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Addendum

The secretariat has received reports under Article 16 of the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VI of the GATT from the following countries:

Denmark
United Kingdom
Yugoslavia

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DENMARK

1. Cases pending as of 1 July 1971: 0
2. Investigations opened: 0
3. Cases on which provisional action taken: 0
4. Cases on which final decision has been reached: 0
5. Revocation of anti-dumping duties: 0
6. Cases pending as of 30 June 1972: 0

UNITED KINGDOM

PART I - STATISTICAL SUMMARY

1. Cases pending as of 1 July 1971: 2
2. Investigations opened during the period July 1971/June 1972: 9
3. Cases on which provisional action taken:
 - (a) Cases where the proceedings were initiated before 1 July 1971: 1

- (b) Cases where the proceedings were initiated in the period July 1971/
June 1972: 1

(The items concerned were wood chipboard from Finland, Irish Republic, Portugal, Norway, and Sweden and chromic anhydride from USSR)

4. Cases on which final decision reached:

(a) Anti-dumping duties imposed:

- (i) Cases where the proceedings were initiated before 1 July 1971: 1
(ii) Cases where the proceedings were initiated in the period
July 1971/June 1972: 2

(b) Cases settled through price undertakings:

- (i) Cases where the proceedings were initiated before 1 July 1971: 1*
(ii) Cases where the proceedings were initiated in the period
July 1971/June 1972: Nil

(c) Cases dismissed or withdrawn:

- (i) Cases where the proceedings were initiated before 1 July 1971: 1
(ii) Cases where the proceedings were initiated in the period
July 1971/June 1972: 4

5. Revocation of anti-dumping duties:

- (a) Cases where the proceedings were initiated before 1 July 1971: 1
(b) Cases where the proceedings were initiated in the period
July 1971/June 1972: Nil

The item concerned was silicone surfactants (copolymers) from United States.
(This duty was originally imposed in March 1968.)

*This case is already listed under 4(a)(i) above. Duties confirming the provisional charges were imposed but as satisfactory undertakings had been received these were only imposed retrospectively.

6. Cases pending as at 30 June 1972:

- (a) Cases where the proceedings were initiated before 1 July 1971: Nil
- (b) Cases where the proceedings were initiated in the period
July 1971/June 1972: 3

Note: In addition to the figures noted above there were over seventy approaches from firms and industries which did not lead to investigations being initiated. These ranged from unsupported complaints and enquiries to detailed formal applications.

Background note to the United Kingdom return under Article 16

1. Cases pending as of 1 July 1971:

- 2 (Wood chipboard (Finland, Irish Republic, Norway, Portugal, Sweden)
(Candied peel (Republic of South Africa)

2. Investigations opened during the period July 1971/June 1972:

- (Compound fertilizers (Belgium, France, Federal Republic of Germany,
(Irish Republic, Netherlands)
(Steel pipes, large diameter (Italy)
(Ballotini glass grains (Austria)
(Chromic anhydride (USSR)
9 (Urea (Austria, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Netherlands, Poland,
(Portugal)
(Unwrought magnesium (USSR)
(Potato granules (Canada)
(Confectionery twist wrapping machines (East Germany)
(Pig-iron (East Germany)

3. Provisional action taken:

- (a) Wood chipboard (Finland, Irish Republic, Norway, Portugal, Sweden)
(b) Chromic anhydride (USSR)

4. (a) Duties imposed:

- (i) Wood chipboard (Finland, Irish Republic, Norway, Portugal, Sweden)
2 ((ii)Chromic anhydride (USSR)
(Unwrought magnesium (USSR)

(b) Price undertakings:

(i) Wood chipboard (Finland, Irish Republic, Norway, Portugal, Sweden)

(ii) Nil

(c) Cases dismissed or withdrawn:

(i) Candied peel (Republic of South Africa)

(ii) Compound fertilizers (Belgium, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Irish Republic, Netherlands)

Ballotini glass grains (Austria)

Potato granules (Canada)

Urea (Austria, France, Federal Republic of Germany, Irish Republic, Netherlands)

5. Duties revoked:

(a) Copolymers (including silicone polyether copolymer surfactants) (US)

6. Cases pending as at 30 June 1972:

Steel pipes, large diameter (Italy)

Confectionery twist wrapping machines (East Germany)

Pig-iron (East Germany)

In addition to the figures quoted above there were over seventy approaches from firms and industries which did not lead to investigations being initiated.

BRIEF SUMMARIES OF CASES IN WHICH DEFINITIVE
ACTION WAS TAKEN DURING 1971/72

Wood chipboard from Finland, Republic of Ireland, Norway, Portugal and Sweden

An application for anti-dumping action against imports of certain types of wood chipboard from the above countries was accepted for investigation in January 1971. Provisional charges to anti-dumping duties were imposed as from 8 July 1971 against named exporters as follows:

Finland	£2.00 and £1.48 per cubic metre
Republic of Ireland	£1.25 per cubic metre
Norway	£3.00 per cubic metre
Sweden	£2.00 and £0.50 per cubic metre

The application was later extended to cover imports from Portugal and a provisional charge to duty of £2.00 per cubic metre was imposed from 12 August 1971.

These charges were imposed pending completion of the Department's enquiries, as it seemed likely that serious losses would otherwise be suffered by the United Kingdom industry during the time required to complete the investigation.

The Department's detailed investigation subsequently confirmed that dumping had taken place and that material injury had been caused to the United Kingdom producers.

Undertakings to adjust their export prices to the United Kingdom were received from all five countries following the imposition of the provisional charges to duty. The definitive duties confirming these provisional charges were imposed retrospectively to 8 July and 12 August.

Subsequent to the main investigation, attention was drawn by the applicants to imports of certain types of wood chipboard from Romania and after investigating the allegation an undertaking was received from the exporters and no further action was required.

Chromic anhydride

An application for anti-dumping action against imports of chromic anhydride from the USSR was accepted for investigation in August 1971. A provisional charge to an anti-dumping duty of £50 per ton was imposed from 24 August 1971 pending completion of the Department's enquiries, as it seemed likely that serious losses would otherwise be suffered by the United Kingdom industry during the time required to complete the investigation.

The Department's detailed investigations subsequently confirmed the correctness of the fair market price on which the provisional charge to duty had been calculated. (This was the price charged to the United Kingdom for chromic anhydride from the Federal Republic of Germany of comparable quality.) It was established that this dumping by a substantial margin had caused and threatened to cause further material injury to the United Kingdom industry. A definitive anti-dumping duty of £50 per ton was imposed as from 23 November 1971 but with effect from 24 August 1971, the date the provisional charge was imposed, and this duty is still in force.

Unwrought magnesium

An application for anti-dumping action against imports of unwrought magnesium from the USSR was accepted for full investigation in December 1971.

As the fair market price could not be determined by reference to a domestic price in the USSR, the export price of unwrought magnesium from the USSR was compared with prices charged by other countries exporting to the United Kingdom, allowance being made for any varying factors in order to make the analysis comparable.

It was established that the dumping of the unwrought magnesium had caused and threatened to cause further material injury to the United Kingdom producers of commercial grade magnesium alloy, who were the applicants in this case. The fact that imports of unwrought magnesium into the United Kingdom were essential, as there is no domestic production, was taken fully into account when assessing the fair market price and considering whether a substantive duty was in the national interest.

After due evaluation of all aspects of the case a substantive duty of £62 per ton was imposed and came into operation with effect from 18 April 1972 and is still in force.

YUGOSLAVIA

In accordance with the reporting procedure under Article 16 of the Anti-Dumping Agreement, I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Yugoslavia did not register any case of application of anti-dumping measures against the countries signatories of the Anti-Dumping Code in the period under examination (1 July 1971-30 June 1972).

At the same time, I wish to inform you that no changes were introduced in the Yugoslav anti-dumping legislation during the mentioned period.