METHODS OF VALUATION FOR CUSTOMS PURPOSES

Communication from the International Air Transport Association

The International Air Transport Association wrote to the Executive Secretary on 3 June 1953 concerning "the international definition of value for customs purposes based on c.i.f. value which was drawn up by the European Customs Union Study Group of Brussels", as follows:

"The IATA Traffic Committee points out that where c.i.f. value is used, goods are subject to higher Customs duty when carried by air than when carried by sea or rail, due to the comparatively higher cost of air transportation. In these circumstances, it feels that consideration should be given to the establishment of a basis of assessment which did not put the air carriers at a disadvantage.

"The purpose of this letter is to bring the Committee's view on this matter to the notice of the appropriate body within your Organization. It is hoped that by so doing, GATT will be able to give favourable consideration to the Committee's view and that future action on the question of the international definition of valuation will take full account of that view."