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EEC Commission withdraws Court action against France

The Commission has withdrawn its action against France in the "Diefan" case 38/65.

The Commission had brought proceedings in the Court of Justice under Article 169 of the Treaty, alleging that France had committed an infringement of Articles 12 and 14, by raising, after the Treaty came into force, customs duty on imports of Diefan from Germany to a rate higher than that levied on 1.1.57 and 1.1.58.

Because of new factors presented by the French Government in the Commission has decided not to continue these proceedings, and announced to the Court of Justice its intention of withdrawing. Consequently, the Court has ordered the case to be struck off the register.