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# THE HIGH AUTHORITY

## INFORMATION

**Letter addressed by the High Authority, on November 17, 1955, to the Italian Government concerning application of Section 30 of the Convention**

YOUR EXCELLENCY,

With reference to the High Authority's letter of July 23, 1954 (*Official Gazette of the Community, August 1, 1954, pp. 17-19*), concerning the application of Section 30 of the Convention containing the Transitional Provisions to the Italian special steels industry, and with further reference to the discussions and correspondence which have taken place since that date, I have the honour to inform you that, in accordance with Section 30, 1 of the Convention, the High Authority has decided as follows:

- (1) The rates of duty payable on high-carbon steels, free-cutting steels, spring steels and electrical (dynamo) sheet (as given in columns 1, 2a, 2b and 3 of the annex to the letter of July 23, 1954), which have already been reduced by the Italian Government with effect from August 1 of this year to the level of the duties payable on ordinary steels, shall be subject to the same regulations as the aforementioned ordinary steels. Accordingly, these rates of duty must not exceed the maximum rates approved by the High Authority for ordinary steels. They will consequently be subject, as from May 1, 1956, to the same annual reductions as apply to the duties on ordinary steels.
- (2) The maximum rates of duty payable on the remaining special steels from December 1, 1955, to April 30, 1957, are set forth in the annex to this letter.

The High Authority takes this opportunity to recall that it has, in the course of the discussions mentioned above, expressed certain apprehensions as to the situation which might arise when new stainless-sheet plant is put into operation. It was, however, recognized that the problems involved were as yet not a matter of immediate concern.

Please accept, &c.

## ANNEX TO LETTER TO ITALIAN GOVERNMENT

*Special Steels*

	Alloy structural steels (1)		High-speed steels (4)	Stainless steels (5)	Alloy steels for ball-bearings (6)	Heat-resisting alloy steels (7) and alloy magnet steels (8)	Alloy tool steels and other alloy steels (9)
	(2)	(3)					
I. Ingots, blooms, billets, slabs, sheet bars, coils for sheet and plate ...	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
II. Wire-rod ...	4	4	4	4	3,5	4	4
III. Bars (incl. hollow bars for mining, sections)	7	5	5	7	5	5	5
IV. Hoop and strip ...	7	6	5	7	5	5	5
V. Universal plate and sheet ..	7	7	6	7	5	5	6
	7	7	6	7	5	5	6

(1) as defined in the common nomenclature;

(2) containing 1·6% and under of nickel;

(3) containing over 1·6% of nickel;

(4) as defined in the Italian Customs tariff now in force, viz.

over 9% of tungsten, vanadium and molybdenum together, also with other alloying elements;

(5) as defined in the Italian Customs tariff now in force, viz.

over 12% of chromium, also with other alloying elements;

(6) containing 0·95%–1·10% incl. of carbon,  
1·40%–1·65% incl. of chromium,

and any other alloying element in amounts below the limits prescribed in the common nomenclature for alloy steels;

(7) containing over 44% of chromium and nickel together, also with other alloying elements;

(8) containing 1% and over of carbon,

6%–12% incl. of chromium,

2% and over of cobalt;

(9) alloy steels as defined in the common nomenclature which do not come within the terms of (1)–(8) above.

# THE COURT OF JUSTICE

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### **Election of the President of the Court**

The Judges of the Court of Justice, meeting in Council on December 1, 1955, proceeded to the election of a President, in accordance with Article 32 of the Treaty and Article 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Court.

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