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APPLICATION OF THE DECISION ON THE VALUATION OF CARRIER MEDIA BEARING SOFTWARE FOR DATA PROCESSING EQUIPMENT

Addendum

EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES AND UNITED STATES

The Decision on the Valuation of Carrier Media Bearing Software for Data Processing Equipment (VAL/8) provides that those Parties adopting the practice referred to in paragraph 2 of the Decision shall notify the Committee of the date of its application. GATT/AIR/2068 invited the Parties concerned to communicate this information to the secretariat.

The following information has been received from the delegations of the European Communities and of the United States.

European Communities

Council Regulation (EEC) No.1055/85, introduced as a consequence of paragraph 2 of the Committee's Decision, entered into force on 1 May 1985. The text of this Regulation was circulated in document VAL/1/Add.2/Suppl.7 of 9 May 1985.

In notifying this Regulation, the Community stated that:

"Its decision on the valuation of carrier media bearing software is being implemented by the Community on an autonomous basis without prejudice to its right to negotiate its tariff on software in any future round of multilateral trade negotiations within the GATT or to the possibility of the adoption of an alternative autonomous tariff measure producing equivalent effects."

United States

A notice in connection with the reaffirmation by the United States Government of practices consistent with paragraph 2 of the Committee's Decision was published in the Federal Register of 26 July 1985. The text of this notice is being circulated as document VAL/1/Add.1/Suppl.5.