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Third Annual Report

1. This Report is submitted in accordance with undertakings by the two Governments to report regularly to the CONTRACTING PARTIES on the development of the Free-Trade Area. The Second Annual Report (document L/3111) was considered at the twenty-fifth session on 12 November 1968 and was accepted without question.
2. The movement towards the establishment of a Free-Trade Area between the two countries has progressed in accordance with the terms of the Agreement. On 1 July 1969 the Irish side made the fourth annual cut in protective duties applicable to imports from the United Kingdom other than those not in the free-trade sector (Annex A to the Agreement). In addition, a second reduction was made in the effective level of the protective duties on a number of United Kingdom goods which are or were subject to quota restriction (paragraph 3(b) of Article 1 and Annex B to the Agreement refer).
3. On 1 July 1969 the Irish side made a fourth 10 per cent reduction in protective elements in certain fiscal charges in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 3 of Article IV of the Agreement.
4. In accordance with arrangements agreed under Article VI the Irish side are continuing to eliminate the quantitative restrictions which remained in operation after 1 July 1966 on goods in the free-trade sector: the elimination continues to be effected on a global basis.
5. It was reported in the Second Annual Report that the quantitative import restriction on motor tyres of United Kingdom origin had been extended until 31 December 1968. It has since been agreed that the restriction will continue in operation until 31 December 1969.