

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## ASSOCIATION BETWEEN GREECE AND THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY

### Tariff Alignment and Negotiations under Article XXIV:6

The following communication, dated 27 May 1970, has been received from the permanent delegation of Greece.

Further to the annual report presented by Greece on its Association with the European Economic Community, circulated in GATT document L/3319 of 20 January 1970, I have the honour, upon instructions from my Government, to communicate the following:

1. The alignments of Greek customs tariff duties with the common customs tariff, provided for by the Agreement of Association between Greece and the European Economic Community, took effect on 1 May 1970. There are two such alignments, one which is in pursuance of Article 20 of the Association Agreement concerning the products listed in Annex I to the Agreement, which are subject to tariff dismantlement over the twenty-two-year transitional period, and the other which is the operation provided for in Articles 6 and 20 of the Association Agreement in respect of the list of items subject to tariff dismantlement over the twelve-year transitional period, which had first been aligned, effective 1 November 1965.
2. These alignments have been effected on the basis of the Greek customs tariff in force in 1960 which has since then been revised in order that the specifications and terminology of the tariff should agree to the fullest extent possible with the specifications and terminology of the common customs tariff, which Greece is required to adopt by stages.
3. This revised Greek customs tariff, as mentioned above, will be communicated shortly to the International Customs Tariffs Bureau at Brussels, for translation and publication in accordance with standard procedures.
4. The implementation of these alignments involves changes in certain Greek tariff headings which have been bound within GATT and are therefore included in Schedule XXV. Some of the changes consist of a reduction of bound duties, and others of an increase in bound rates.

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5. Lists of the duties affected, by tariff classification, are being drawn up by the Greek Finance Ministry and will be communicated to you for the information of contracting parties as soon as the work has been completed.
6. If it appears from a comparative study of the lists that the trading interests of any contracting party are adversely affected, the contracting party concerned would be compensated by means of the consultations provided for in Article XXIV:6 and pursuant to Article XXVIII of the General Agreement.
7. It should be noted that the lists now being prepared relate exclusively to products included in Annex I to the Association Agreement, i.e. items bound under the General Agreement and in respect of which the first alignment took effect on 1 May 1970.
8. As regards items subject to tariff dismantlement over the twelve-year transitional period, in respect of which the first alignment took effect on 1 November 1965, the questions which had been raised in connexion with rates bound in Schedule XXV have been settled in accordance with the provisions of Article XXIV:6 of the General Agreement.<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that in certain individual cases, the consultations are still proceeding.

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<sup>1</sup>L/2454 and addenda; SECRET/164 and addenda