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NOTIFICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XVII

(Note by the Executive Secretary)

At their Meeting on 1 November 1957, the CONTRACTING PARTIES decided that notifications required under paragraph 4(a) of Article XVII should be submitted by 1 February 1958. To give effect to this, the following draft Decision has been prepared for approval by the CONTRACTING PARTIES. In preparing this draft the secretariat has followed the lines of the Decision of 2 March 1950, on the arrangements for reporting in accordance with Article XVI (Vol. II, p.19), and the recommendations agreed upon at the Ninth Session relating to the same matter (Third Supplement, p.225).

Arrangements for the Submission of Notifications in accordance with paragraph 4(a) of Article XVII

Draft Decision

WHEREAS the provisions of Article XVII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade provide that any contracting party which establishes or maintains a State enterprise, wherever located, or grants to any enterprise, formally or in effect, exclusive or special privileges, shall notify the CONTRACTING PARTIES of the products imported into and exported from its territories by such enterprises;

THE CONTRACTING PARTIES

AGREE

1. that notifications required under paragraph 4(a) of Article XVII will be submitted to the CONTRACTING PARTIES not later than 1 February 1958 and that such notifications will be brought up to date annually thereafter; and
2. that the Executive Secretary will transmit to each contracting party all notifications received.

RECOMMEND that notifications should contain the following information:

1. relevant extracts from the basic laws or decrees establishing the State enterprise, or granting exclusive or special privileges to an enterprise;
2. statistics of trade and production, by quantity and value, distinguishing where appropriate between State trade and private trade, as follows:
 - (a) imports of the products covered by the notification;
 - (b) re-exports of such imported products;
 - (c) exports of products covered by the notification; and
 - (d) domestic production of products included in the notification.

Further, the CONTRACTING PARTIES

INVITE contracting parties in respect of which Article XVII (Revised) is not yet in effect and which are willing to do so to submit such notifications in anticipation of the entry into force for them of the Protocol Amending ~~the Preamble of Parts II and III.~~