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Transmission of the Customs Tariff of the Community

The Chairman of the Commission of the European Economic Community has transmitted to the secretariat a limited number of copies of the French edition (in two volumes) of the common customs tariff of the Community which was approved by the Council on 13 February 1960. In his letter of transmittal the Chairman points out that attention should be drawn to the fact that "the tariff is still incomplete in that it does not contain the duties concerning:

- "(a) the products mentioned in List G which is annexed to the Treaty of Rome for which the negotiations between the Member States are still in progress;
- "(b) the products which were indicated by the Member States as being subject to fiscal duties;
- "(c) a limited number of products for which the fixing of an applicable duty raises particular problems."

The Chairman of the Commission also draws attention "to the fact that the European Economic Community reserves itself the possibility:

- "(a) to convert the ad valorem duties given for certain products to specific duties or to combine the ad valorem duty with a specific minimum and/or a maximum rate;
- "(b) to proceed, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 2 of Article 21 of the Treaty of Rome, to certain adjustments of duties which would be required to obtain an internal harmonization of the tariff, particularly when the duties for the products in List G have been fixed."

Furthermore, the Chairman states:

"I wish to assure you that the Commission will do everything possible in order that the above-mentioned questions be settled as soon as possible, and in time to enable the negotiations to take place according to the schedule foreseen. As soon as the decisions and agreements are made the volumes completing the present edition of the tariff will be forwarded to you.

"For your information I wish to point out that copies of the common tariff in German and Italian are also available."

A limited number of copies of the common tariff are being forwarded to the liaison officers and permanent representatives of the contracting parties for transmittal to their governments. As indicated in the Chairman's letter, quoted above, copies of the German and Italian editions can be obtained upon direct application to the Commission of the Community in Brussels.