

## Consolidated version of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union

### PART THREE

#### UNION POLICIES AND INTERNAL ACTIONS

##### TITLE II

#### FREE MOVEMENT OF GOODS

##### CHAPTER 1

#### THE CUSTOMS UNION

##### *Article 30*

##### **(ex Article 25 TEC)**

Customs duties on imports and exports and charges having equivalent effect shall be prohibited between Member States. This prohibition shall also apply to customs duties of a fiscal nature.

##### *Article 31*

##### **(ex Article 26 TEC)**

Common Customs Tariff duties shall be fixed by the Council on a proposal from the Commission.

##### *Article 32*

##### **(ex Article 27 TEC)**

In carrying out the tasks entrusted to it under this Chapter the Commission shall be guided by:

- (a) the need to promote trade between Member States and third countries;
- (b) developments in conditions of competition within the Union in so far as they lead to an improvement in the competitive capacity of undertakings;
- (c) the requirements of the Union as regards the supply of raw materials and semi-finished goods; in this connection the Commission shall take care to avoid distorting conditions of competition between Member States in respect of finished goods;
- (d) the need to avoid serious disturbances in the economies of Member States and to ensure rational development of production and an expansion of consumption within the Union.