

GENERAL AGREEMENT  
ON TARIFFS AND  
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Contracting Parties

CUSTOMS UNION BETWEEN FRANCE AND ITALY

Note by the Executive Secretary

The Executive Secretary has the honour to transmit to the Contracting Parties the following letter sent to him on 5 September 1949 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the French Republic:

"Further to the letter addressed to you on 2 May 1949 by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and under instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of an Additional Protocol, dated 29 July 1949, to the Treaty of Customs Union between France and Italy of 26 March 1949".

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL TO THE TREATY OF CUSTOMS UNION  
BETWEEN FRANCE AND ITALY.

Signed on 26 March 1949

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France and Italy,

- Considering that they concluded on 26 March 1949 a Treaty of Customs Union under which customs barriers between the two countries were to be abolished during an initial period while quota provisions would not be repealed until some later date;

- Considering the resolutions concerning the liberalization of trade between its members which have since been adopted by the Organization for European Economic Co-operation and the proposed method of achieving that end, namely that of abolishing the quota provisions at present in force without modifying the customs protection;

- Affirming their desire to carry through the Franco-Italian Customs Union;

Have agreed to adopt the following provisions:

Article 1

With a view to co-ordinating the methods proposed in the Treaty of Customs Union signed at Paris on 26 March 1949 with those advocated by the Organization for European Economic Co-operation, the Customs Union Council provided for under Article 9 of the said Treaty shall spread the application of the measures provided for in Articles 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the Treaty over a period to be fixed by the Council in accordance with requirements.

Article 2

The implementation of the Franco-Italian Customs Union shall be pursued within the more general framework of European Economic Co-operation which both Governments are striving to promote and which the Franco-Italian Customs Union should help to strengthen.

Done at Paris, on 29 July 1949.