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Commodity Annex No. 4

BANANAS

Amendments Proposed by the United Kingdom Delegation

PART ONE

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Present Import Duties of the Six

Line 3, etc. Delete "In the tariffs ... had been suspended" and insert "However, of these duties the German tariff had been suspended for some years and ..."

The Establishment of the Common Tariff

Line 2, etc. Delete "Germany will impose ... but a" and insert "During the transition period a ..."

Line 4. For "that" read "for".

Line 5. Delete "may be maintained" and insert "in Germany."

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The Applicability of the Agricultural Provisions of the Treaty

Line 1. Delete "are therefore" and insert "may therefore be made".

At end of paragraph insert "No information could, however, be given on whether nor if so in what form, these provisions would be applied to bananas".

PART TWO

Page 4

2. Other GATT countries. Columns for Nigeria should now read across 67, 7 and 2(b) \1955 figures/ and 69, 7 and 2(b) \1956 figures/.

Note (b) should appear below note (a) as follows:-

"b) Bananas are approximately % of the exports of the Cameroons area of Nigeria."

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Para. 3, line 1. Delete "all these" and insert "certain".

Line 6. Insert before "British Cameroons" the words "Trusteeship territory of the".

After "British Cameroons" insert "(which forms part of Nigeria)".

After "British West Indies" insert as new sentence "Bananas are also important to".

Line 8. Delete "Colombia".

Para. 4, line 2. For stagnant" read "static".

Para. 5, line 1. For "Associated" read "Overseas".

Line 4. Delete "270,000" and insert"160,000".

Between "and" and "D.O.M.'s" insert "110,000 tons from the ..."

Page 6, line 5. Insert after"134,000 tons" the word "etc.".

Line 6. Delete "etc.".

Para. 7, line 7. "This source" should be deleted and "these sources" inserted.

Varieties

Para. 7, line 3. Delete "sub-species" and insert "types".

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Para. 13, line 5. Insert after "been prevented" the words "from time to time".

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Line 16. For "stagnant" read "static".

Line 18. For "construct" read "provide".

Para. 15, line 4. Delete "Thus". Start new sentence with "Production".

Line 5. Delete "which".
Line 6. After "tons" beginning of line, insert "but it would have been substantially higher if it had not been for a number of disastrous hurricanes in recent years. Production ..."

Last line. Insert after "planned in" the word "other".

Page 10, line 1. For "consumers" read "producers".

Line 3. Delete "prices to producers" and insert "producer prices".

PART THREE

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Para. 1, line 12. Insert after "preference for" the words "bananas from".

Line 13. Insert after "nor" the word "indeed".

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Para. 3, line 7, etc. Delete sentence "They concluded ... were not clear".

Last line. Delete "the quotas" and insert "they". Continue end of sentence with "but in certain circumstances they could have no appreciable influence of the price level. Bananas imported duty-free into Germany might also be on-shipped to the other parts of the Community where price levels were higher."

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At end of last sentence in top para, add "Indeed, without such a switch it was difficult to imagine in what markets the additional banana production of the French overseas territories would be sold."

Para. 8, line 18, etc. Delete "It appeared to them, therefore that" and insert "Since the wording of the Protocol required business circles to enter into negotiations, whether or not they wished to do so, ..."

Insert "instruction" after "governmental".

Line 19. Delete "invitation".

Line 20. Insert after "practices" a semi-colon and "practices".

Line 23. Insert after "was the" the word "general".
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Para. 11, line 5. Delete "overseas territories of the Community" and insert "A.O.T.s in all the markets of the Member States of the Community".

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Para. 12, line 3. Insert sentence beginning on line 6 "Exports from the A.O.T.s, ... in the Belgian territories." after "tree is planted."

Line 6. After "French Cameroons" insert new sentence "Experience in Jamaica showed that there was no difficulty in changing over to more disease-resistant varieties. Even more highly disease-resistant varieties were being developed which should further expand production in due course."

Line 15. Delete "would" and insert "could".
Delete "at least" and insert "as much as".

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Para. 15, line 8. After "Latin America." insert "This would involve a shift away from the Gros Michel banana, but the price attractiveness of A.O.T. bananas and the terms of the protocol referred to in para. 8 above should ensure that such a shift takes place rapidly."

Insert at end of para. "The Trade of third countries with the Six, a large part of which is thus placed in jeopardy, is some 375,000 tons worth, about $55 million."

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Para. 21, line 5. After "bananas," insert "which were in any case likely to be depressed in the future. These further depressing factors could"...

For "resulting" read "result".
Insert after "in a" the word "further".

Line 6. Delete "which might well be to" and insert "of".
Delete "$50 million" and insert "$40 to $60 million."

Line 7. After "affect all" insert "banana".

Para. 23, line 9. Delete "bananas would accordingly by subject to" and insert "the".
Line 1. After "the Treaty." insert "would be applied to bananas to give further preferential assistance to the banana trade of the A.O.T.s".