

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN FINLAND AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Information Furnished by the Parties to the Agreement

This report covers the period since the entry into force of the Agreement until 31 December 1979.

The Free Trade Agreement between Finland and Czechoslovakia entered into force on 1 January 1975.

The objective of the Agreement is to eliminate progressively the obstacles to substantially all the trade between the parties, in accordance with the provisions of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade concerning the establishment of free-trade areas.

The Agreement has functioned normally and has been applied in accordance with its provisions.

The main results are as follows:

1. During the period covered by the report, tariffs have been reduced in accordance with the provisions of the Agreement to zero in case of products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the nomenclature of the Customs Co-operation Council according to the provisions in Protocol No. 1, and in the case of products falling within Chapters 25 to 99 of the nomenclature of the Customs Co-operation Council, except certain products of Protocol No. 2.
2. Protocol No. 2 of the Agreement provides slower than normal rhythm of tariff reductions for certain products. The Protocol has been applied as foreseen.
3. Upon entry into force of the Agreement Finland has abolished all quantitative restrictions except those allowed in Protocol No. 4. On the date of entry into force of the Agreement no quantitative import restrictions regarding products covered by the Agreement existed in Czechoslovakia, nor were any such restrictions introduced during the period under review.

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4. The rules of origin in Protocol No. 3 of the Agreement which determine the eligibility of products for the tariff reduction under the Agreement have been applied as foreseen.

5. The Joint Commission has held six sessions: from 28 January to 30 January 1975 in Prague, from 12 March to 18 March 1976 in Helsinki, from 21 March to 24 March 1977 in Prague, from 13 March to 17 March 1978 in Helsinki, from 5 March to 8 March 1979 in Prague and from 3 March to 7 March 1980 in Prague.

6. Commercial incidence:

Imports by Finland from Czechoslovakia in Millions of US\$

	<u>Information furnished by Finland (c.i.f.)</u>		<u>Information furnished by Czechoslovakia (free frontiers of the supplying country)</u>	
1974	23.0	of which agriculture 0.2%	22.1	of which agriculture 0.13%
1975	31.2	" 0.0%	32.0	" 0.18%
1976	35.1	" 0.2%	30.7	" 0.12%
1977	33.5	" 0.16%	29.8	" 0.08%
1978	39.5	" 0.35%	37.8	" 0.32%
1979	55.9	" 0.15%	52.2	" 0.18%

Imports by Czechoslovakia from Finland in Millions of US\$

1974	26.5	of which agriculture 0.10%
1975	31.1	" 0.12%
1976	37.9	" 3.19%
1977	32.5	" 0.72%
1978	41.7	" 6.85%
1979	34.8	" 1.37%