

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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NOTIFICATIONS

Note by the Secretariat

1. Information on notifications made by signatories under the relevant provisions of the Agreement has been included in section 3 of the Basic Document for the Third Annual Review of the implementation and operation of the Agreement (TBT/10). The present document updates the data contained therein on the total number of notifications and the distribution of notifications under the relevant Articles of the Agreement.

2. A table drawn up in accordance with the Committee's request at its eleventh meeting (TBT/M/11, paragraph 25), showing the extent to which the recommended six weeks period has been observed by signatories, is also included in the present note.

3. From 1 January 1980 to 31 December 1982, 626 notifications have been made by 22 signatories and by the United Kingdom on behalf of Hong Kong. The total number of notifications made by each is as follows:

<u>Signatory</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>Total</u>
Austria	1	7	8	16
Canada	15	15	20	50
Denmark	1	2	1	4
EEC	10	22	8	40
Finland	3	18	17	38
France	-	13	10	23
Germany, Fed. Rep.	-	5	1	6
Hungary	-	3	7	10
Ireland	4	-	-	4
Italy	-	1	1	2
Japan	21	31	47	99
Netherlands	-	3	10	13
New Zealand	6	11	-	17
Norway	5	8	5	18
Philippines	-	-	2	2
Romania	-	4	6	10
Singapore	-	3	1	4
Spain	-	24	-	24
Sweden	11	25	22	58
Switzerland	4	4	2	10
United Kingdom	2	5	6	13
Hong Kong	-	-	2	2
United States	47	91	25	163
Total	<u>130</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>626</u>

4. The distribution of notifications under the relevant Articles of the Agreement is as follows:

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1981</u>	<u>1982</u>	<u>Total</u>
Article 2.5.2	101	227	151	479
Article 2.6.1	13	26	13	52
Article 7.3.2	11	15	33	59
Article 7.4.1	5	-	3	8
Article 2.5.2 and 7.3.2	-	4	1	5
Article 4.1	-	23	-	23

5. The comment period has varied from a minimum of three calendar days after the date of issue of the notification by the secretariat to a maximum of eight months. Signatories have allowed an average of 44 calendar days in 1980, 46 calendar days in 1981 and 43 calendar days in 1982 for comments.

6. In 1980, the comment period had lapsed for 7 notifications when the notification was issued and 25 notifications did not indicate a comment period. In 1981 the comment period had lapsed for 12 notifications and 20 notifications did not indicate a comment period. In 1982 the comment period has lapsed for 1 notification and the number of notifications that did not indicate a comment period was 17.

7. The Committee has recommended six weeks as a suggested minimum length of time to be allowed for the presentation of comments. The respect of this comment period by each signatory is indicated in the table on the following page.

Observation of Recommended Comment Period of
Six Weeks by Signatories

Signatory	1980				1981				1982			
	Total	Less than 6 weeks	6 weeks or more	Not specified	Total	Less than 6 weeks	6 weeks or more	Not specified	Total	Less than 6 weeks	6 weeks or more	Not specified
Austria	1	1			7	6	1		8	6	1	1
Canada	15	4	4	7	15	10	3	2	20	9	7	4
Denmark	1			1	2	1	1	-	1		-	1
EEC	10	1	9		22	5	15	2	8	2	6	
Finland	3	1		2	18	11	5	2	17	5	9	3
France	-	-	-	-	13	4	9		10	9		1
Germany, Fed. Rep.	-	-	-	-	5	2	3		1		1	
Hungary	-	-	-	-	3		3		7		7	
Ireland	4		4		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	-	-	-	-	1	1			1		1	
Japan	21	10	1	10	31	18	6	7	47	36	10	1
Netherlands	-	-	-	-	3	2	1		10	6	4	
New Zealand	6	5		1	11	3	7	1	-	-	-	-
Norway	5	2	1	2	8	7		1	5	3	2	
Philippines	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2		
Romania	-	-	-	-	4	3	1		6	2	4	
Singapore	-	-	-	-	3	3			1		1	
Spain	-	-	-	-	24	6	17	1	-	-	-	-
Sweden	11	5	4	2	25	21	4		22	10	10	2
Switzerland	4	4			4	2	2		2	1	1	
United Kingdom	2	1	1		5	1	4		6	1	2	3
Hong Kong	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2		2	
United States	47	38	9		91	53	34	4	25	7	17	1
Total	<u>130</u>	<u>72</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>295</u>	<u>159</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>201</u>	<u>99</u>	<u>85</u>	<u>17</u>