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GATT ANTI-DUMPING CODE

The Prime Minister, Mr Whitlam, released today a report by Sir John Crawford and by Mr G.A. Rattigan (Chairman of the Industries Assistance Commission) on arrangements for imposing dumping duties in accordance with the anti-dumping code laid down by the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The report recommended that legislation to implement Australia's accession to the anti-dumping code should provide for the Minister for Customs and Excise to take anti-dumping action in respect of any goods which he is satisfied are being dumped in Australia and are causing or threatening material injury to established domestic industry or are materially retarding the establishment of a domestic industry. If the Minister requires independent advice it was recommended that the legislation provide for the matter to be referred to the Industries Assistance Commission and that provision also be made for appeals to the Commission against the Minister's decision on a dumping complaint.

As announced by Mr Whitlam at his press conference on 11 December 1973, Cabinet has accepted the recommendations of the report.

Copies of the report are available from the Prime Minister's Press Office or the Protection Policy Division of the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

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