AUSTRALIA - ACCEPTANCE OF THE ANTI-DUMPING CODE

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

I have the honour to inform you that the Australian Government has decided to accept the Agreement on the Implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which includes the Anti-Dumping Code, and I attach the text of a press release by the Australian Minister for Customs and Excise and the Minister for Overseas Trade announcing this decision. I should be grateful if this statement could be circulated to the contracting parties.
The Minister for Overseas Trade, the Hon. J.F. Cairns, and the Minister for Customs and Excise, Senator Lionel Murphy, announced today that the Australian Government had decided to accept the agreement on implementation of Article VI of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which includes the Anti-Dumping Code.

The decision follows consideration of a report by an interdepartmental committee established by the Government to review customs valuation and anti-dumping legislation as announced by Ministers in July. The Committee had invited representations from all interested parties and the response to this invitation had provided the Committee with a great deal of useful information.

The Government concluded that acceptance of the Anti-Dumping Code would place Australia on common ground with its major trading partners without inhibiting its ability to effectively counter injurious dumping.

The Ministers said that a new Anti-Dumping bill to replace the existing Customs Tariff (Dumping and Subsidies) Act 1961-1966 would be introduced during the autumn sittings next year.

The Interdepartmental Committee has not yet completed its studies on the question of valuation. It is to report to the Government by 1 December 1973.