The following communication, dated 19 January 1961, has been received from the Chairman of the delegation of the Commission of the EEC to the Tariff Conference:

"I have the honour to inform you, on behalf of the Commission of the EEC, that the Council of Ministers has taken a decision on the fixing of common customs tariff duties for paper for newspapers and paper for periodicals.

"The decisions of the Council relating to heading 48.01, as well as the supplementary notes to Chapter 48, were published in the Official Journal of European Communities, No. 84, of 31 December 1960, and are shown in the attached annex."
SUPPLEMENTARY NOTES to Chapter 48

1. "Paper for newspapers", as expressed in heading 48.01A, includes white paper or paper slightly coloured in the stock, containing at least 70 per cent of mechanical wood pulp (by comparison with the total amount of the fibrous composition), where the glazing index, as measured by a Bekk apparatus, does not exceed 130 seconds unsized, weighing from 48 grammes inclusive to 57 grammes inclusive per square metre, with watermarks ranging from a minimum of 4 centimetres to a maximum of 10 centimetres, supplied in reels of at least 31 centimetres in width, with not more than 8 per cent in loading weight, and intended for the printing of newspapers, weeklies or other periodicals appearing at least ten times a year.

2. "Paper for periodicals", as expressed in heading 48.01E, includes white paper or paper slightly coloured in the stock, containing at least 70 per cent of mechanical wood pulp (by comparison with the total amount of the fibrous composition), not corresponding fully to the other characteristics for paper falling within sub-heading 48.01A, where the glazing index, as measured by a Bekk apparatus, does not exceed 250 seconds unsized, weighing 52 grammes inclusive to 63 grammes exclusive per square metre, with watermarks ranging from a minimum of 4 centimetres to a maximum of 10 centimetres, supplied in reels of at least 31 centimetres in width, with not more than 18 per cent in loading weight, and intended for the printing of periodicals appearing at least ten times a year.

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48.01 - Paper and paperboard (including cellulose wadding), machine-made, in rolls or sheets:

A. Paper for newspapers (a) 7%

B. Cigarette paper 14%

C. Kraft paper and kraft paperboard:
   I. Paper intended for the manufacture of paper yarn (a) 6%
   II. Other 18%

D. Paper weighing 15 grammes or less per square metre, intended for the manufacture of stencil paper (a) 6%

E. Others:
   I. Paper for periodicals (a) 16%
   II. Not specified 18%

(a) Admission under this sub-heading is subject to conditions to be determined by the competent authority.