

ARTICLE XX

EXTENSION OF THE TIME-LIMIT IN ARTICLE XX, PART II¹

Decision of 22 October 1951

Whereas it is provided in Article XX that measures instituted under of Article XX, Part II, which are inconsistent with other provisions of the General Agreement, shall be removed as soon as the conditions giving rise to them have ceased, and in any event not later than 1 January 1951;

Whereas the CONTRACTING PARTIES at their fifth session considered that the conditions due to the war had not improved at the rate and to the extent expected when the said provisions were drawn up and therefore waived the obligations of the contracting parties under Article XX, Part II, until 1 January 1952; and

Whereas these conditions have still not improved sufficiently to permit the general removal of measure maintained under the said provisions,

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting under Article XXV: 5 (a),

Decide to waive until 1 January 1954 the obligation of contracting parties instituting or maintaining measures under Article XX, Part II, to discontinue them or seek the approval of the CONTRACTING PARTIES for their continuance.

ARTICLE XXI

UNITED STATES EXPORT RESTRICTIONS²

Decision of 8 June 1949

The CONTRACTING PARTIES decided to reject the contention of the Czechoslovak delegation that the Government of the United States had failed to carry out its obligations under the Agreement through its administration of the issue of export licences.

¹ The time-limit was first extended, by a similar decision on 30 November 1950, to 1 January 1952.

² A complaint was brought by the Czechoslovak Government under Articles I and XXI that export restrictions imposed by the United States did not conform to the provisions of Article I.