

SECOND SESSION OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE
UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON TRADE AND EMPLOYMENT.

Czechoslovak Delegation.

The Czechoslovak Delegation suggests the following amendments:

Article 15 (Report of the Drafting Committee)

Paragraph 3, Second sentence.

The provisions of this paragraph shall be understood to preclude the application of internal requirements restricting the amount /or proportion/ of an imported product permitted to be mixed, processed or used in a proportion less favourable than that, as imposed upon like products of national origin, Provided that /any such/ requirements restricting the amount of an imported product in a proportion less favourable than that as imposed upon like products of national origin which are in force on the day of the signature of this Charter may be continued until the expiration of one year from the day on which this Charter enters into force, which period may be extended in respect of any product if the Organisation concurs that the requirement concerned is less restrictive of international trade than other measures permissible under this Charter, or Provided that a reasonable new such requirement may be established in respect of any product if the Organisation concurs that the requirement is less restrictive of international trade than other measure permissible under this Charter.

Paragraph 4 (Delete second sentence).

Explanatory comments.

Paragraph 3:

The present wording of the second sentence is not sufficiently clear, as to express the underlying principle of "no less favourable treatment of imported goods with respect to national goods." Under the circumstances, it may be taken to be in contradiction to this principle, and for such, as precluding the application of restrictive internal measures (being in force with regard to like domestic products) to imported products, and thus evidently discriminating domestic products.

This is certainly not the objective of an Article dealing with the principle of national treatment.