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EEC Committee approves common rules  
for goods in transit.

On 18 March M. Guido Colonna di Paliano took the chair at a meeting in Brussels of the Customs Committee attended by the heads of customs departments in the Member States.

The Committee reviewed the work done by experts on the finishing trade and agreed to continue the preparation of common rules in this field and to organize a consultation procedure by which a common attitude on the lines of economic policy on which the system is based can be reached between now and the end of the transitional period.

It also approved the conclusions of the experts on a Community system for transit trade, without which the removal of trade barriers within the EEC cannot be completed. The new rules should come into operation at the earliest possible moment, before the end of the transition period and before the full harmonization of national regulations on the importation of foreign goods.

The Committee also confirmed the agreement worked out by the experts on the interpretation of the concept of free competition which is an essential element in the uniform application of the Convention on the valuation of goods for customs purposes.

Finally, it reviewed the progress made in the application of Commission recommendations in the field of customs legislation.

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