NEW UNITED STATES SCHEDULES OF TARIFF CLASSIFICATION

Communication from the Government of the United States

The following communication has been received from the Government of the United States of America:

"Legislation for the implementation of proposals for new United States tariff schedules is now before the United States Congress.

These proposals were developed by the United States Tariff Commission in accordance with the instruction of the Congress to develop new schedules of tariff classification which will be 'logical in arrangement' and 'adapted to the changes which have occurred since 1930'; and which will 'eliminate anomalies' and 'simplify the determination and application of tariff classifications'. As specified by the Congress, in formulating the proposals, rate changes were limited to those incidental to the accomplishment of the above purposes.

The proposed schedules were submitted to Congress and the President by the Tariff Commission on 15 November 1960. Legislation was introduced for their implementation in August 1961, and the House Ways and Means Committee ordered a bill favourably reported prior to adjournment.

The form of the pending implementing legislation would provide the United States Government with the opportunity of consulting with other countries to conform existing trade agreements to the nomenclature of the new schedules before the new schedules are made effective.

As a result of comments made by interested parties during consideration of implementing legislation by the Ways and Means Committee, and to treat with other matters that have come to its attention, the Tariff Commission is expected shortly to issue a report supplementing its November 1960 proposals."
"In anticipation of possible enactment of implementing legislation next year, followed by the above-mentioned consultation with contracting parties, may we suggest that you call these developments to the attention of the CONTRACTING PARTIES. It should be noted that the United States Government has made sets of the Tariff Commission's schedules available to Washington embassies of the contracting parties."

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1 A set of the schedules has been received by the secretariat and can be inspected at the rue de Lausanne office.