

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
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SPAIN - NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE X

The following communication, dated 18 February 1982, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of Spain, with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

On the instructions of my authorities, I have the honour to convey to you the following communication on the import régime applicable to Chapter 3 of the Spanish customs tariff, and to request that it be circulated to the contracting parties:

"Spain - Article X

While in accordance with Article X of the General Agreement 'laws, regulations, judicial decisions and administrative rulings of general application ... pertaining to the classification or the valuation of products for customs purposes, or to rates of duty, taxes or other charges, or to requirements, restrictions or prohibitions on imports or exports or on the transfer of payments therefor, or affecting their sale, distribution, transportation, insurance, warehousing, inspection, exhibition, processing, mixing or other use,' are published in the Official Gazette of Spain, the national authorities have learned that some contracting parties have expressed the wish to know the exact text of the Order of 18 December 1976 on the Spanish import régime in respect of products falling within Chapter 3 of the customs tariff.

Accordingly, and in pursuance of the Recommendation approved on 20 March 1964 by the CONTRACTING PARTIES (BISD, 12th Supplement, pages 49 and 50), a photocopy is attached of the text of the above-mentioned Order, as published in the Official Gazette at that date."

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Order of 18 December 1976 on Inclusion in the Bilateral Trade
Régime of Imports of Fish, Crustaceans and Molluscs
Falling Within Chapter 3 of the Customs Tariff

Many countries have enlarged their territorial waters, causing a serious problem for our fishing fleet and for domestic supplies of marine products; in order to solve that problem, the administration needs better possibilities for regulating imports of those foodstuffs than are available under the regulations in force, in order to establish adequate co-ordination between the interests of the fishery sector and of meeting the population's supply requirements.

The most appropriate measure for securing the necessary co-ordination as between these interests is to include marine products falling within Chapter 3 of the customs tariff in the bilateral trade régime. Accordingly, and as proposed by the Directorate-General for Tariff Policy and Imports, I hereby order as follows:

1. Fish, crustaceans and molluscs falling within Chapter 3 of the customs tariff shall be subject to the bilateral trade régime established under Article 2 of the Order of 12 December 1972 revising and updating provisions on the trade régimes applicable to the import of goods.
2. For the purposes of the provisions of the preceding paragraph, Annex C of the above-mentioned Order shall be amended to include, in the first section of the list of goods covered by the bilateral trade régime, the words "all of Chapter 3" in the column headed "tariff heading or sub-heading", and the words "Fish, crustaceans and molluscs" in the column headed "goods".
3. The Regulations on the Import of Fish, Crustaceans and Molluscs established by an Order dated 13 February 1975, as amended by the Order bearing today's date, shall continue to apply to imports of the said marine products.
4. This Order shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the Official Gazette..

Madrid, 18 December 1976.