GATT PUBLISHES TRADE POLICY REVIEW FOR FIRST TIME

Twice yearly reviews, prepared by the GATT secretariat, of developments affecting the international trading system are to be published for the first time. The report published today\(^1\) covers the period April-September 1987 and was the subject of examination and discussion in the GATT Council in November 1987.

The reports, issued on the responsibility of the secretariat, analyse and list major trade policy actions by governments during six-month periods. They are based on information supplied by member countries of GATT and on data collected independently by the secretariat. They cover information relating both to individual product sectors and to regional groupings. Trade policy actions under consideration are included as well as exchange rate developments, bilateral trading agreements, voluntary restraint arrangements and countertrade deals.

In future, the reports will be published as quickly as possible after their consideration by the Council. The next report will appear following the Council meeting in June 1988.

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\(^1\) Review of Developments in the Trading System (April-September 1987) available in English, French and Spanish from the GATT secretariat, Centre William Rappard, 154 rue de Lausanne, 1211 Geneva 21, Switzerland. Price Sw F 25.–.

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