

SUBJECT: CALCULATION OF INCIDENCE OF DUTIES BY MEMBERS OF THE SUB-GROUP OF THE INTERSESSIONAL WORKING PARTY ON THE REDUCTION OF TARIFF LEVELS

IN RESPONSE TO GATT/AIR/8 OF 3 MARCH 1952, ENQUIRING WHETHER MEMBERS OF THE SUB-GROUP WOULD BE ABLE AND WILLING TO CALCULATE THE AVERAGE AD VALOREM INCIDENCE OF THEIR DUTIES APPLICABLE TO THE PRODUCTS INCLUDED IN EACH OF THE 570 SITC ITEMS, THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED:

1. THE FOLLOWING HAVE ADVISED THAT THE INFORMATION WILL BE SUBMITTED BY THE DATES INDICATED:

BENELUX	-- 5 APRIL.
CANADA	-- FOR 1950 BY THE END OF MARCH, AND SIMILAR INFORMATION FOR 1951 COULD BE SUBMITTED BY THE END OF JULY.
DENMARK	-- EARLY IN MAY.
FRANCE	-- 15 APRIL.
UNITED STATES	-- 1 MAY.

2. FOUR GOVERNMENTS HAVE INDICATED THEIR READINESS TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION, PROVIDED OTHER MEMBERS OF THE SUB-GROUP DO THE SAME:

GERMANY	-- WITHIN FOUR TO SIX WEEKS.
ITALY	-- BY THE END OF APRIL.
NORWAY	-- IT WOULD TAKE SEVERAL MONTHS TO SUPPLY THE INFORMATION.
SWEDEN	-- WITHIN THREE WEEKS.

3. NO REPLY HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM AUSTRIA.

4. THE UNITED KINGDOM GOVERNMENT HAS ADVISED THAT AN ANSWER MAY BE EXPECTED NEXT WEEK.

HENCE, I EXPECT I WILL BE ABLE TO ADVISE THE MEMBERS OF THE SUB-GROUP BY THE END OF THE MONTH WHETHER THEY ARE EXPECTED TO PROCEED WITH THE CALCULATIONS RELATING TO THEIR TARIFFS AS SET OUT IN GATT/AIR/8 AND GATT/IW.2/15.

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