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ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES

Citizens Band Radio Transceivers

Addendum

Tariff Increase

The following communication dated 25 April 1978 has been received from the Permanent Mission of the United States.

The United States advised the CONTRACTING PARTIES in GATT document L/4634/Add.1 of the President's decision under Article XIX to increase duties on citizen band (CB) radio transceivers.

Presidential Proclamation No. 4561 entitled "Temporary Duty Increase on the Importation into the United States of Certain CB Radio Transceivers" dated 7 April 1978 was published in the Federal Register on 11 April and its provisions became effective the same day. The Proclamation provides that for the first year beginning 11 April 1978 the duty on CB radio (except hand held) transceivers shall be 21 per cent ad valorem; for the second year beginning 11 April 1979, it shall be 18 per cent; and for the third beginning 11 April 1980, 15 per cent. The Proclamation further provides that the increased rates shall not apply after 10 April 1981, unless the period of their effectiveness is earlier expressly modified. Otherwise on 11 April 1981, the duty will revert to the pre-escape clause rate of 6 per cent ad valorem.

The Proclamation also includes provisions which have the effect of removing CB radio (except hand held) transceivers from the list of articles specified by Executive Order 11888 of 24 November 1975, as amended, that are eligible for the benefits of the Generalized System of Preferences when imported from any eligible designated beneficiary developing country and, in so doing, of making imports of such transceivers from such eligible countries subject to the proclaimed increased rates of duty.