GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

NATIONALITY OF IMPORTED GOODS

Further Statements received from the Contracting Parties

Contracting parties were asked in document L/71 of 21 January 1953 to submit a report describing its present principles and practices in determining the nationality of imported goods.

The report received from the Czechoslovak Government is included in document L/71/Add.1 of 31 July 1953. An additional statement containing changes in the first report has now been received and is reproduced herewith.
Paragraph 1, lines 5 and 6

Substitute the words "must declare the origin of the goods concerned and produce evidence thereof" for the words "must produce a certificate of the country of origin of the goods in question".

Paragraph 2, Definition of Origin

The first sub-paragraph should read as follows:

"The following are considered as products of a specific country: its primary commodities, agricultural and industrial products and goods which have been processed to such an extent in that country as to change their nature or to increase their value considerably."

The following additional sub-paragraph should be added after sub-paragraph 2:

"In cases where it is not possible to determine the origin of the goods according to the method outlined above, it is assumed that the goods have been extracted, produced or manufactured in the country of provenance unless the country of provenance applies to them any arrangement under which the duty is temporarily suspended."