GATT COUNCIL SETS UP PANEL CONCERNING UNITED STATES EXPORTS OF POULTRY TO FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF GERMANY

In communications dated 17 October 1963 the Government of the United States and the European Economic Community drew the attention of the Executive Secretary, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, to the dispute between the United States and the Community concerning poultry.

The two parties informed the Executive Secretary that they believed much would be gained by obtaining an impartial opinion on the question set out below. They therefore requested him to convene the Council of Representatives for the purpose of establishing a panel to render an advisory opinion to the two parties concerned, in order to determine:

On the basis of the definition of poultry provided in the common customs tariff of the European Economic Community, and on the basis of the rules and practices under the GATT, the value (in US dollars) to be ascribed, as of 1 September 1960, to United States exports of poultry to the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Council met on 29 October and decided that the panel should be made up as follows:

Mr. Eric Wyndham White, Executive Secretary, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, (Chairman);

H.E. Ambassador Nils Montan, Chief of the Permanent Delegation of Sweden, Geneva;

Mr. Albert Weitnauer, Minister, Delegate of the Federal Council for Trade Agreements, Trade Division, Federal Department of Public Economy, Berne;

Mr. R. Campbell Smith, Counsellor and Special Representative to GATT, Permanent Mission of Canada to the European Office of the United Nations;

Mr. E.P. Donovan, Australian Government Trade Commissioner, Rome.