

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ACTION BY FRANCE UNDER ARTICLE XIX

Foundry Pig-Iron

The following communication has been received from the French Government.

By a recommendation dated 1 December 1965¹, the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community extended until 31 December 1966 the recommendation of 15 January 1964 providing for the introduction as from 15 February 1964 until 31 December 1965 of a specific duty of \$7 per ton, in parallel with a duty of 5 per cent for foundry pig-iron included with items 7301 B II and 7301 C II of the customs tariff of the Community, with the exception of foundry pig-iron manufactured entirely by the charcoal process.

This action was notified to you on 6 February 1964 by the French Government² which for this purpose had invoked the provisions of Article XIX of the General Agreement.

As in 1964 and in accordance with the provisions of Article XIX:2, the High Authority, jointly with the member States, is prepared to examine the action with a view to suspending the bindings on foundry pig-iron with contracting parties having a substantial interest as exporters of the product concerned.

Any contracting party considering that it has such an interest should communicate with the High Authority forthwith.

In 1964 and during the first ten months of 1965, imports into France of foundry pig-iron - not including pig-iron manufactured entirely by the charcoal process which is separately indicated in statistics since 1 January 1964 - were as follows:

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²L/2183.

73.01.72 and 74: Haematite pig-iron containing 1.5 per cent or less by weight of manganese: year 1964

73.01.74: Haematite pig-iron containing 1.5 per cent or less by weight of manganese: first six months of 1965*

ORIGIN	Quantity (tons)		Value ('000 frs.)	
	1964	1965 (first six months)	1964	1965 (first six months)
Fed. Rep. of Germany	20,268	5,600	6,604	1,803
Benelux	28,550	14,411	8,773	4,432
Australia	-	-	-	-
Canada	179	180	69	67
Spain	1,525	610	365	157
Finland	2,446	1,161	619	301
Great Britain	-	471	-	135
Norway	2,982	202	913	70
Sweden	1,550	155	401	54
Miscellaneous	269	-	122	-
TOTAL	57,769	22,790	17,866	7,019

73.01.82: Phosphoric pig-iron containing more than 1 per cent by weight of silicon

ORIGIN	Quantity (tons)		Value ('000 frs.)	
	1964	1965 (first six months)	1964	1965 (first six months)
Fed. Rep. of Germany	24	2	28	10
Benelux	21,742	7,323	6,164	2,062
Miscellaneous	20	-	4	-
TOTAL	21,786	7,325	6,196	2,072

* Heading 73.01.74 now includes headings 73.01.72 and 73.01.74.