

GATT/AIR/77

31 AUGUST 1955

SUBJECT: SCHEDULE XX - UNITED STATES
 ITEM NO. 371: CONSULTATIONS
 UNDER ARTICLE XIX

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS INFORMED ME THAT ON 19 AUGUST 1955 THE PRESIDENT TOOK ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XIX TO RAISE THE RATES OF DUTY ON BICYCLES BOUND UNDER ITEM NO. 371 IN SCHEDULE XX. THE NEW RATES, WHICH CAME INTO EFFECT AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON 19 AUGUST 1955, ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Tariff Act of 1930, paragraph	Description of Products	Rate of Duty	Rate temporarily made effective on 19 August 1955
371	Bicycles with or without tires, having wheels in diameter (measured to the outer circumference of the tire): Over 25 inches: If weighing less than 36 pounds complete without accessories and not designed for use with tires having a cross-sectional diameter exceeding 1-5/8 inches	\$1.25 each, but not less than 7-1/2% nor more than 15% ad val.	\$1.87½ each not less than 11½% nor more than 22½% ad val.
	Other	\$2.50 each, but not less than 15% nor more than 30% ad val.	\$3.75 each, but not less than 22½% nor more than 30% ad val.

Tariff Act of 1930, paragraph	Description of Products	Rate of Duty	Rate temporarily made effective on 19 August 1955
371 (cent.)	Bicycles with or without tires, having wheels in diameter (measured to the outer circumference of the tire):		
	Over 19 but not over 25 inches	\$2 each, but not less than 15% nor more than 30% ad val.	\$3 each, but not less than 22½% nor more than 30% ad val.
	Not over 19 inches	\$1.25 each, but not less than 15% nor more than 30% ad val.	\$1.87½ each, but not less than 22½% nor more than 30% ad val.

THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT ON 17 MARCH 1955 NOTIFIED THE EMBASSIES OF AUSTRIA, BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY, THE NETHERLANDS AND THE UNITED KINGDOM THAT ACTION UNDER ARTICLE XIX WAS UNDER CONSIDERATION AND GAVE THEM DETAILS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS BY THE TARIFF COMMISSION. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT CONSIDERED THIS NOTIFICATION AS CONSTITUTING A FORMAL COMMENCEMENT OF CONSULTATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE XIX. THE SAME EMBASSIES WERE INFORMED ON 16 AUGUST OF THE INTENDED ACTION AND THAT THE GOVERNMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE XIX WOULD CONSIDER REQUESTS FOR COMPENSATION. ANY OTHER CONTRACTING PARTY WISHING TO ENTER INTO CONSULTATIONS ON THE GROUND THAT IT HAS A SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST SHOULD CONTACT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT AND NOTIFY ME.

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