Tariff Negotiations

Participation of the Federal Republic of Germany
in 1950 Tariff Negotiations

Contracting parties were advised in ICITO Airgram 18 of 30 December of the German Federal Republic's desire to take part in the tariff negotiations of 1950. The following is the text of the telegram received from the Allied High Commission, dated 28 December 1949:

"I have the honour to inform you that your letter of 30 September 1949 inviting the Federal Republic to become a party to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and to participate in the coming tariff negotiations was transmitted to the Federal Chancellor on 31 October 1949. You will find attached the translation of the reply of the Federal Chancellor. The Allied High Commission will be happy to be able to transmit to the Chancellor any correspondence which you wish to address to the Federal Government of this subject."

The following is the text of the letter from the Federal Chancellor of 8 December, 1949:

"In his letter of the 31st October 1949 - AGSEC(49)110 - the Secretary General of the Allied High Commission has transmitted to the Federal Government an enquiry by the Interim Commission for the International Trade Organization in Geneva, dated 30 September 1949, concerning the preparedness of the German Federal Republic to accede to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and to enter into the necessary tariff negotiations with the contracting parties.

"In reply to this letter, I have the honour to inform your Excellency that the Federal Government accepts the invitation to participate in the tariff negotiations scheduled for the 28th September 1950, and that it is prepared to enter into the necessary tariff negotiations with the contracting parties."
"The Federal Government regrets that for practical reasons it is unable to transmit the requested data by the 15th January 1950 to the participating governments and to the Secretariat of the Interim Commission; in particular the data concerning the German customs tariff and the list of tariff privileges desired by the Federal Government. These were lost due to the effects of the war and could so far only be partly recovered. They will be submitted in the near future,"