

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## AGREEMENT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE VI

### Communication from the Swiss Government

The following communication has been received from the Swiss Government.

Switzerland has no anti-dumping legislation properly speaking. The Federal Council is empowered to take measures of this kind by Article 8 of the Federal Law on the Swiss Customs Tariff of 19 June 1959, which reads as follows:

"In the case of measures taken abroad or in the case of special conditions prevailing abroad which influence Swiss foreign trade to the extent of jeopardizing the major interest of the Swiss economy, the Federal Council may, for as long as such circumstances prove necessary, amend the rates concerned, apply duties to goods which are duty-free or take any measures it may deem to be necessitated."

If the Swiss Government were to find itself obliged to envisage anti-dumping measures - which has not been the case in the past thirty or forty years - it would abide by the provisions of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, of 30 June 1967, which became law for Switzerland under the Federal Order of 20 December 1967 approving the agreements concluded in the context of the sixth trade and tariff conference of GATT (Kennedy Round).

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