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NEW ZEALAND - IMPORTS OF ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMERS FROM FINLAND

Recourse to Article XXIII:2 by Finland

The following communication, dated 21 September 1984, has been received from the Delegation of Finland.

The Delegation of Finland informed the Council at its meeting on 11 July 1984 that it had had consultations under Article XXIII:1 with New Zealand concerning anti-dumping proceedings against electrical transformers delivered by a Finnish company to a local electrical board in New Zealand.

On 24 February 1984, the New Zealand authorities had decided to impose an anti-dumping duty on these transformers. It is the opinion of the Finnish Government that these transformers have not been sold at less than normal value and that this sale has not caused or threatened to cause material injury to the industry of New Zealand.

During the consultations the Finnish Government expressed to the New Zealand Government their concern at the implications of the decision to impose an anti-dumping duty and invited them to consider an appropriate solution. These consultations, which were brought to an end on 29 June 1984, did not lead to a satisfactory solution.

In the view of the Finnish Government the benefits accruing to Finland under the General Agreement, especially Article VI, have been impaired. The Government of Finland therefore requests that the CONTRACTING PARTIES establish a panel, pursuant to the provisions of Article XXIII:2, to investigate the matter and to make appropriate recommendations or give a ruling on it, as appropriate.