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Draft Charter

Article 20

Marks of Origin.

Amendment proposed by the French Delegation.

Reword Paragraph 7 as follows:

"7. Members agree to grant suitable protection under their domestic legislation to those trade names and marks of origin and quality which are recognized and protected by the domestic legislation of the country of origin. They shall, for this purpose, transmit to the Organization a list of such marks and trade marks as are protected by their domestic legislation and for which they wish to secure protection in importing countries. They undertake further to take part in any conference called by the Organization to secure effective international protection for marks of origin".

Reasons.

The French delegation again proposes the amendment it submitted in London, and which is reproduced (incorrectly in the French version) in the Drafting Committee's Comments on paragraph 7(a).

It feels, moreover, that even should Article 20 not be embodied in the general agreement on Customs tariffs, the provisions repeated above ought to be included. The requests put forward by France in the course of the tariff negotiations relate precisely to products such as champagne and cognac which are protected by the French law on marks of origin, and any concessions accorded to such commodities would be rendered nugatory if they were liable to abuse by other products.