

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARTICLE XIX - ACTION BY THE UNITED STATES

Specialty Steel

The following communication, dated 14 July 1983, has been received from the delegation of the United States.

The Government of the United States wishes to inform the CONTRACTING PARTIES that in accordance with GATT Article XIX temporary import relief measures are to be instituted on certain articles of specialty steel beginning 20 July 1983. The decision to take this action follows the finding of the United States International Trade Commission that certain bars; wire rods; and plates, sheets and strip, not cut, not pressed, and not stamped to non-rectangular shape; all the foregoing of stainless steel or certain alloy tool steel; and round wire of high speed tool steel; provided for in items 606.90, 606.93, 606.94, 606.95, 607.26, 607.28, 607.34, 607.43, 607.46, 607.54, 607.72, 607.76, 607.88, 607.90, 608.26, 608.29, 608.34, 608.43, 608.49, 608.57, 608.64, and 609.45 of the tariff schedules of the United States (TSUS) (19 USC 1202) are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury to the domestic industries producing articles like or directly competitive with the imported articles.

The following import relief will be proclaimed shortly:

SCHEDULE OF RELIEF

Additional tariffs (percentage ad valorem)

Year	I	II	III	IV
Sheet and strip	10	8	6	4
Plate	8	6	5	4

Quantitative limit (tons)

Year	I	II	III	IV
Bar	27,000	27,800	28,600	29,500
Rod	19,100	19,700	20,300	20,900
Alloy tool steel	22,400	23,100	23,800	24,500

The Government of the United States is prepared to enter into consultations on request under the provisions of GATT Article XIX.

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