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The following communication has been received from the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia.

The modifications and amendments to the Law on Tariffs published in the Official Gazette of the SFR of Yugoslavia repealed the Decision of the Federal Executive Council concerning the tariff drawback on imports used in the production of exported goods (Official Gazette of the SFRY No. 42/1973, 61/1975 and 33/1977). While the manner and conditions under which drawback was carried out under the previous Law on Tariffs were regulated by the Federal Executive Council, according to the provisions of the Law on Tariffs that is currently in force, drawback is now implemented on the basis of Articles 82 and 83 of the Law on Foreign Exchange Operations and Foreign Credit Relations (Official Gazette of the SFRY No. 15/1977), i.e. it is regulated by self-management agreements of the Republic and Autonomous Region Communities of Interest and within the framework of the Community of Interest of Yugoslavia for Foreign Economic Relations and in agreement with the Federal Executive Council.

At the proposal of the Federal Executive Council, when deciding the Federal Budget, the Federal Assembly of the SFRY annually establishes the amount of the income resulting from tariffs and other import charges expressed in percentages which does not make up the Federal Budget but is ceded to the Community of Interest of Yugoslavia for the drawback of tariffs and other charges in favour of exporting organizations.

The Federal Assembly can also decide not to allocate the income from certain import charges to the Federal Budget but rather allocate it in its entirety to the Community of Interest of Yugoslavia for the drawback of tariffs and other charges in favour of exporting organizations.

In this manner the interference of the State in the area of export stimulation is decreased while decision-making is transferred to the self-managing communities of interest, i.e. the economic enterprises themselves.

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