

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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INCREASE OF IMPORT DUTIES IN SCHEDULE XXV - GREECE

(G/27 and SR.7/13)

Restoration of pre-war Coefficients

The Greek Government undertook at the Seventh Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to withdraw by 1 July 1953 its Decision of 10 July 1952 increasing some of the pre-war duty coefficients which had been bound under the General Agreement.

The following communication dated 30 July has been received by the Executive Secretary:

"In answer to your letter of 5 May 1953, the Greek Minister for Foreign Affairs instructs me to communicate to you that the pre-war coefficients which had been bound under the General Agreement in Schedule XXV have been reestablished as of 20 July after closure of offices. In fact, as the measure against which certain contracting parties have lodged a complaint had been instituted by virtue of an Order (No.766) by the Council of Ministers, dated 10 July 1952, this Order has been rescinded by virtue of another Order (No.647) also taken by the Council of Ministers on 20 July (subject to subsequent ratification by Parliament) which reestablished the previously existing state of things, thereby fulfilling the commitment taken by the Greek Delegation in this matter during the Seventh Session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES."

The action of the Greek Government, if confirmed by the Greek Parliament, will dispose of the complaint lodged with the CONTRACTING PARTIES at the Seventh Session.