

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Invocation of Paragraph 5 of Article XXVIII

By letters dated 23, 27 and 28 December 1960, the Governments of Germany and Italy, Benelux and France have notified that they reserve the rights, during the next three-year period beginning on 1 January 1961, to modify their respective Schedules and the future Consolidated Schedule of the Common External Tariff.

In making their notifications, the above Governments wish to draw the attention of the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the following considerations:

"The progressive application of the provisions of the Treaty of Rome, of which our Governments are signatories, will raise a certain number of new problems.

"Among these, the bringing of the national tariffs into line with the Common External Tariff and the progressive application of the common commercial policy are liable to create situations which will influence the tariff policy of the Community.

"Furthermore, the Member States are at present engaged in a study of common agricultural policy, and the principles which will be adopted in this sphere by the Community are not yet known.

"In consequence, the Community will probably be led to modify, before the expiry of the three-year period provided for in paragraph 1 of Article XXVIII of the General Agreement, the rates of certain duties fixed by the Common External Tariff which will be consolidated at the conclusion of the negotiations at present in progress in respect of Article XXIV, paragraph 6.

"Our Governments wish to make it clear that these modifications, which will be only of an exceptional character, will be confined to cases of strict necessity, and will only be introduced after the negotiations and consultations provided for in paragraphs 1-3 of Article XXVIII of the General Agreement."