The Government of Haiti has intimated that a law was promulgated on 21 January last establishing a Customs surtax of 3% calculated on the CIF value of all goods imported into Haiti, without prejudice, however, to the special surtax of 20% levied on the total amount of each Customs statement in accordance with the Decree-law of 29 November 1937.

The letter from the Government of Haiti dated 25 February explains that this measure was prompted by the need to make good the loss caused to the Public Treasury of Haiti by the abolition of a consumption tax, receipts from which had been included in the budget estimates for the year.

The text of the above-mentioned laws is given below:

... the Legislative Assembly voted the following law:

**Article 1.** The law of 8 September 1948 on the consumption tax is hereby abrogated.

**Article 2.** A special Customs surtax of 3% is established on imports, subject, however, to the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article 1 of the Reciprocal Trade Agreement between the United States of America and Haiti of 28 March 1935.

**Article 3.** This surtax shall be calculated on the CIF value of the imported articles, to which shall be added import duties, including handling charges and stamp duty, but not including Customs fines.

**Article 4.** The present law abrogates all laws or provisions of laws which are incompatible therewith; it shall come into force as soon as it is published and shall be implemented by the Secretaries of State for Finance, for National Economy and for Trade, each in so far as he is concerned.

Given at the Chamber of Deputies etc.

Given at the National House etc.

IN THE NAME OF THE REPUBLIC

The President of the Republic orders etc.

Given at the National Palace, Port-au-Prince, 21 January 1949, 146th year of independence.
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Article 1. Article 1 of the law of 24 September 1932, as modified by Article 1 of the law of 11 March 1937, is amended as follows:

"A surtax of 20% of the total amount of any Customs statement for imported goods, including supplementary charges, but not including stamp duty, shall be levied as an additional Customs duty on all imports declared from the date of promulgation and publication of the present law".

Article 2. The present Decree-law abrogates all provisions of laws which are incompatible therewith and shall be implemented by the Secretaries of State for Finance and for Trade.

Given at the National Palace, Port-au-Prince, 29 November 1937, 134th year of independence etc.

By authorisation of the Permanent Committee of the National Assembly:

IN THE NAME OF THE REPUBLIC

The President of the Republic orders etc.

Given at the National Palace etc.