

COUNCIL DECISION**of 30 May 1968****on the conclusion of an agreement negotiated with the United States of America under Article XXVIII of GATT on concessions granted to the European Economic Community as a result of the reform of the American Customs Tariff****(68/251/EEC)****THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,**

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, and in particular Articles 111, 114 and 228 thereof;

Having regard to the Common Customs Tariff of the European Economic Community;

Having regard to the Council Decision of 5 December 1961;

Having regard to the Report of the Commission;

Whereas the United States of America has notified its intention, owing to a reform of its Customs Tariff, to modify in accordance with Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade certain concessions affecting the European Economic Community; whereas these modifications have been the subject of negotiations for compensatory adjustment;

Whereas the results of those negotiations are acceptable,

HAS DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:*Article 1*

The Agreement negotiated with the United States of America under Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade is concluded on behalf of the European Economic Community; the text of the Agreement is annexed to this Decision.

Article 2

The Contracting Parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade shall be notified of the conclusion of this Agreement.

Done at Brussels, 30 May 1968.

For the Council

The President

G. LUPIS

ANNEX

I

Conclusion of certain Negotiations between the Government of the United States of America and the European Economic Community

30 June 1967

The Delegation of the United States of America and the Delegation of the European Economic Community, having arrived at a successful completion of the Sixth Round of GATT Trade Negotiations, report that they have now completed (a) negotiations regarding the replacement, by concessions in the Schedule to the General Agreement of the European Economic Community (Schedule XI), of the positions previously contained in Schedules thereto of Belgium, Luxembourg and the Netherlands (Schedule II), of France (Schedule XI), of Italy (Schedule XXVII) and of the Federal Republic of Germany (Schedule XXXIII) corresponding to positions 24.02, 27.09, 27.11, 27.12, 27.13 B and 27.14 B of the Common Customs Tariff of the Community, and (b) renegotiations relating to the establishment of a consolidated schedule to that Agreement of the United States (Schedule XX) in the terms of the revised Tariff Schedules of the United States. They request that the attached list of concessions, which it has been agreed, subject to the approval of the President of the United States, were negotiated by the United States with the Community or with a Member State thereof, be deemed to have been attached to the communications relating to such renegotiations which were circulated in documents L/2678 and Secret /169/Add 1.

*On behalf of the Delegation
of the United States*

W. Michael BLUMENTHAL

*On behalf of the Delegation
of the European Economic Community*

Th. C. HIJZEN

II

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**Article XXVIII – Renegotiation of Schedule XX****United States Concessions to the European Economic Community**

(Subject to approval by the President of the United States)

Concessions on the items listed herein are given in substitution for concessions in Schedule XX existing in early 1966. The product description of each of the concessions shall be that of the same numbered item or statistical subdivision(s) of such item in the Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (1965) and subject to the General, Schedule, Part, and Subpart Headnotes and the provisions of the Appendix of the Tariff Schedules, and to all collateral provisions of the customs laws of the United States.

The attached list designates, in the right-hand column for each concession, the European Economic Community or the Member State thereof with which it was recognized in early 1966 that such concession was initially negotiated at the rate specified therefor. In each of those cases in which a Member State (FR, GY, or IT) or Benelux (BX) is designated, the right-hand column should now be considered as designating the Community (EEC). In each case in which different designations of initial negotiating rights are given at different rates of duty for the same item, the concession at the lower rate shall be the concession now deemed to have been initially negotiated with the Community.

Note: The list of concessions granted by the United States of America, referred to in this document, and the explanatory letter of the United States Government are not published here; these concessions are incorporated in 'Schedule XX', which sets out all tariff concessions negotiated by the United States under GATT and has been published by that organization.