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## SCHEDULE XXV - GREECE

### Replacement of Specific Duties by Ad Valorem Duties

The following communication has been received from the permanent delegation of Greece.

### MODIFICATION OF SCHEDULE XXV

#### Notification by Greece

1. In the course of the implementation process of the EEC-Greece Association Agreement of 9 July 1961 which, as is known, aims at the establishment of a customs union between the parties to the agreement is included the progressive alignment of the Greek customs tariff to the Common External Customs Tariff of the Community.
2. This alignment not only consists in a progressive alignment of the duty rates provided for in Greece's customs tariff to those stipulated in the EEC tariff, but also in a progressive alignment of the former, leading ultimately in the full adoption of the Community's tariff, in respect to all its elements, such as the structure of the tariff subheadings and the basis of duty calculation.
3. In accordance with the provisions of Articles 6 and 20 of the Association Agreement, the customs union between the two parties is to become final, as regards products falling in the twelve-year disarmament schedule, on 1 November 1974. From that date on Greece will have accepted the Community tariff for the products of this category.
4. This date is a turning point of great importance in the process of establishing a customs union between the country and the EEC, and, for this reason, it has been considered by the Greek Customs Administration as an opportunity for an adjustment of the Greek customs tariff to that of the Community, an adjustment consisting not only in the adoption of the Community's tariff in all its points, as regards the products falling under the twelve-year disarmament schedule, but also in the preparation, in general, of the entire customs tariff with the aim to facilitate its

further alignment to the Community tariff for the ultimate smooth acceptance of the latter in its entirety, in the framework of the efforts made for an accelerated attainment of an equal-partnership status.

5. As it is known, one of the basic characteristics of the Greek customs tariff is its inclusion, in a large number of cases of specific duties, as contrasted to the Community's tariff, in which ad valorem duties prevail to a great extent.

6. The specific duties in the Greek customs tariff, established on the basis of evaluations corresponding at the time of their establishment to their intended economic functions, have now lost to a significant degree their effectiveness in accomplishing the goals initially assigned to them, especially after the significant price increases noted on a world-wide scale during the past two years.

It is known that in periods of price fluctuations, specific duties, due to their inherent lack of automatic adaptability, are not appropriate instruments for exercising tariff policies.

7. Greece, despite the disturbances on the economic functions of the specific duties of its tariff, has not proceeded to any adjustment thereof during the last years.

However, she could but take advantage of the aforementioned opportunity of accepting the EEC tariff as from 1 November 1974 for the twelve-year disarmament products, in order to proceed in the conversion, on the one hand, of the specific duties into ad valorem ones and, on the other hand, to substitute many specific duties levied on the other products by ad valorem duties, in the context of the above preparation of the Greek tariff for its smooth alignment in its entirety to the Community's external tariff.

8. The above substitution of specific duties by ad valorem ones is simply a change in the basis of duty calculation and does not comport any change in the charges levied on the products, since the modifications have been made on the basis of the amount of charges involved, as a result of the application of the present specific duty rates, which have been translated into a percentage figure on the value of products.

9. Among the specific duties thus substituted are a number of duties consolidated in GATT by Schedule XXV - Greece.<sup>1</sup>

A list of these duties is attached as annex to this notification.

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<sup>1</sup>An unofficial consolidated Schedule XXV - Greece was distributed to contracting parties in November 1965 (see documents L/2454/Add.1 and Spec(65)112).

10. As to the nature of the substitution decided upon, this, in some cases, consists in the establishment of an ad valorem rate of duty, equivalent to the specific duty which it substitutes; in cases where the present tariff provides for a safeguard ad valorem duty which is alternative to the main specific rate and also bound in Schedule XXV, this latter ad valorem duty is maintained as main duty, the specific duty being either deleted or retained as an alternative safeguard duty, on the basis of a special note. Positions falling under this latter case are marked with an asterisk in the attached list.

11. As a consequence, these tariff modifications, as having been dictated solely by the reasons set forth above, do not comport increased duty charges for the goods covered by the presently consolidated specific duties and, therefore, the concessions made by Greece on the basis of these specific duties towards the CONTRACTING PARTIES in Schedule XXV are not in any way affected by their substitution by the new ad valorem duties.

12. Greece, however, is open to any contracting party with which a concession on the substituted specific duties was initially negotiated or which is determined to have a principal supplying interest or substantial interest in the products affected, to enter into consultations and to furnish any necessary clarifications or explanations on the changes being effected.

ANNEX

List of Specific Duties Bound in Schedule XXV - Greece,  
and Substituted by Ad Valorem Duties in the New Greek Customs Tariff

Heading Subheading (as in Schedule XXV)	Brief description of goods	Duties	
		Specific duty, bound in GATT (in metal drachmae per 100 kgs.)	New ad valorem rate %
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
04.04 B1	Prepared cheese, in brine	25	18.4
04.04 B2	Kephalotyri and Kasseri (Kaskavali)	50	25.8
12.03 C	Seeds used chiefly for sowing	8	3.3
15.04 A	Fish liver oil	10	15.5
17.04 B	Sugared almonds	131	35.9
28.35 A	Sulphides, including poly- sulphides, of sodium	3	9.5
28.38 B	Alums	6.50	28.4
28.42 A1	Carbonates of potassium	2.20	5.7
28.42 A5	Ammonium bicarbonate	10.50	52.9
32.05 A1(d)	Artificial indigo	260	10
32.11	Prepared driers	50	27.2
35.05 B	Starch glues	66	65.2
35.06	Prepared glues etc. products suitable for use as glues, etc., in packages not exceeding a net weight of 1 kg.	66	33.8
40.11 B	Inner tubes	87	27
48.01 A1	Paperboard, not exceeding 4 mm. in thickness	18	33.9
48.01 A2	Paperboard, exceeding 4 mm. in thickness	13	34.3
48.01 B2(a)	Wrapping paper, weighing up to 40 grammes per square metre	37	41.1
48.01 B2(b)	Wrapping paper, weighing more than 40 grammes per square metre	26	53.8

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
48.03 B2	Imitation parchment paper (waterproof paper obtained mechanically)	32	30.7
48.03 B5	Natural tracing paper	115	33
48.04 A1(a)	Paperboard, reinforced with paper, less than 4 mm. in thickness	22	31.5
48.04 A1(b)	Paperboard, reinforced with paper, 4 mm. or more in thickness	13	16.4
48.04 B1(a)	Paper reinforced with paper weighing up to 100 grammes per square metre	85	12.4
48.05 B1	Paper, corrugated	32	13.5
48.05 B2(a)	Paper, embossed, weighing up to 100 grammes per square metre	85	56.4
48.05 B2(b)	Paper, embossed, weighing more than 100 and up to 200 grammes per square metre	72	50.1
48.05 B2(c)	Paper, embossed, weighing more than 200 and up to 300 grammes per square metre	46	44.2
48.07 A1(a)	Paperboard, surface-coloured, less than 4 mm. in thickness	22	35.1
48.07 A1(b)	Paperboard, surface-coloured, 4 mm. and more in thickness	13	49.2
48.07 B4(a)	Paper, waterproofed with linseed oil, etc.	32	21.1
48.07 C2(a)	Blotting paper, in rolls or sheets	50	17.2
48.15 A2	Blotting paper, cut to size or shaped	50	32.2
53.06 A1(a)	Yarn of carded sheep's or lambs' wool, etc., measuring per kg. up to 10,000 metres	85	12 <sup>1/2</sup>
53.06 A1(b)	Yarn of carded sheep's or lambs' wool, etc., measuring per kg. more than 10,000 and up to 30,000 metres inclusive	95	12
53.06 A1(c)	Yarn of carded sheep's or lambs' wool, etc., measuring per kg. more than 30,000 metres	130	12

<sup>1/</sup> The specific duty rate shown is retained as alternative safeguard duty only for yarn containing fine wool or hair in a weight percentage of at least 85 per cent.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
53.06 A2	Yarn of carded sheep's or lambs' wool, etc., multiple, of any length per kg.	275	12
53.11 A1(a)	Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair, etc., pure, weighing 150 grammes or less per square metre	1,750	40
53.11 A1(b)	Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair, etc., pure, weighing more than 150 and up to 300 grammes per square metre	1,225	40 <sup>1/</sup>
53.11 A1(c)	Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair, etc., pure, weighing more than 300 and up to 500 grammes per square metre	700	40 <sup>1/</sup>
53.11 A1(d)	Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair, etc., pure, weighing more than 500 and up to 750 grammes per square metre	500	40
53.11 A1(e)	Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair, etc., pure, weighing more than 750 grammes per square metre	350	40
ex 54.05 A1	Woven fabrics of flax or ramie, unbleached, plain, pure, having an aggregate, in a square of 5 mm. side, of an even number of warp and weft yarns, of up to 6 yarns	25	35
ex 54.05 A2	Woven fabrics of flax or ramie, unbleached, plain, pure, having an aggregate, in a square of 5 mm., side, of an even number of warp and weft yarns, of more than 6 and up to 12 yarns	38	35

<sup>1/</sup> The specific duty rate shown is retained as alternative safeguard duty only for fabrics (53.11 A(b) and 53.11 A1(c)); containing fine wool or hair in a weight percentage of 85 per cent.

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
ex 54.05 A3	Woven fabrics of flax or ramie, unbleached, plain, pure, having an aggregate, in a square of 5 mm., side, of an even number of warp and weft yarns, of more than 12 and up to 26 yarns	190	35
ex 54.05 A4	Woven fabrics of flax or ramie, unbleached, plain, pure, having an aggregate, in a square of 5 mm., side, of an even number of warp and weft yarns, of more than 26 and up to 40 yarns	315	35
ex 54.05 A5	Woven fabrics of flax or ramie, unbleached, plain, pure, having an aggregate, in a square of 5 mm., side, of an even number of warp and weft yarns, of more than 40 yarns	550	35
55.05 A1(a)	Cotton yarn, single-ply, unbleached, etc., up to No. 6	86	21
55.05 A1(b)	Cotton yarn, single-ply, unbleached, etc., higher than No. 6 and up to No. 28 inclusive	113	21
55.05 A1(c)	Cotton yarn, single-ply, unbleached, higher than No. 28 and up to No. 60 inclusive	86	21
55.05 A1(d)	Cotton yarn, single-ply, unbleached, etc., higher than No. 60	80	21
55.05 C1(a)	Cotton yarn, etc., two or more ply, for use in dress-making, pure or mixed, etc.	150	21
55.09 A1	Other woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached, plain, etc., weighing 60 grammes or less per square metre, regardless of the number of yarns	276	35
55.09 A2	Other woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached, plain, etc., weighing more than 60 and up to 90 grammes per square metre, regardless of the number of yarns	181	35

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
55.09 A3(a)	Other woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached, etc., weighing more than 90 and up to 130 grammes per square metre, etc., and having, in a square of 5 mm., side, an aggregate of warp and weft yarns, etc., of 27 yarns or less	137	35
55.09 A3(b)	Other woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached, etc., weighing more than 90 and up to 130 grammes per square metre, etc., and having, in a square of 5 mm., side, an aggregate of warp and weft yarns, etc., of more than 27 and up to 36 yarns	142	35
55.09 A3(c)	Other woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached, etc., weighing more than 90 and up to 130 grammes per square metre, etc., and having, in a square of 5 mm., side, an aggregate of warp and weft yarns, etc., of more than 36 yarns	150	35
55.09 A4(a)	Other woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached, etc., weighing more than 130 grammes per square metre, and having, in a square of 5 mm., side, an aggregate of warp and weft yarns, etc., of 27 yarns or less	130	35
55.09 A4(b)	Other woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached, etc., weighing more than 130 grammes per square metre, and having, in a square of 5 mm., side, an aggregate of warp and weft yarns, etc., of more than 27 and up to 36 yarns	138	35
55.09 A4(c)	Other woven fabrics of cotton, unbleached, etc., weighing more than 130 grammes per square metre, and having, in a square of 5 mm., side, an aggregate of warp and weft yarns, etc., of more than 36 yarns	145	35



(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
55.09 E1(a)	Fabrics woven from dyed yarns (including partly dyed yarns), and fabrics in the piece, etc., plain or figured, etc., weighing per square metre 70 grammes or less	268	45.5
55.09 E1(b)	Fabrics woven from dyed yarns (including partly dyed yarns), and fabrics in the piece, etc., plain or figured, etc., weighing per square metre more than 70 and up to 90 grammes	260	45.5
55.09 E1(c)	Fabrics woven from dyed yarns (including partly dyed yarns), and fabrics in the piece, etc., plain or figured, etc., weighing per square metre more than 90 and up to 130 grammes	244	45.5
55.09 E1(d)	Fabrics woven from dyed yarns (including partly dyed yarns), and fabrics in the piece, etc., plain or figured, etc., weighing per square metre more than 130 and up to 180 grammes	252	45.5
55.09 E1(e)	Fabrics woven from dyed yarns (including partly dyed yarns), and fabrics in the piece, etc., plain or figured, etc., weighing per square metre more than 180 grammes	244	45.5
57.09 A1	Woven fabrics of true hemp, unbleached, plain, pure, etc., having an aggregate of an even number of warp and weft yarns of up to 6 yarns	25	35
57.09 A2	Woven fabrics of true hemp, unbleached, plain, pure etc., having an aggregate of an even number of warp and weft yarns of more than 6 and up to 12 yarns	38	35
57.09 A3	Woven fabrics of true hemp, unbleached, plain, pure, etc., having an aggregate of an even number of warp and weft yarns of more than 12 and up to 26 yarns	190	35

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
57.09 A4	Woven fabrics of true hemp, unbleached, plain, pure, etc., having an aggregate of an even number of warp and weft yarns of more than 26 and up to 40 yarns	315	35
57.09 A5	Woven fabrics of true hemp, unbleached, plain, pure, etc., having an aggregate of an even number of warp and weft yarns of more than 40 yarns	550	35
58.02 A5	Carpets of hemp, jute, esparto, etc.	160	35
59.07 A1	Textile fabrics coated with gum, etc., of cotton	142	35
59.10 A	Linoleum and materials, etc., in the piece	28	20.3
59.10 B	Linoleum and materials, etc., cut to specific shape or size	47	31.7
60.01 D1(b)	Knitted or crocheted fabric, etc., of wool, pure or mixed, etc., weighing more than 150 and up to 300 grammes per square metre	1,400	40
60.01 D1(c)	Knitted or crocheted fabric, etc. of wool, pure or mixed, etc., weighing more than 300 grammes per square metre	800	40
68.09 A	Panels of sawdust, of which the binding substance is impregnated with magnesite	5	28.4
73.13 A2	Sheets and plates, of iron or steel, etc., of natural colour, etc., of a thickness exceeding 4.5 mm.	1.50	5.2
73.32 B2	Wood screws, etc., of a diameter under the head of more than 4 and up to 6 mm.	66	28
73.32 B3	Wood screws, etc., of a diameter under the head of more than 6 mm.	38	22.6
74.17 A	Stoves for use with atomized liquid fuels	190	36.5
84.27 A3	Presses, crushers, etc., weighing each more than 500 kgs.	30	6
96.02 A1(c)	Brushes of any fibre or wire, mixed or not, mounted in bone, etc.	920	48