

EB/CGATT/53/9

July 31, 1953

To: Members of the Committee on Liaison with the
CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT

From: The Secretary

Subject: Derestriction of GATT Documents

The Chairman has received the attached recommendation from the Director of the Exchange Restrictions Department. It will be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.

Att: (1)

Other Distribution:
Members of the Executive Board
Department Heads
Division Chiefs

INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND
WASHINGTON, D.C.

July 29, 1953

To: Chairman of the Committee on Liaison with the
CONTRACTING PARTIES to the GATT

From: Director, Exchange Restrictions Department

Subject: Derestriction of GATT Documents

The Fund has received the attached letter (Attachment 1) from the Executive Secretary of the CONTRACTING PARTIES requesting the Fund's views as to the derestriction by the end of September of certain GATT documents including the following:

L/79 - Results of Fund's 1952 Article XIV consultations with the United Kingdom in respect of Southern Rhodesia and with Sweden and Finland, as set forth in the Fund's letters of February 11 and 24, 1953 to the Chairman of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. The document also reproduces the results of the Fund's 1952 consultation with the United Kingdom which were sent to the CONTRACTING PARTIES on October 2, 1952.

L/75 - Note submitted by the Belgian Delegation to the GATT Intersessional Committee on February 4, 1953 which describes the action taken by Belgium to relax restrictions on dollar imports and in which reference is made to the Belgian Delegate's statement at the Seventh Session regarding the intentions of his Government to relax these restrictions in its desire "to meet the wishes of the CONTRACTING PARTIES and of the International Monetary Fund".

None of the other documents being considered for derestriction contains any reference to the Fund or to material submitted by the Fund.

The staff recommends that the Fund request continued restriction of Document L/79 and express no objection to the derestriction of L/75 and the other documents listed for derestriction. A draft letter appearing as Attachment 2 is submitted for approval.

Attachment 1

GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

GENEVE

REFERENCE: II 3-D

14 July 1953

Dear Sir,

I enclose a copy of INF/18/Add. 3 concerning the de-
restriction of our documents in September 1953. Among
the documents in question is L/79 which contains the
results of the Fund's consultations with three of its
member countries, and we expect that the Fund will wish
this paper to remain restricted for some time. It will
be appreciated if you will kindly confirm this and inform
us before the end of September if, in the Fund's view,
any other documents should likewise be withheld from de-
restriction.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Jean Royer

for E. Wyndham White,
Executive Secretary.

Mr. Ivar Rooth,
Managing Director,
International Monetary Fund,
Washington, D.C.

General Distribution

DE-RESTRICTION OF DOCUMENTS

Addendum

In accordance with the procedure adopted at the Sixth Session, as outlined in INF/18, the following documents, issued between 1 January and 30 June 1953, will be de-restricted on 30 September 1953 unless the withholding of any of them from de-restriction is requested by a contracting party. Any contracting party wishing any of these documents to remain restricted should therefore notify the secretariat before that date:

G/38/Corr.1 and Add. 1
G/40 - G/49 (including G/40/Corr. 1, G/41/Rev. 1
and G/44/Add.1)
L/63/Add.1
L/67/Rev.1
L/69 - L/97 (including L/82/Add.1)

MISE EN DISTRIBUTION GENERALE DE DOCUMENTS

Addendum

Conformément aux règles adoptées lors de la sixième session (voir document INF/18), les documents suivants, parus entre le 1er janvier et le 30 juin 1953, seront mis en distribution générale le 30 septembre 1953, à l'exception de ceux pour lesquels une partie contractante demandera que la distribution reste limitée. Toute partie contractante qui désire que l'un de ces documents ne soit pas mis en distribution générale devra donc en informer le secrétariat avant cette date.

G/38/Corr.1 et Add.1
G/40 - G/49 (y compris G/40/Corr.1, G/41/Rev. 1
et G/44/Add.1)
L/63/Add.1
L/67/Rev.1
L/69 - L/97 (y compris L/82/Add.1)