NOTIFICATION BY AUSTRALIA

The following communication, dated 23 October 1981, has been received from the Australian Permanent Mission.

After considering an Industries Assistance Commission (IAC) report, the Australian Government has decided that the duty on parts for hand-propelled vehicles or vehicles of a kind drawn by animals, not being parts (other than wheels) for golf buggies, falling within tariff classification 87.14.21 would be increased from 21 per cent to 25 per cent, with effect from 19 August 1981. Developing country trade in goods falling within this classification amounted to $A 85,805 out of a total of 164,132.

This item was the only item in this report for which the general level of protection was increased and the decision was implemented with a view to bringing the duty into line with the general level of protection for hand-propelled and animal-drawn vehicles which had been reduced from 43 per cent to 25 per cent as a result of the same decision.