PORTUGAL - NEW IMPORT DUTIES

The following communication, dated 15 June 1976, has been received from the permanent delegation of Portugal.

I have the honour to forward to you herewith the unofficial translation of Legislative Decree No. 426/76 (1 June 1976) establishing new import duties for certain tariff headings in cases where the goods come from countries to which the most-favoured-nation clause is applicable.

In respect of one of the tariff headings in question - 84.12 - a bound duty of 6 per cent was in force. This rate of duty is now reduced to 1.2 per cent.

I would be grateful if you would kindly circulate the text of the enactment in question to the contracting parties.
Ministry of Finance
Department of the Budget
General Customs Directorate

Legislative Decree No. 426/76 dated 1 June 1976

By virtue of the authority prescribed in Article 3, paragraph 3, of the Constitutional Act No. 6/75 of 26 March 1975, the Government decrees and I hereby direct that the following provisions shall have the force of law:

Article 1: Imports of goods falling within the undermentioned tariff headings, where originating in countries to which the most-favoured-nation clause applies, shall henceforth be subject to the following rates of duty:

- 29.44.05 ........................................ 1.2%
- 30.03.04 ........................................ 7.5%
- 38.19.09 ........................................ 4.8%
- 84.06.03 ........................................ 1.2%
- 84.12 ........................................... 1.2%
- 84.17.05 ........................................ 2.4%
- 85.15.03 ........................................ 2.4%
- 85.21.03 ........................................ 2.6%
- 87.03.03 ........................................ Free
- 88.03 ........................................... 1.2%
- 90.14 ........................................... 2.6%
- 90.17.02 ........................................ 2.6%
- 90.28.04 ........................................ 2.6%
- 97.04.04 ........................................ $16/kg. *

Article 2: The régime laid down by this Decree shall be applied as from the date of its publication and shall remain in force until 1 July 1977.

Seen and approved in Council of Ministers - José Baptista Pinheiro de Azevedo - Vítor Manuel Ribeiro Constâncio - António Miguel de Morais Barreto.

Promulgated on 20 May 1976.

To be published.

The President of the Republic, FRANCISCO DA COSTA GOMES.

* $ = Portuguese escudos.