

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
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STATUS OF SINGAPORE

De Facto Application of the GATT

The Director-General has received the following communication from the Government of Malaysia:

"I have the honour to inform you that as from 9 August 1965 Singapore has ceased to be one of the component States of Malaysia and has thereupon become a sovereign nation separate from and independent of Malaysia. The Government of Malaysia is accordingly no longer responsible for the conduct of external commercial relations and other matters provided for in the General Agreement in respect of Singapore.

"I have further to inform you that by virtue of the Agreement relating to the separation of Singapore from Malaysia dated 7 August 1965, the provisions of Annex J of the Malaysia Agreement relating to the Malaysian Common Market are expressly rescinded. The Governments of Malaysia and Singapore however have undertaken to co-operate closely in economic affairs for their mutual benefit and interest as provided for in Article VI of the Separation Agreement."

Accordingly, the Recommendation of 18 November 1960 (9S/16), providing for the de facto application of the GATT for a period of two years as between the contracting parties and a territory which acquires autonomy, is applicable in respect of Singapore.

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