DANISH IMPORT SURCHARGE NOTIFIED TO GATT

The Government of Denmark has informed GATT of the introduction of a temporary surcharge on imports into Denmark.

The Director-General of GATT, Mr. Olivier Long, was notified of the Government's intention to introduce the surcharge by Ambassador Erik Thrane, the permanent representative of Denmark to GATT, on 19 October 1971, the day that the proposals were laid before the Danish Parliament.

The surcharge, introduced as from 20 October 1971, is initially at a rate of 10 per cent. The Government intends to reduce this rate to 7 per cent on 1 July 1972 and to 4 per cent on 1 January 1973. The surcharge is to be abolished on 1 April 1973.

The matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the GATT Council.

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