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Communication from the French Government

The following communication, dated 23 March 1961, has been received from the French Government:

"I have the honour to inform you that the French Government has decided to proceed on 1 April next to a reduction in customs duties of 5 per cent (calculated on the duty in force on 1 January 1957) on nearly all customs items; this reduction will be increased to 10 per cent in the case of certain products of special economic importance.

"This reduction will affect industrial products only but it will be applied to imports of all origins, on the understanding, however, that in the case of imports from countries not members of the European Economic Community, the duty cannot be reduced below the level of the common external tariff.

"This measure may, therefore, be regarded as an anticipation, although in most cases a partial one, of the reduction in duty which is to take place under the terms of the Rome Treaty on 31 December next."

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