GROUPS EXAMINING NON-TARIFF BARRIERS
HAVE HELD FIRST MEETINGS

During the period 15-21 July groups, which have been set up as part of the machinery for the Kennedy Round of trade negotiations, have met for a preliminary exchange of views on procedures for the negotiation of certain non-tariff barriers.

The following were among the barriers in which governments have indicated their interest and which were the subject of preliminary discussions in individual groups: certain practices in regard to assessment of duties, including valuation for customs purposes; certain administrative and technical regulations which may hamper imports; government procurement policies; internal taxes on automobiles; restrictions affecting trade in coal.

The work of the groups will be continued after the summer recess.

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