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UNITED STATES TARIFF COMMISSION

**INVESTIGATIONS OF THE PROBABLE ECONOMIC EFFECT
OF MODIFICATIONS OF DUTIES OR OTHER IMPORT RESTRICTIONS
ON ARTICLES LISTED FOR TRADE-AGREEMENT NEGOTIATIONS**

**Investigations Conducted by the
United States Tariff Commission Under the
Provisions of Section 221 of the
Trade Expansion Act of 1962,
October 12, 1962-June 30, 1967**

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INTRODUCTION

The following compilation summarizes information on investigations that the U.S. Tariff Commission has conducted under the provisions of section 221 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962. 1/

Under section 221 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, the President, before entering into any trade-agreement negotiation, must publish and furnish the Tariff Commission lists of articles which may be considered for modification or continuance of United States duties or other import restrictions, or continuance of United States duty-free or excise treatment. The Commission is then required to make an investigation (including a public hearing) and within six months advise the President with respect to each article of its judgment as to the probable economic effect of modifications of duties or other import restrictions on industries producing like or directly competitive articles, so as to assist the President in making an informed judgment as to the impact that might be caused by such modifications on United States industry, agriculture, and labor.

To give some indication of the scope of the investigations that the Commission has conducted under section 221, the following compilation wherever possible shows, for each investigation, the approximate number of tariff items that were involved in the President's list. Some tariff items relate to a single commodity; many relate to more than one commodity; and several are "basket" provisions, each of which covers a large variety of commodities.

1/ 76 Stat. 872, 19 U.S.C. 1841.

Country	Status
<p>Contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and countries negotiating for accession to that agreement. (Inv. No. 1, sec. 221(b))</p>	<p><u>Origin of investigation:</u> Letter and list of commodities from the President, dated Oct. 21, 1963.</p> <p><u>Scope of investigation:</u> Every article provided for in the <u>Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (1963) (TSUSA)</u> with certain exceptions, as specified in the President's list of Oct. 21, 1963. The investigation covered some 6000 of the approximately 6400 items contained in the Tariff Schedules. The list of articles to be considered for concessions in the proposed trade agreement negotiations were set forth in the President's public notice--issued Oct. 21, 1963--of intention to participate in trade agreement negotiations, primarily in multilateral negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).</p> <p><u>Investigation instituted:</u> Oct. 22, 1963.</p> <p><u>Hearing held:</u> Dec. 2-6, 10-13, 17-20, 1963; Jan. 7-10, 14-17, 21-24, 29-31; Feb. 4-6, 11-14, 18-20, 25-28; Mar. 3-6, 10-13, 17-20, and 24-27, 1964.</p> <p><u>Report submitted to the President:</u> Apr. 22, 1964.</p>

Country	Status
<p>Contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and countries negotiating for accession to that agreement. (Inv. No. 2, sec. 221(b))</p>	<p><u>Origin of investigation:</u> Letter and supplemental list of commodities from the President, dated Feb. 18, 1965.</p> <p><u>Scope of investigation:</u> All articles dutiable under TSUS item numbers 202.41 and 202.43 except certain articles specified in the President's supplemental list. The articles investigated were tropical hardwood lumber products being considered for reduction of duty below 50 percent of the rate existing on July 1, 1962, including elimination of the duty. The items were contained in the President's supplemental public notice--issued Feb. 18, 1965--of intention to consider certain tropical hardwood lumber for duty reductions greater than 50 percent or elimination of duty pursuant to section 213 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1833) in the multilateral tariff negotiations for which the public notice of Oct. 21 had been issued.</p> <p><u>Investigation instituted:</u> Feb. 19, 1965.</p> <p><u>Hearing held:</u> Apr. 6, 1965.</p> <p><u>Report submitted to the President:</u> May 5, 1965.</p>

Country	Status
<p>Contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and countries negotiating for accession to that agreement. (Inv. No. 3, sec. 221(b))</p>	<p><u>Origin of investigation:</u> Letter and supplemental list of commodities from the President, dated Aug. 16, 1966.</p> <p><u>Scope of investigation:</u> Articles specified in the President's list of Aug. 16, 1966. The list involved over 300 TSUS items concerning which the Tariff Schedules Technical Amendments Act of 1965 (P.L. 89-241, 79 Stat. 933) and other legislation amending the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS), enacted subsequent to publication of the notice of Oct. 21, 1963, had affected the rates of duty applicable to a number of articles set out in such notice and had also affected the President's authority to proclaim changes in the rates of duty applicable to such articles. The items were listed in the President's supplemental public notice--issued Aug. 16, 1966--of articles to be considered in the multi-lateral tariff negotiations for which the public notice of Oct. 21, 1963, had been issued.</p> <p><u>Investigation instituted:</u> Aug. 17, 1966.</p> <p><u>Hearing held:</u> Sept. 26-30, 1966.</p> <p><u>Report submitted to the President:</u> Nov. 3, 1966.</p>

Country	Status
<p>Contracting parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade and countries negotiating for accession to that agreement. (Inv. No. 4, sec. 221(b))</p>	<p><u>Origin of investigation:</u> Letter and supplemental list of commodities from the President, dated Apr. 22, 1967.</p> <p><u>Scope of investigation:</u> Articles specified in the President's list of Apr. 22, 1967. The list involved 23 TSUS items which had been included in the original public list of October 1963 but subsequently had become subject to different customs treatment (principally duty-free treatment) chiefly as a result of the legislation signed by the President in October 1966 implementing the Florence Agreement. [See P.L. 89-651, P.L. 89-634, and P.L. 89-806.] The items were listed in the President's supplemental public notice--issued Apr. 22, 1967--of articles to be considered in the multilateral tariff negotiations for which the public notice of Oct. 21, 1963, had been issued.</p> <p><u>Investigation instituted:</u> Apr. 26, 1967.</p> <p><u>Hearing held:</u> None. [Hearing ordered for May 13, 1967, but no requests to testify were received.]</p> <p><u>Report submitted to the President:</u> May 17, 1967.</p>