

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

COM.AD/6

9 October 1969

Special Distribution

Committee on Anti-Dumping Practices

Original: English

NORWEGIAN ANTI-DUMPING PROCEDURES

At the meeting of the Committee on 25-26 February 1969, it was suggested that members of the Committee submit memoranda on their administrative procedures and practices in implementing their anti-dumping legislation (paragraph 63 of the note on the meeting, document COM.AD/3).

In connexion with this suggestion, the Norwegian delegation has transmitted to the secretariat the following communication.

Normally, a claim for an anti-dumping duty is submitted by a producer. The authorities may, however, take the initiative ex officio, but this has so far never happened within the field of commercial dumping. Complaints are addressed to the Ministry of Finance, which normally places the complaints before a consultative committee for examination. This consultative committee called the "Anti-Dumping Committee" is composed of governmental representatives and representatives from the national federations of industry, trade and labour. The Committee carries out the necessary investigations mostly through its secretariat. Technical questions are often examined by special experts.

The "Anti-Dumping Committee" decides in each case what investigation procedure should be followed and what information should be obtained. Any person importing, producing, manufacturing or selling products, for which anti-dumping duty is under consideration, is bound by law to give information about prices, production, sales, profit and other matters concerning such products or similar products. The foreign exporter concerned is informed about the complaint and is asked to submit a statement on the matter. He may be assisted by the secretariat of the Committee to find the most appropriate way to present his view. In practice the information about the complaints are given through the Norwegian importer or through the exporter's agent in Norway. Such information may also be given through the authorities of the exporting country concerned.

After having concluded its examination the "Anti-Dumping Committee" submits a report with recommendations to the Ministry of Finance. If the Ministry is satisfied that there is sufficient evidence of dumping and of injury, it advises the King in Council on what further action is to be taken. Anti-dumping duties are imposed by Royal Decree, specifying the product subject to duty and the rate of the anti-dumping duty to be levied. In levying an anti-dumping duty the Ministry of Finance is obliged to make immediate notification to the Parliament, which can withdraw or alter the duty.

./.