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TAXES ON PASSENGER CARS AND MOTOR CYCLES IN FINLAND

Communication from the Permanent Mission of Finland

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Mission of Finland.

Acting upon instructions from my Government I have the honour to inform you that the Government of Finland has presented to Parliament a bill aiming at increasing the tax on passenger cars and motor cycles by 30 per cent. The increase of the tax will be reduced to 20 per cent on 1 January 1976, to 10 per cent on 1 August 1976, and will be completely abolished by the end of 1976.

To prevent import transactions of a speculative or improper nature, likely to take place pending the parliamentary approval of the bill, a decree imposing a temporary special import charge was found necessary. The amount of the special charge is equal to 50 per cent of the present tax on passenger cars and motor cycles. The decree will be revoked when the bill mentioned above becomes effective.

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