

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
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ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY GREECE

Tyres

On 22 April 1965, the Greek Government notified the secretariat as follows.

We have the honour to inform you that the competent Greek authorities have increased the customs duties on tyres for vehicles. Pursuant to Article XIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade the duty has been raised from the initial level of 12-14 per cent to 25 per cent.

The new tyre industry "PIRELLI HELLAS S.A." which has been in operation at Patras since 1962 was organized in such a way as to be able to offer its products on the local market at prices lower than those prevailing before its establishment. The existence of this important sector of Greek industry was, however, threatened by foreign competition, in such conditions as to cause increased imports into Greece of similar products.

It was therefore necessary to take protective measures, after having considered the fact that the conditions for applying Article XIX were present, as may be seen from the following table:

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Imports

Product	Quantity			Value in \$		
	1962	1963	1964	1962	1963	1964
Tyres for bicycles	KG	KG	KG			
	358,998	427,439	442,225	13,455,943	15,376,723	15,382,657
	units	units	units			
	331,664	356,981	402,520			
Tyres for motor-vehicles	KG	KG	KG			
	808,603	804,644	856,619	36,636,995	35,021,585	37,949,111
	units	units	units			
	84,095	88,649	94,967			
Tyres for lorries	KG	KG	KG			
	3,475,546	3,274,745	3,510,584	166,765,226	148,437,923	167,229,720
	units	units	units			
	90,905	79,554	89,992			

This action was taken in accordance with the provisions of Article XIX:2, last sentence, because of the critical circumstances in which the above-mentioned industry found itself, where delay would have caused serious damage to its precarious situation.

Accordingly, we request you to notify the foregoing to the organization and to contracting parties having a substantial interest as exporters of the product concerned, so that any consultations desired may take place in respect of these measures.

