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Progress made in Customs Legislation Alignment.

The Customs Committee met on 6 December under the chairmanship of M. Colonna di Paliano. This committee, composed of heads of national customs departments, periodically reviews the progress made by the Commission in aligning customs legislation.

M. Colonna di Paliano stressed the necessity for completing the essential work to reduce frontier controls as much as possible and to ensure uniform application of the common customs tariff by 1 July 1968.

The examination of the German delegation's proposal on bonded warehouses was continued. Substantial progress was made, particularly in settling the date applicable for customs valuation.

The French delegation then submitted a proposal to facilitate movement of goods in transit within the Community by restricting to a minimum the delays at frontiers.

At the next meeting, on 27 January 1967, the Committee will take a final look at the proposal on bonded warehouses and will return to the question of transit within the Community. In the meantime, the Commission's staff will prepare a proposed regulation on the latter subject, after experts have reached agreement on certain technical points.

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