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SCHEDULE XXI - URUGUAY

Adjustment of Aforos

The Government of Uruguay has notified the secretariat that by Decree No. 624/967 of 19 September 1967 the aforos laid down in the General Import Tariff and the Raw Materials Tariff have been increased by 100 per cent. The text of the Decree is annexed.

The Government of Uruguay requests that this matter be put on the agenda for the twenty-fourth session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

Announcing a 100 per cent increase in "aforos" on imported goods included in the General Tariff of import "aforos" and the General Tariff on Raw Materials, and providing for certain exceptions thereto.

Having regard to the fact that the Tariff Board of the National Customs Department has proposed a 100 per cent increase in the "aforos" on imports included in the General Tariff of import "aforos" and the General Tariff on Raw Materials;

Considering:

I. That it is necessary to adjust the existing "aforos" in the General Tariff on import "aforos", the Raw Materials Tariff and other differential tariffs in force, in order to adjust the official valuation of imported goods to requirements of a fiscal, exchange, economic and technical character;

II. That it is desirable for practical reasons not to establish discriminatory adjustments for each product subject to an "aforo" and accordingly that it is appropriate in this case to resort to the procedure envisaged by the Decrees of 14 June 1943, 22 December 1950, 23 June 1960, No. 298 of 13 August 1964, No. 222/966 of 12 May 1966, and No. 238 of 19 May 1966;

III. That this increase of a limited character is not an imprudent increase in the "aforos" but is smaller than would be required in order to adjust them to the real value of the goods concerned, which procedure is permitted under international agreements and provided for in our legislation, so that it will have virtually no repercussions on the prices of the goods subject to increased "aforos";

Having regard to the findings of the Economic, Financial and Legal Advisers of the Ministry of Finance,

The President of the Republic hereby decrees as follows:

Article 1

Until such time as the full value of warehoused goods is determined the "aforos" in force, as established by the General Tariff on import "aforos" and the Raw Materials Tariff, shall be increased by 100 per cent.

Article 2

The same increase shall also apply to all other differential tariffs, to the extent permitted under agreements and conventions in force.
Article 3

The increase provided for in Articles 1 and 2 above shall not apply to "aforos" in the Raw Materials Tariff established or amended since 18 October 1965.

Article 4

This Decree shall take effect on the day following its publication in the daily newspapers of the capital.

Article 5

This Decree shall be brought to the notice of the General Assembly.

Article 6

This Decree shall be communicated, etc.,