

CONFIDENTIAL

LIST NO. 1.

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT OF TRAVEL RATE CONCESSIONS TO BE SOUGHT
BY LUTHER L. PRICE FINLAND.

(Note: The attached preliminary list of requests (Attachment
"a") may be added to, deleted from or otherwise amended.)

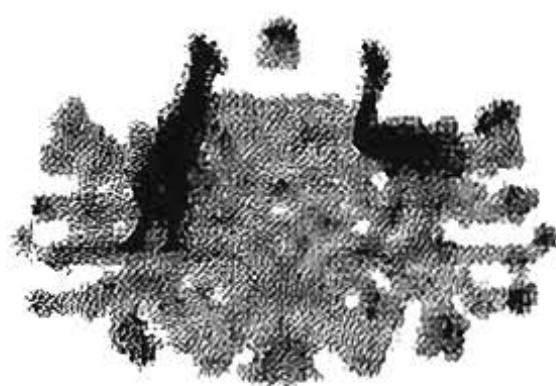
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20th January, 1949.

ATTACHMENT "A"

PRELIMINARY LIST OF AUSTRALIAN REQUESTS ON FINLAND.

| Aust. Ref. No. | Tariff Item No. | Stat. Item No. | Commodity Description | Pres- ent Rate of Duty Per Kil ^o Marks | Nature of Aust. request. |
|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|
| 1. | 15-002 | XXIV 1368 | Tallow, premier juv. and pressed tallow. | 15 0 | Duty free entry |
| 2. | Ex. 47-001 | IX 280 | Wool greasy or scoured | Free | Bind duty Free entry |
| 3. | 36-001 | XVII 638 | Sheepskins, all kinds | Free | Bind duty Free entry |



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Australian Delegation,
Hotel Verdun,
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12th May, 1949

Mr. C. Maglio,
Room B,
Hotel Verdun,
Annecy

MEMORANDUM:

Australia-Finland

In conformity with the procedure prescribed in G.A.T.T./TN.1/A/1, the Australian Delegation wishes to inform the Secretariat that representatives of Australia and Finland met at 11.30 a.m. on 12th May and held their first tariff negotiations meeting following the exploratory talks held on 5th May.

On both sides offers were made on one or two items which are also the subject of negotiations with other countries.

The negotiations between Finland and Australia may be regarded as concluded although, on the Australian side, the offers have been made subject to confirmation by Canberra.

We propose to defer formal circulation of the Australian offer until confirmation is received from Canberra.

[Signature]
For Leader,
Australian Delegation.

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Copy No. 51000

Date 24.5.49

Response to Finland's request for Tariff concessions

| Tariff Item | Description of goods | Rates at base date | | Request | Response to Finland | | Remarks |
|-------------|--|--------------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|--------|---------|
| | | M.F.N. | B.P.T. | | M.F.N. | B.P.T. | |
| 334(Q)(3) | Strawpaper, strawboard other than corrugated, and boards n.e.i., of which the f.o.b. price per ton is, or is the equivalent of, in Australian currency, more than £21.5.0 per ton Prima | £9.18.9 10% | £3.15.0 5% | Reduction in prima | Reduction in prima 5% | Exempt | |

RATES OF DUTY AT BASE DATE:- The 3rd and 4th columns show the rates of duty and margins of preference operating on the base date (15th October, 1946)

CHANGE IN BASIS OF VALUE FOR DUTY EFFECTED SINCE BASE DATE:-

Since the base date a change has been made by Australia in the method of calculating value for duty. The change became effective on 15th November, 1947. Every ad valorem rate in this list is expressed in terms of the new value for duty basis.

FINNISH DELEGATION

Annex 10.5.1940.

Dear Mr. Maggio,

With reference to the Australian Delegation's letter to you, dated on May 1st, 1940, concerning the Tariff Negotiations Finland - Australia I have the honour to herewith hand over to you two copies of the list of offers given by Finland to Australia.

Yours sincerely

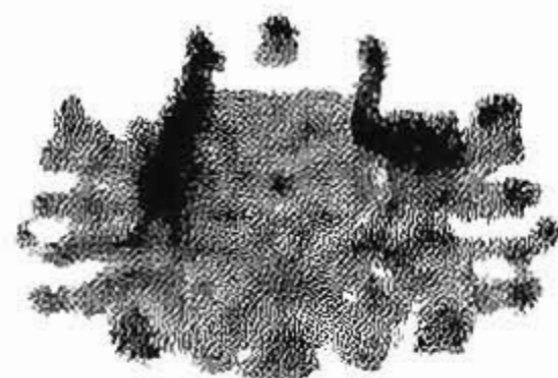
A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'V. Makkonen', written over a horizontal line.

V. Makkonen,
Secretary of the Delegation
of Finland.

Mr. Maggio,
Hotel Verdun,
Room no 8.

Trade made by Finland to Australia.

| Tariff Item No. | Commodity | Present rate of duty in Finnish marks per kg. | Rate |
|---|----------------------------|--|---------|
| <p>Raw hides and skins such as fresh, salted, dried, limed and pickled hides or skins, hides and skins free from the hair - even if split or cut:</p> | | | |
| 36-001 | Sheep, lamb and goat skins | Free | Binding |
| 47-001 | Wool greasy or scoured | Free | Binding |



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May 25th, 1949.

Australian Trade Delegation,
I.A.T.T.,
Hotel Verdun,
Annecy, FRANCE.

Dear Mr. Meglio,

Australia - Finland.

In a memorandum dated 12th May the Australian Delegation informed the Secretariat that Australia and Finland held their first tariff negotiations meeting on 12th May and that the negotiations could be regarded as concluded pending confirmation from Canberra.

We also advised that it was proposed to defer formal circulation of the Australian offer until it had been confirmed by Canberra.

Canberra has since confirmed the offer. Two copies (for the use of the Secretariat) accompany this note.

Please regard this note as formal advice of the conclusion of the negotiations.

L. J. J. J.
Australian Delegation.

Mr. G. Meglio,
Room B,
Hotel Verdun.

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AUSTRALIA

Copy No.

Date 24.5.49

Response to Finland's request for Tariff concessions

| Tariff Item | Description of goods | Rates at base date | | Request | Response to Finland | | Remarks |
|-------------|---|--------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------------|--------|---------|
| | | M.P.N. | B.P.T. | | M.P.N. | B.P.T. | |
| 33(0)(3) | Strawpaper, strawboard other than corrugated, and boards n.e.i., of which the f.o.b. price per ton is, or is the equivalent of, in Australian currency, more than £1.5.0 per ton Primage | £9.18.9 10% | £3.15.0 5% | Reduction in primage | Reduction in primage 7% | Exempt | |

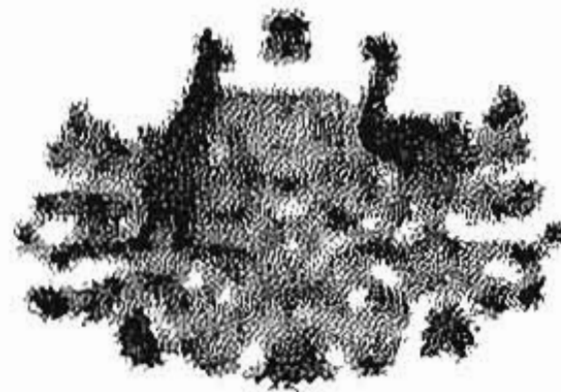
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CHANGE IN BASIS OF VALUE FOR DUTY EFFECTED SINCE BASE DATE:-

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Offers made by Finland to Australia.

| <u>Tariff Item No</u> | <u>Commodity</u> | <u>Present rate of duty in Finnish marks per kg.</u> | <u>Offer</u> |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--------------|
| | Raw hides and skins such as fresh, salted, dried, limed and pickled hides or skins, hides and skins from: from the half - even if split or cut: | | |
| 36-001 | Sheep, lamb and goat skins | Free | Binding |
| Ex 47-001 | Wool greasy or scoured | Free | Binding |



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For the Secretary of State
For the Secretary of State
For the Secretary of State

Australian Trade Delegation,
Hotel Yverdon,
Annecy, France.
30th June, 1947.

Dear Sir,

Australia - Finland Completion of Tariff Negotiations.

In connection with the joint letter of this date signed by the leaders of the Finnish and Australian Delegations informing the Secretariat that agreement had been reached in the tariff negotiations between the two countries I attach two copies (numbered 2 and 3) of a document marked Secret and headed "Australia - Finland List of Offers to Finland". This document supplements the information contained in the document relating to the concessions made by Australia, which accompanied the joint letter.

Yours sincerely,

Australian Delegation.

Mr G. Maggio,
Room 8,
Hotel Yverdon

ANNECY, FRANCE.

30th June, 1949.

SECRET

Dear Sir,

Australia - Finland.
Completion of Tariff Negotiations.

In conformity with the procedure set forth in document GATT/TN1/16 we, the leaders of the delegations of Australia and Finland, have pleasure in informing the Secretariat that agreement has been reached in the tariff negotiations between the two countries.

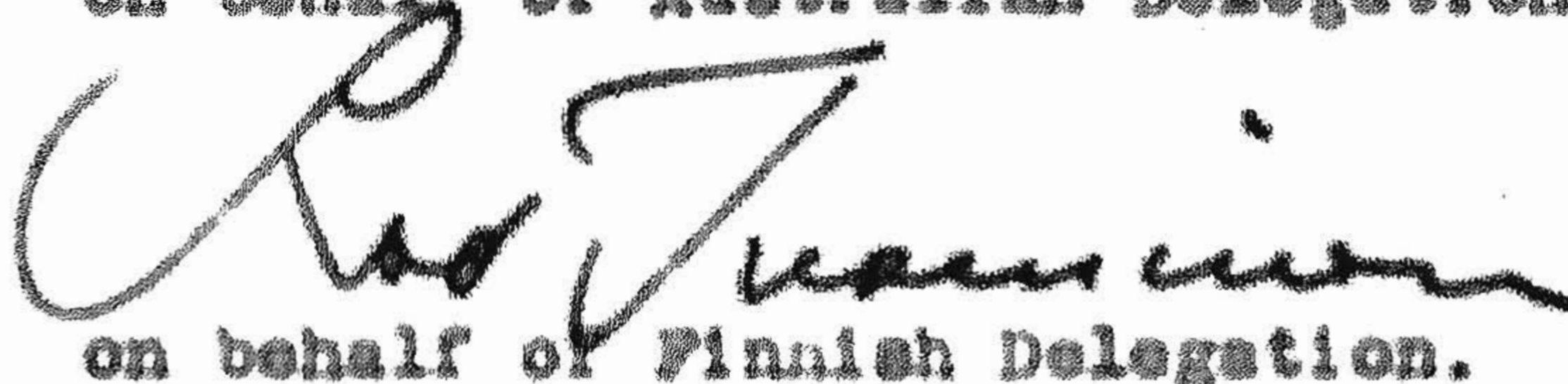
We enclose two documents, in duplicate.

- (1) Document headed "Commonwealth of Australia" and marked Secret (copies numbered 2 and 3) being a list, in duplicate, of the concessions made directly by Australia to Finland. This document sets out the concession in the terms in which it will be expressed and incorporated in the consolidated schedule of concessions made by Australia in the tariff negotiations at Annecy.
- (2) Document headed "List of final offers made by Finland to Australia" (copies numbered 2 and 3).

Yours sincerely,



on behalf of Australian Delegation.



on behalf of Finnish Delegation.

Mr G. Maggio,
Room 8,
Hotel Verann.

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Copy No. 2...

Date 30th June, 1949.

AUSTRALIA.

Final list of offers to FINLAND.

| Item | Description of goods | Rates at base date | | Final offer |
|--------|--|--------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| | | M.F.N. | A.P.T. | M.F.N. |
| (9)(3) | Strawpaper, strawboard other than corrugated, and boards n.e.i., of which the f.c.b. price per ton is, or is the equivalent of, in Australian currency, more than £21.5.0 per t'n Primage | £9.18.9 10% | £3.15.0 5% | Exemption from Primage |

RATE OF DUTY AT BASE DATE:-

The third and fourth columns show the rates of duty and margins of preference operating on the base date established by Australia under Article I of the General Agreement (15th October, 1946).

SCHEDULE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

Schedule is authentic only in the English language

Part I - Most-Favoured-Nation Tariff

| Australian Tariff Item Number | Description of Products | Rate of Duty |
|----------------------------------|---|------------------|
| (c) | <p>Paper, viz.:- Strawpaper, strawboard other than corrugated, and boards n.e.i., of which the free on board price per ton is, or is the equivalent of, in Australian currency:- (3) More than \$21.95.</p> | <p>..... N/.</p> |

NOTE: N/. In the case of products provided for under Items in Part I of this schedule against which the symbol N/. appears in the column headed "Rate of Duty" and no rate of duty is shown in that column, the contractual obligation of the Commonwealth of Australia shall, subject to the general provisions of this Agreement, be deemed in each such case to be only the exemption of such products from primage duty.

L.V.

Secret.

Copy no 2

List of final offers made by
Finland to Australia.

| Tariff No | Description of goods | Present rate of Duty in Finnish marks per kg | Concession |
|--------------|--|--|------------|
| | Raw hides and skins, such as fresh, salted, dried, limed and pickled; hides and skins freed from the hair; even if split or cut: | | |
| 36-001 | - sheep, lamb and goat skins | free | binding |
| 47-001 | Wool, also washed, carded, combed, curled, bleached or dyed | free | binding |

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