance of Proclamation No. 3143, issued by the President of the United States of America on June 25, 1956, under Article XIX of the General Agreement, with respect to certain products described in item 1010 in Part I of Schedule XX³ to the said General Agreement (hereinafter referred to as "Schedule XX (Geneva-1947)"); and

Recognizing the desirability of maintaining the general level of reciprocal and mutually advantageous concessions in the General Agreement;

Agree as follows :

On and after June 29, 1957 the United States of America shall apply to the products described in the attached Schedule treatment no less favorable than the treatment indicated therein, as though such treatment were provided for in the corresponding items in Part I of Schedule XX (Geneva-1947) and subject to the provisions of the Schedule⁴ attached hereto and of the General Agreement, with the understanding that as soon as practicable such treatment will be specifically included in Schedule XX (Geneva-1947).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this agreement.

¹ Came into force on 27 June 1957 by signature.

² See footnote 2, p. 76 of this volume.

³ See footnote 3, p. 76 of this volume.

⁴ See p. 142 of this volume.

DONE at Washington, in triplicate, in the English and French languages, both texts authentic except as otherwise specified in the Schedule annexed hereto, this 27th day of June 1957.

For the Kingdom of Belgium, on behalf of the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union :

G. CARLIER

For the Kingdom of the Netherlands :

J. H. VAN ROIJEN

For the United States of America :

Thorsten V. KALIJARVI

SCHEDULE

This Schedule is authentic only in the English language.

Tariff Act of 1930, paragraph	Descriptions of Products	Rates of Duty	
		A	B
372	Textile machinery, finished or unfinished, not specially provided for : Machinery for manufacturing or processing vegetable fibers other than cotton or jute prior to the making of fabrics or crocheted, knit, woven, or felt articles not made from fabrics (except beaming, slashing, warping, or winding machinery or combinations thereof, and except bleaching, printing, dyeing, or finishing machinery)	9½% ad val.	9% ad val.
907	Tracing cloth	19% ad val.	18% ad val.
907	Waterproof cloth, wholly or in chief value of cotton or other vegetable fiber, but not in part of india rubber	12% ad val.	11% ad val.
921	All other floor coverings, including carpets, carpeting, mats, and rugs, wholly or in chief value of cotton : Imitation oriental rugs	9½% ad val.	9% ad val.
1009 (c)	Woven fabrics, in the piece or otherwise, wholly or in chief value of vegetable fiber, except cotton, filled, coated, or otherwise prepared for use as artists' canvas	14% ad val.	13½% ad val.

Tariff Act of 1930, paragraph	Descriptions of Products	Rates of Duty	
		A	B
1410	Unbound books of all kinds, bound books of all kinds except those bound wholly or in part in leather, sheets or printed pages of books bound wholly or in part in leather, all the foregoing not specially provided for, if other than of <i>bona fide</i> foreign authorship (not including diaries, music in books, pamphlets, prayer books, sheets or printed pages of prayer books bound wholly or in part in leather, or tourist literature containing geographic, historical, hotel, time-table, travel, or similar information, chiefly with respect to places or travel facilities outside the continental United States)	9½% ad val.	9% ad val.

GENERAL NOTES

1. In the event that the action taken by the President of the United States of America, by proclamation No. 3143 of June 25, 1956, is modified or terminated so as to result in lower rates of duty for any of the products described in item 1010 in Part I of Schedule XX (Geneva-1947) with respect to which the said action of June 25, 1956 was taken, the Government of the United States of America will consult promptly with the Governments of the Kingdom of Belgium (on behalf of the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union) and of the Kingdom of the Netherlands regarding any appropriate measures to be taken with respect to the concessions in this Schedule. If agreement is not reached, the Government of the United States of America, on 90 days' written notice to the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement, may increase rates provided for in this Schedule to such extent as may be appropriate in the circumstances but in no case to a rate higher than the rate provided for the product involved in Schedule XX (Geneva-1947) on the date of the signature of this agreement.

2. Subject to the provisions of this agreement, to the pertinent provisions of the said General Agreement, and to the provisions of section 350 (a) (3) (C) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as now amended, the rates specified in the rate-columns in this Schedule will become effective as follows :

(a) Rates in column A will become initially effective on June 29, 1957, and rates in column B will become initially effective in each case upon the expiration of a full period of one year after the related rate in column A became initially effective.

(b) For the purposes of subparagraph (a) above, the phrase " full period of one year " means a period or periods aggregating one year exclusive of the time, after a rate becomes initially effective, when, by reason of legislation of the United States or action thereunder, a higher rate of duty is being applied.

EXCHANGE OF NOTES

I

The Belgian Ambassador to the Secretary of State

[TRANSLATION¹ — TRADUCTION²]

EMBASSY OF BELGIUM

June 27, 1957

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to the agreement signed today on behalf of the Kingdom of Belgium, acting for the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union, and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, on the one hand, and the United States of America, on the other hand, whereby the United States has agreed to include in Schedule XX³ of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade specified tariff concessions as compensation for the increase in the United States duty on certain linen toweling.

The Government of Belgium understands that if it should appear to either party that the above-mentioned agreement is not achieving satisfactorily a compensatory adjustment for the action taken by the United States as regards such linen toweling, it is agreed that on the proposal of either party further consultation, under Article XXII of the General Agreement, would be appropriate.

If the above is in accord with the understanding of your Government, I should appreciate receiving your confirmation of this fact.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Ambassador :

G. CARLIER
Counselor of Embassy
Minister of Belgium

His Excellency John Foster Dulles
Secretary of State
Washington, D.C.

¹ Translation by the Government of the United States of America.

² Traduction du Gouvernement des États-Unis d'Amérique.

³ See footnote 3, p. 76 of this volume.

II

The Secretary of State to the Belgian Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1957

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the agreement signed today on behalf of the United States of America, on the one hand, and the Kingdom of Belgium, acting for the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union, and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, on the other hand, whereby the United States has agreed to include in Schedule XX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade specified tariff concessions as compensation for the increase in the United States duty on certain linen toweling, and to your note of today's date setting forth as follows your Government's understanding in connection with that agreement :

“ The Government of Belgium understands that if it should appear to either party that the above-mentioned agreement is not achieving satisfactorily a compensatory adjustment for the action taken by the United States as regards such linen toweling, it is agreed that on the proposal of either party further consultation, under Article XXII of the General Agreement, would be appropriate. ”

The understanding of your Government as set forth above is in accord with the understanding of my Government.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

For the Secretary of State :

Thorsten V. KALIJARVI

His Excellency Baron Silvercruys
Ambassador of Belgium

III

The Netherlands Ambassador to the Secretary of State

NETHERLANDS EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 27, 1957

Sir :

I have the honor to refer to the agreement signed today on behalf of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, and the Kingdom of Belgium, acting for the Belgian Luxembourg Economic Union, on the one hand, and the United States of America, on the other hand, whereby the United States has agreed to include in Schedule XX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade specified concessions as compensation for the increase in the United States duty on certain linen toweling.

The Government of the Netherlands understands that if it should appear to either party that the above mentioned agreement is not achieving satisfactorily a compensatory adjustment for the action taken by the United States as regard such linen toweling, it is agreed that on the proposal of either party further consultation, under Article XXII of the General Agreement, would be appropriate.

If the above is in accord with the understanding of your Government I should appreciate receiving your confirmation of this fact.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

J. H. VAN ROIJEN

The Honorable the Secretary of State
Department of State
Washington, D. C.

IV

The Secretary of State to the Netherlands Ambassador

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

June 27, 1957

Excellency :

I have the honor to refer to the agreement signed today on behalf of the United States of America, on the one hand, and the Kingdom of the Netherlands and the Kingdom of Belgium, acting for the Belgo-Luxembourg Economic Union, on the other hand, whereby the United States has agreed to include in Schedule XX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade specified tariff concessions as compensation for the increase in the United States duty on certain linen toweling, and to your note of today's date setting forth as follows your Government's understanding in connection with that agreement :

“ The Government of the Netherlands understands that if it should appear to either party that the above-mentioned agreement is not achieving satisfactorily a compensatory adjustment for the action taken by the United States as regards such linen toweling, it is agreed that on the proposal of either party further consultation, under Article XXII of the General Agreement, would be appropriate. ”

The understanding of your Government as set forth above is in accord with the understanding of my Government.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration

For the Secretary of State :
Thorsten V. KALIJARVI

His Excellency Dr. J. H. van Roijen
Ambassador of the Netherlands