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SPECIAL IMPORT TAXES INSTITUTED BY THE GREEK GOVERNMENT

Note by the French Government

The Greek Ministry of Finance, by its Circular of 10 November 1951, taken in pursuance of the Legislative Decree of 20 April 1951, has instituted a special tax on certain imported articles, a list of which is attached, and by a decision dated 27 November 1951 has established a 100% ad valorem tax on certain cotton threads.

The French Government considers that such taxes, which in practice constitute customs surtaxes, are contrary to the provisions of Article III of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. The French Government therefore requests that the Greek Government be invited to eliminate such taxes.

Furthermore, the majority of items contained in the list attached were bound by the Greek Government, and are included in Schedule XXIV to the General Agreement.

ANNEX

Schedule Annexed to the Circular of 8 November 1951

Greek Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Percentage of c.i.f. value to be levied
14 a 2	Flower bulbs	120
46 c 3	Plywood	0
83	Pen-knives and similar knives	100
88 d	Lamps and lamps-ware, of silver, gilt c? not	100
88 e	Chandeliers and suspension lamps	120
88 h	Lamp shades	50
119	Imitation jewellery	60
124	Finished aluminium stoppers for bottles	0
134 b,c,e,f	Instruments and apparatus for electricity	0
134 d	Radiophones	100
136	Only sun-glasses	100
138 b	Alarm clocks	100
138 f	Clock fittings	80
139	Ceramic ware	0
143 c	Household articles of faience	70
144	Porcelain articles	120
154-155	Articles for decoration	120
164, not including d	Perfumes	100
164 i	Tooth powders, pastes, etc.	0
165	Perfumery	100
185 a 1	Lithographs	0
196 c	Elastic ribbons	120
201-202	Oilcloth	50
219	Thread of rayon staple fibre	100
220	Thread intended for embroidery in any form of packing	100
221-222	Cotton fabrics whether or not printed (not subject to the luxury tax)	50
221-222	Fabrics of cotton or rayon staple fibre, whether or not printed (subject to luxury tax)	100
223	Fabrics consisting of dyed thread (subject to luxury tax)	100
223	Fabrics consisting of dyed thread (not subject to luxury tax)	70
224	Tulle, etc. all of cotton	120
226	Velvet of cotton	120
227	Braces, etc. of cotton	30
228	Embroidery, etc. of cotton	120
244 a	Only worm gut intended for fishing	0
245-246	Silk fabrics	30
255	Fabrics and articles of metal threads	100

Greek Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Percentage of c.i.f. value to be levied
257	Toys in general	125
288 a,b,	Fountain pens, pencil holders and accessories therefor	100
293 a	Articles of celluloid, etc. (spectacle frames and combs)	50
293 e	Celluloid, gluten etc.	0
293 not including a and e	Articles, n.e.s.	100