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Addendum

Legislation of Switzerland

The following communication, dated 21 January 1981, has been received from the Swiss delegation.

With reference to Article 25:2 of the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, Switzerland communicates the following:

The two Chambers of the Swiss Parliament have adopted, by Federal Order of 12 December 1979, the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and by Federal Order of 19 March 1980, the Protocol to the Agreement on Implementation of Article VII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. Thus, the Agreement and the Protocol now have force of law in Switzerland. The texts have been published in the Swiss Federal Gazette (FF 1979 III 288/FF 1980 I 1211) and are included in the Recueil des lois fédérales.

Since the Swiss customs tariff comprises only specific duties, the rules concerning determination of customs value are accordingly not applicable. It goes without saying that Switzerland would apply the Agreement in the event that it adopted - even partially - ad valorem duties and would notify any changes in its national legislation to the Committee on Customs Valuation in accordance with Article 25:2.