Eleventh Session

CONSULAR FEES

Charged by the Contracting Parties maintaining Consular Formalities

A. Countries which generally require consular formalities

Brazil

- suppression of requirement in connection with the introduction of the new tariff under consideration -

Consular Fees

Consular Invoices up to US $1000 f.o.b. factory ..... US $8.00
each additional US $500 value or fraction ............ US $2.00

Furthermore specific charges up to US $8.00 are collected for additional copies of invoices, certificates of origin, bills of lading etc. Fifty per cent reduction for imports on the Lloyds Brasilero have been suppressed by a law of 13 July 1955.

Fees levied at the Consulate.

Chile

- system under review -

Consular Fees

Consular Invoices of a value over US $50 ........ 2.625% of f.o.b. value
less than US $50 ........ 5% " " "

Charges varying from US $1 to 9 for Bills of Lading, additional copies of commercial invoices, etc.

Fees levied at the Consulate.

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1 Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc. (1955)

2 Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc. (1954) and Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd., (Shipping Office), Liverpool (1956)

Spec/178/56
English only
Cuba

- Committee appointed in Summer 1956 to examine the possibility to conform with the recommendation -

Consular Fees

Consular Invoices on merchandise of United States, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, British Commonwealth and Possessions (except Jamaica), Burma, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, Czechoslovakia, France (including French Colonies), India, Haiti, Italy, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Territories, Newfoundland, Iceland, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Puerto Rico, South Rhodesia, Spain, Union of South Africa, Switzerland or West Germany......

... 2% of f.o.b. steamer value

On merchandise of other foreign origin ............

... 5% of f.o.b. steamer value

On printing paper imported direct by publisher or magazines or newspapers, etc. ... gratis

Cuba Tax Stamp .................. US $0.25

Rubber Stamp ...................... US $0.25

(Both required on original of any document actually legalized; consular invoice, Bill of Lading covering foreign origin goods, powers of attorney, certificates of free sales, etc.).

Dominican Republic

- no statement concerning suppression yet -

Consular Fees

For all invoices.............. 3% of the f.o.b. value

plus charges varying from US $0.25 to 7 for certain documents.

Special fees levied at Consulates, 3% tax levied at importation with customs duties.

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1 Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc. (1956)

2 Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc. (1954)
Haiti

- sees difficulties to remove in time the requirement of consular visas -

Consular Fees

Consular Invoices ........... 1% of f.o.b. value, minimum US $2.00 plus small fees for certain certifications.

To be paid at the Consulates.

Nicaragua

- no statement concerning suppression yet -

Consular Fees

Consular Invoice ........................................ 5% of f.o.b. value

Shipments to Neptune Co. ......................... 3%

" to Government Painting Industry .... 5%

Tax has to be paid in stamps which can also be bought in certain places abroad, e.g. Grace National Bank, New York.

Peru

- no statement concerning suppression yet -

Consular Fees

Charges varying from US $0.80 to 10.00 on various documents.

To be paid at the Consulates.

Turkey

- no statement concerning suppression yet -

Consular Fees

Over US $3,600 ............... 0.3% of f.a.s. value
Under US $3,600 ...................... 0.5%

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1 Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc. (March, 1956)
2 Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc. (June, 1956)
3 Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc. (August 1956)
4 Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc. (April, 1956)
Uruguay

- no statement concerning suppression yet -

Consular Fees

Consular Invoice basic fee ... US $10.50...
plus f.o.b. value multiplied with 1.90 pesos x 0.001 x
US $2.10 (consular rate)
plus rates varying from US $0.75 to 21 for special certification.

To be paid at the consulates.

B. Countries which exceptionally require consular formalities

Belgium

- only for textile gloves imported from Hong Kong -
- temporary measure only -

Consular Fees

No details available of this system introduced by a decision of
8 March 1956.

Ceylon

- for trans-shipped preferential goods only -
- suppression contemplated by end of 1956 -

Consular Fees

No information available.

France

- the requirement of consular formalities has been suppressed on
a basis of reciprocity in most instances -
- suppression of remaining requirements contemplated by end of 1956 -

Consular Fees

Fixed charges varying according to the country and the type of
certification from French Francs 500 to 12,500.

1 Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc. (1955)
2 Moniteur Officiel du Commerce et de l'Industrie (7 June 1956)
Greece

- for trans-shipped goods only -
- no statement concerning suppression yet -

Consular Fees

Certification of origin .................... US $2.44

Indonesia

- for imports from Singapore only -
- in the interest of small scale trade; shipments accompanied with certificates can be imported through small customs houses otherwise not authorized to deal with such imports -

Consular Fees

Certificates of origin ................................ 4 o/oo

Sweden

- only for imports for which health, veterinary or similar certificates are necessary -
- the government is considering to change the system -

Consular Fees

Small fee for each certification

No details available.

United States

- few cases only connected with assets control -
- will disappear automatically with the end of that control -

Consular Fees

No fees are levied.

1 Commerce and Industry Association of New York, Inc. (March, 1956)