

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## UNITED STATES TARIFF COMMISSION INVESTIGATION

### Pianos and Parts

The United States Government has informed the secretariat of the results of the United States Tariff Commission's escape clause investigation of imports of pianos and parts.

On 23 December 1969, the Tariff Commission by a vote of 3 to 2 found that increased imports of pianos (including player pianos whether or not with keyboards) are threatening to cause serious injury to the domestic industry. Two commissioners recommended the establishment of a rate of 13.5 per cent ad valorem and one commissioner recommended a rate of 20 per cent ad valorem to remedy the situation.

The Commission found by a vote of 4 to 1 that imports of piano parts are not causing or threatening to cause serious injury.

The President's Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, Ambassador Gilbert, with participation of the other executive agencies, will analyze the Tariff Commission's report and formulate a recommendation to the President. The President has sixty days to accept, modify or reject the recommendations for the establishment of a new rate on pianos.