CUBAN CUSTOMS TARIFF AND IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

List of items subjected to Import Restrictions

1. The Cuban Government has requested the clarification of paragraph 1 of document L/800/Add.1. It is pointed out that the list annexed thereto is not one of products subject to quantitative restriction, as indicated, but of goods the import of which has been brought under supervisory control. Quantitative restriction would be introduced to any of these products only if imports are found to exceed certain levels, in accordance with the authorization granted to Cuba by the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 30 November 1957.

2. In order to enable the contracting parties to have a clearer idea of the nature of this list, the text of the "Acuerdo" issued by the Ministerial Commission for Tariff Reform which contains the list, is reproduced herewith in English translation.
ANNEX

Ministerial Commission for Tariff Reform

ACUERDO

on the list of products and merchandise the import of which is subject to the régime established by Decree No. 228 of 28 January 1958

The Ministerial Commission for Tariff Reform,

CONSIDERING that Decree No. 228 of 28 January 1958 is designed to prevent imports of products and goods into Cuba from reaching an abnormally high level by reason of the possible effect, in regard to such products and goods, of the international negotiations which have already been initiated or which will be initiated shortly with a view to bringing the trade agreements and trade arrangements to which Cuba is a party into conformity with the customs tariff promulgated on 22 January last, which will enter into force on 24 February;

CONSIDERING that although, pursuant to Article 2 of the above-mentioned Decree, certain products and goods may not be considered as being imported in abnormal quantities, nevertheless the last paragraph of that Article empowers the Ministerial Commission for Tariff Reform to add to that list any products which it may deem appropriate;

HEING CONVINCED of the need to reduce the list of products or goods which are subject to restriction, in order not to impede freedom to import or to delay such products or goods from being offered for consumption;

AGREES as follows:

1. In addition to the products and goods specified in Article 2 of Decree No. 228, the products not included in the list hereafter shall be exempted from the controls applicable to imports in abnormal quantities pursuant to the said Decree No. 228 of 28 January 1958, as modified by Decree No. 370 dated this day.

2. The products and goods listed below shall be subject to the import controls instituted by Decree No. 228 of 28 January 1958:

(For list, see document L/800/Add.1).