

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ACTION BY ITALY UNDER ARTICLE XIX

### Foundry Pig-Iron

The following communication dated 29 December 1965 has been received from the Italian delegation in Geneva.

On 13 March 1964 the Italian Government notified you<sup>1</sup> that Recommendation No. 2-64, adopted on 15 January 1964 by the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community, provided 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 in 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.

In pursuance of that Recommendation, the Italian Government had to suspend the duty bindings on the two following items which were negotiated at Annecy in 1949 and at Torquay in 1951:

Tariff Item No.	Products	Bound Duty
73.01 B ex II	Haematite pig-iron containing by weight not more than 1 per cent of silicon and/or not more than 1 per cent of manganese	10 per cent (Annecy)
73.01 B ex II	Haematite pig-iron containing by weight more than 5 per cent but not more than 8 per cent of silicon	12 per cent (Torquay)
73.01 C ex II	Phosphoric pig-iron containing by weight more than 5 per cent but not more than 8 per cent of silicon	12 per cent (Torquay)

For this purpose the Italian Government invoked the provisions of Article XIX of the General Agreement.

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On 1 December 1965, the High Authority of the European Coal and Steel Community examined and adopted a further recommendation extending the application of this duty of \$7 per ton until 31 December 1965; accordingly the Italian Government is obliged to continue to suspend the duty bindings in question until 31 December 1966.

With respect to this extension the Italian Government is also invoking the provisions of Article XIX of the General Agreement.