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Para. 4. After "1 January 1959" in the third line insert:

"on imports from within the Community".

In the fourth line substitute the word "extended" for the word "applied".

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Para. 4.(a) The second sentence should read as follows:

"The ad valorem incidence of this specific duty corresponded to the duty of 35 per cent which, it was expected, would be the level of the common external tariff of the European Economic Community; there might not therefore be any further reductions towards third countries."

Para. 4.(b) In the fifth line insert the words "including Associated Overseas Territories" after the words "imports from Community countries".

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Para. 6. In the last line the word "could" should be substituted for "should".

Para. 7. The following new sentence should be added between the existing second and third sentences in that paragraph:

"Attention of the Six was drawn to paragraph 322 of the Report of the Panel of Experts as also to the footnote on page 116 of that Report."

Para. 8. Insert the following sentence as the opening sentence of the paragraph:

"During the discussions some of the representatives of the Six, e.g. Italy, conceded that the existing duty on tea included a fiscal element."

Delete the last sentence of the paragraph.
Para. 15. In the last line insert the word "even" between the words "declined" and "before".

Para. 18. The following redraft of this paragraph is suggested:

"On the other hand, the representatives of the participating countries other than the Six held the view that while there was no direct substitute for the items quoted by the Six, other non-alcoholic beverages were directly substitutable for tea and that, therefore, the preceding argument based on petrol and wine was not sustainable. There was also in their opinion a wide measure of discrimination in the proposed common tariff rates for coffee (16 per cent ad valorem), cocoa (9 per cent) and tea (35 per cent) which would definitely encourage a swing in consumer taste away from tea towards these other beverages. It was also pointed out that plans for expansion of coffee production in the Associated Overseas Territories have been developed to quite a significant extent and that this development was bound to affect the consumption of tea in the Community."

Para. 19. The third sentence of this paragraph should be redrafted as follows:

"The other participating countries pointed out that as the discriminatory provisions have been introduced only w.e.f. 1 January 1959, it would be unreasonable to expect statistical evidence of concrete damage at present. The indications were that import trends within the Community were already changing and that serious damage would inevitably be suffered by third countries unless action were taken now to prevent it. They also stated that they could not agree that the scope of the consultations should be narrowly limited to actual damage. The representatives of the Six said that on this question of the scope of the consultations, the two sides held differing views."

Para. 20. In the third line delete the words "insist on statistical proof of damage" and substitute for them the words "seek to limit the scope of the consultations to actual damage".

Para. 23. Add at the end of the paragraph the following sentence:

"It was also stressed that unless third countries were able to sell their export commodities to the members of the Community unhampered by artificial trade barriers, they would not be able to buy from the Community."

Para. 25. In the fourth line substitute for "possible damage" the words "potential damage".