CONSULAR FORMALITIES

Addendum

BRAZIL

The Government of Brazil has reported the following actions in the field of consular formalities, which represent serious and effective efforts to abolish consular formalities and fees. The Brazilian authorities concerned intend to continue study of the matter with a view to further simplification of Brazil's foreign trade regulations.

A. Law No. 5,025, dated 10 June 1966

This Law provides:

"Art. 56 - Consular visas on commercial invoices corresponding to imports originating in countries which grant the same treatment to Brazilian exports destined to them are free from payment of fees."

(i) This legal provision came into force abroad on 15 September 1966.

(ii) It is also applied to reformed commercial invoices.

(iii) As of 30 June 1967, the above-envisioned treatment was being applied to the following countries:

Algeria
Australia
Austria
Belgium
Bulgaria
Canada
Ceylon
Colombia
Costa Rica
Czechoslovakia
Denmark
Finland
France
Germany, Fed. Rep. of

Greece
Guatemala
Hungary
Iceland
Indonesia
Ireland
Israel
Italy
Japan
Luxembourg
Malaysia
Netherlands, Kingdom of
Nigeria
Norway

Poland
Portugal
Senegal
Singapore
South Africa
Spain
Sweden
Switzerland
Thailand
Turkey
USSR
United Kingdom
United States
Yugoslavia
B. Decree No. 60,177, dated 2 February 1967

This Decree abolishes the requirement of consular clearance of merchant ships, national or foreign, which sail to Brazilian ports.

(i) The fees due will be received by the customs in Brazil.

(ii) The fees imposed on the visa of the crew roll will be paid only at the first Brazilian port touched by the ship.

C. Law No. 5,304, dated 2 July 1967

(i) Consular clearance will no longer be required for the documents necessary for entry into Brazil of aircraft belonging to enterprises, national or foreign, authorized to operate scheduled flights to and from Brazil.

(ii) "Consular clearance", for the purposes of this Law, should be understood to mean the formality of consular visa and the imposition of consular fees on the "General Declaration" and on the "Air bill of lading".

(iii) However, the consular visa on the "Air bill of lading" will be required when the bill replaces the commercial invoice.