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NEGOTIATIONS UNDER ARTICLE XXVIII

Result of Negotiations

There is herewith circulated the result of Cuba's negotiations under Article XXVIII with the United States. According to the communication of the Government of Cuba, dated 3 February, the modifications were to be made effective as of 15 February 1956.

PARTIES CONTRACTANTES

NEGOCIATIONS AU TITRE DE L'ARTICLE XXVIII

Résultat de négociations

L'on trouvera ci-joint le résultat des négociations de Cuba avec les Etats-Unis d'Amérique au titre de l'article XXVIII. Selon la communication de Cuba en date du 3 février 1956, les modifications ont été mises en application à compter du 15 février 1956.

Results of Negotiations under Article XXVIII for
the Modification or Withdrawal of Concessions in
the Schedule of Cuba Initially Negotiated with
the United States of America

CHANGES IN SCHEDULE IX - CUBA

A. CONCESSIONS TO BE WITHDRAWN

None.

B. CONCESSIONS TO BE MODIFIED

In Part I of Schedule IX:

<u>Tariff Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Products</u>	<u>Rates of Duty Bound in Exist- ing Schedule. (Specific duty</u>	<u>Rates of Duty to be Bound in Cuban pesos)</u>
95-D	Sulphate of ammonia; phosphates and superphosphates of lime; nitrates of potash and of soda; sulphate of potash, muriate or chloride of potassium, and monoammonium phosphate. ^{1/}	Free	Free
95-J	Sulphate of aluminum.	Free	2.00 per 100 Kgs.

In Part II of Schedule IX:

<u>Tariff Item Number</u>	<u>Description of Products</u>	<u>Rates of Duty Bound in ex- isting Schedule, (Specific duty in Cuban pesos)</u>	<u>Rates of Duty to be Bound</u>
11-G	"Bolas" and other articles of glass and crystal for Christmas trimmings. ^{2/}	12.00 per 100 Kgs.	2.40 per Kg.
19	Manufactures of cement, with or without mixture of other materials, hollow or not:		
19-A	In roofing tile, plates and sheets.	0.64 per 100 Kgs.	1.68 per 100 Kgs.

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of Duty Bound in Exist- ing Schedule (Specific duty in Cuban pesos)	Rates of Duty to be Bound
36	Wrought iron or steel, rolled:		
36-B	In bars of all shapes, including rods, rims and hoops, except bars specifically classified.	0.30 per 100 Kgs.	0.30 per 100 Kgs.
36-C	Bars of rolled steel for construction purposes, plain or corrugated, in any shape. ^{3/}	0.30 per 100 Kgs.	3.00 per 100 Kgs., but not less than 20% ad valorem.
36-D	Bars of fine crucible steel or fine steel cast by other methods.	1.20 per 100 Kgs.	1.20 per 100 Kgs.
GROUP 4. COPPER AND ITS ALLOYS OF ORDINARY METALS (BRASS, BRONZE, ETC.)			
63	Wire:		
63-A	Of one millimeter or more in diameter.	3.00 per 100 Kgs.	23.00 per 100 Kgs., but not less than 25% ad valorem.
63-B	Of less than one millimeter in diameter.	4.20 per 100 Kgs.	25.00 per 100 Kgs., but not less than 25% ad valorem.
64-A	Copper wire and cable, covered with any insulating material and sheathed with lead tubing.	1.80 per 100 Kgs.	0.18 per Kg.
64-B	Copper wire and cable, covered with any insulating material, with or without sheathing of any additional material except lead tubing. ^{4/}	1.80 per 100 Kgs.	0.25 per Kg., but not less than 30% ad valorem.

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of Duty Bound in exist- ing Schedule	Rates of Duty to be Bound
		(Specific duty in Cuban pesos)	
64-C	Submarine cables of all kinds, not elsewhere specified.	1.50 per 100 Kgs.	1.50 per 100 Kgs.
95-C	Salts of ammonia (except sulphate); silicate of potash; sulphates of iron, magnesium and barium (barytes); salts of copper; oxide and carbonate of magnesia; hyposulphites and borax. 5/	0.25 per 100 Kgs.	0.25 per 100 Kgs.
95-H	Chloride of calcium.	0.25 per 100 Kgs.	0.94 per 100 Kgs.
95-I	Sulphate of soda, and alum.	0.25 per 100 Kgs.	1.50 per 100 Kgs.
95-K	Silicate of soda or sodium.	0.25 per 100 Kgs.	2.50 per 100 Kgs.
120	Napped fabrics in blankets:		
120-B	White, dyed a single color, or printed on white or unbleached material, including napped cotton fabrics which contain not more than 5% of other fibers.	0.28 per Kg.	0.35 per Kg.
137	Knit fabrics of rayon, nylon and other similar synthetic yarns:		
137-D	In the piece, of rayon or other synthetic yarns similar in composition.	0.75 per Kg.	0.75 per Kg.
137-E	In worsted jackets, sweaters, pull-overs, drawers and under- shirts of rayon or other synthetic yarns similar in composition.	2.10 per Kg.	2.10 per Kg.
137-F	In stockings, socks, gloves, and other small articles of rayon or other synthetic yarns similar in composition.	3.30 per Kg.	3.30 per Kg.

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of Duty Bound in exist- ing Schedule (Specific duty	Rates of Duty to be Bound in Cuban pesos)
137-G	In the piece, of nylon, orlon, dacron or other synthetic yarns similar in composition. <u>6/</u>	0.75 per Kg.	1.75 per Kg., but not less than 20% ad valorem.
137-H	In worsted jackets, sweaters, pull-overs, drawers and under- shirts of nylon, orlon, dacron or other synthetic yarns similar in composition. <u>6/</u>	2.10 per Kg.	3.00 per Kg., but not less than 25% ad valorem.
137-I	In stockings of nylon, orlon, dacron or other synthetic yarns similar in composition, for women. <u>7/</u>	20% ad valorem but not less than 2.00 per dozen.	20% ad valorem, but not less than 2.00 per dozen.
137-J	In stockings, except those class- ified under Sub-item I, socks, gloves and other small articles of nylon, orlon, dacron or other synthetic yarns similar in compo- sition. <u>6/</u>	3.30 per Kg.	3.90 per Kg.
138	Tulles of rayon, nylon or other similar synthetic yarns:		
138-D	Plain, of rayon or other synthetic yarns similar in composition.	0.78 per Kg.	0.78 per Kg.
138-E	Figured, of rayon or other synthe- tic yarns similar in composition.	0.90 per Kg.	0.90 per Kg.
138-F	Embroidered after weaving, of rayon or other synthetic yarns similar in composition.	1.20 per Kg.	1.20 per Kg.
138-G	Plain, of nylon, orlon, dacron or other synthetic yarns similar in composition. <u>6/</u>	0.78 per Kg.	1.68 per Kg.
138-H	Figured, of nylon, orlon, dacron or other synthetic yarns similar in composition. <u>6/</u>	0.90 per Kg.	1.94 per Kg.

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of Duty Bound in exist- ing Schedule (Specific duty in Cuban pesos)	Rates of Duty to be Bound (Cuban pesos)
138-I	Embroidered after weaving, of nylon, orlon, dacron or other synthetic yarns similar in composition.	1.20 per Kg.	2.59 per Kg.
143-C	"Brochas" (paint brushes) and artists' brushes.	27% ad valorem	35% ad valorem.
155	Manufactures of paper:		
155-A	In sacks, bags, pouches or other similar articles made up of paper of the kinds covered by Sub-items A, B, C and D of Item 152, not printed, ornamented or stamped other than with the size number or manufacturers' trademark.	4.20 per 100 Kgs.	6.40 per 100 Kgs.
155-F	Paper on reels, of any of the classes dutiable under Sub-items A, B, C and D of Item 152, for wrapping, covering or packing, gummed on one side, regardless of its width, commonly used for fastening boxes or packages, not printed, ornamented or stamped other than with the size number or manufacturers' trademark.	4.30 per 100 Kgs.	6.40 per 100 Kgs.
155-M	Toilet tissue, paper towels, handkerchiefs and napkins.	4.80 per 100 Kgs.	7.20 per 100 Kgs.
156	Chemical papers:		
156-B	Impregnated, or coated with grease, oil, wax, paraffin, stearine, rubber, glue, etc., commonly known as waterproof paper; and tarred paper, reinforced or not with open-weave fabric of textile fibers, commonly used for baling.	3.60 per 100 Kgs.	5.60 per 100 Kgs.

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of Duty Bound in Exist- ing Schedule	Rates of Duty to be Bound
		(Specific Duty in Cuban Pesos)	
156-C	Those included in Sub-item B of this Item, ^{when} printed by the process known as aniline re- production. ^{8/}	3.60 per 100 Kgs.	0.18 per Kg.
156-D	Those included in Sub-item B of this item, when printed by lithography, rotogravure, or any other process. ^{8/}	3.60 per 100 Kgs.	0.25 per Kg.
156-E	Carbon paper.	3.60 per 100 Kgs.	5.60 per 100 Kgs.
156-F	Sensitized paper for photographic use or for reproductions.	4.50 per 100 Kgs.	4.50 per 100 Kgs.
156-G	Gilded, silvered, nickeled, coated with quick-silver, etc., in sheets or strips, including paper or cardboard coated with aluminum, whether plain, fancy, colored or embossed.	0.07 per Kg.	0.07 per Kg.
156-H	Transparent sheeting of cellulose or of any cellulose drivative, plain or of the original color of manufacture, cut to size or in rolls.	0.05 per Kg.	0.05 per Kg.
156-I	Those included in Sub-item H of this Item, when printed by the process known as aniline repro- duction.	0.25 per Kg.	0.25 per Kg.
156-J	Those included in Sub-item H of this Item, when printed by litho- graphy, rotogravure, or any other process.	0.35 per Kg.	0.35 per Kg.
156-K	Capsules and bands for bottles and tubes, including synthetic sausage casings of all kinds, made of cellulose or of any cellulose derivative, plain or colored, printed or not.	0.091 per Kg.	0.091 per Kg.

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of Duty Bound in Exist- ing Schedule (Specific Duty in Cuban Pesos)	Rates of Duty to be Bound (Cuban Pesos)
156-L	Other chemical papers, not specifically classified.	0.07 per Kg.	0.07 per Kg.
159	Engravings, photographs, lithographs, chromolithographs, oleographs, and any other class of reproduction not specifically classified:		
159-A	From one to three printings, including articles printed with bronze powder (counting the printing in bronze as three printings and uncolored embossing or relief work as one printing), excluding printing in whole or in part in metal leaf.	0.21 per Kg.	0.30 per Kg.
159-C	From four to seven printings (counting the printing in bronze as three printings and uncolored embossing or relief work as one printing), excluding printing in whole or in part in metal leaf.	0.35 per Kg.	0.49 per Kg.
159-E	From eight to ten printings (counting the printing in bronze as three printings and uncolored embossing or relief work as one printing), excluding printing in whole or in part in metal leaf.	0.50 per Kg.	0.70 per Kg.
159-G	Of more than ten printings (counting the printing in bronze as three printings and uncolored embossing or relief work as one printing), including all articles printed in whole or in part in metal leaf, or on cigar-bands, regardless of the number of printings.	1.05 per Kg.	1.47 per Kg.

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of Duty Bound in Exist- ing Schedule (Specific Duty in Cuban Pesos)	Rates of Duty to be Bound (in Cuban Pesos)
193-G	Patent leather, in whole hides or sheets.	0.30 per Kg.	1.00 per Kg., but not less than 20% ad valorem.
207-D	Phonograph records.	0.07 per unit	20% ad valorem.
302	Horn, whalebone, bone and ivory nut; and galalith, celluloid, cellulose acetate and other plastic compounds made from cellulose, synthetic resins, including formaldehydes of phenol and of urea, polystyrene, polyethylene, and other plastics manufactured from synthetic resins, and the other materials and articles imitating those included in this Item and in Item 301, with or without fillers:		
302-J	"Brochas" (paint brushes) and artists' brushes, manufactured with bristles of nylon or of any synthetic material classified under this Item. <u>2/</u>	0.90 per Kg.	35% ad valorem
302-K	Other manufactures made from the materials described in this Item, in a solid state, not specifically classified.	0.90 per Kg.	0.90 per Kg.
314	Tires of rubber or synthetic rubber, or of these materials combined with fabrics, including metal threads, for all kinds of vehicles, and inner tubes: <u>10/</u>		

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of Duty Bound in Existing Schedule	Rates of Duty to be Bound
(Specific Duty in Cuban Pesos)			
314-B	Hollow tires which do not require inner tubes, known as "special" or "tubeless", weighing from 6 to 70 kilograms each. <u>11/</u>	0.35 per kg.	0.55 per kg., but not less than 30% ad valorem.
314-C	The same articles included in the preceding letter B when weighing less than 6 kilograms or more than 70 kilograms each. <u>12/</u>	0.25 per kg.	0.25 per kg., but not less than 15% ad valorem.
314-D	Hollow tires which require inner tubes, known as "conventional" or "regular", weighing from 6 to 70 kilograms each. <u>11/</u>	0.35 per kg.	0.50 per kg., but not less than 30% ad valorem.
314-E	The same articles included in the preceding letter D when weighing less than 6 kilograms or more than 70 kilograms each. <u>12/</u>	0.25 per kg.	0.25 per kg., but not less than 15% ad valorem.
314-F	Bicycle tires.	0.35 per kg.	0.35 per kg., but not less than 20% ad valorem.
314-G	Inner tubes.	0.35 per kg.	0.50 per kg., but not less than 30% ad valorem.

Note I. - The articles described in Item 314 will have the benefit of a 5 percent tare allowance, except that those included in Sub-item G will have an allowance of 10 percent. The tare allowance of 20 percent specified in Provision III, Rule 5 of the Cuban Customs Tariff will not apply to the articles of this Item.

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C. NEW CONCESSIONS ON ITEMS IN THE EXISTING SCHEDULE.

In Part I of Schedule IX:

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of duty Bound in Exist- ing Schedule.	Rates of Duty to be Bound.
(Specific duty in Cuban pesos)			
95-D	Sulphate of ammonia; phos- phates and superphosphates of lime; nitrates of potash and of soda; sulphate of potash, muriate or chloride of potassium, and monoammonium phosphate. <u>13/</u>	Free, or 0.25 per 100 Kgs. <u>13/</u>	Free

In Part II of Schedule IX:

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of duty Bound in Exist- ing Schedule.	Rates of Duty to be Bound
(Specific duty in Cuban pesos)			
47	Tools and implements not constituting apparatus.		
47-A	Fine, for arts, crafts and professions, made of fine crucible steel or fine steel cast by other methods.	3.00 per 100 Kgs.	Free
47-F	Other tools and implements.	1.80 per 100 Kgs.	Free
53-F	Steel blades for safety razors, in finished state.	0.25 per 100 blades.	0.25 per 100 blades.
53-G	Steel blades for safety razors, in unfinished state.	0.25 per 100 blades.	0.15 per 100 blades.

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of Duty Bound in Exist- ing Schedule. (Specific duty in Cuban pesos)	Rates of Duty to be Bound.
91-A	Sulphur.	0.035 per 100 Kgs.	Free
94	Oxides and Oxhydrates:		
94-A	Of ammonia, soda, potash and other caustic and barilla alkalis, with the exception of caustic soda and soda ash.	0.175 per 100 Kgs.	0.175 per 100 Kgs.
94-B	Anhydrous ammonia. ^{3/}	0.175 per 100 Kgs.	Free
94-C	Caustic soda and soda ash.	0.50 per 100 Kgs.	0.50 per 100 Kgs.
106	Perfumery and essences:		
106-G	Synthetic or artificial.	0.18 per Kg. plus 5% ad valorem.	0.15 per Kg. plus 3% ad valorem.
207-K	Cinematographic projection apparatus for both pictures and sound, and parts and accessories therefor, including projection arc lamps, motion picture sound discs and apparatus of any kind for the reproduction of sound adaptable to cinematographic projection, except tubes.	16% ad valorem.	12% ad valorem
207-L	Recorded tapes for use in making phonograph records. ^{14/}	0.07 per unit.	Free
216-B	Machinery, portable or fixed, apparatus or instruments for industry in general and for the transformation of products used in manufactures, including those used in aqueducts, not specifically provided for.	7.98% ad valorem.	7.98% ad valorem.

216-C

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of Duty Bound in Exist- ing Schedule.	Rates of Duty to be Bound.
(Specific duty in Cuban pesos)			
216-C	Loose parts and accessories for the machinery and apparatus described under Sub-item B of this item, not specifically classified. 2/	7.98% ad valorem.	5% ad valorem.
216-D	Instruments and apparatus for measuring to be used in connection with agricultural and industrial machinery and apparatus, such as thermometers, manometers, pyrometers, pressure gauges, carbon dioxide gauges and vacuum gauges, etc.	10.5% ad valorem.	10.5% ad valorem.
217	Motors of all kinds, fixed or not, including windmills, and the loose parts and accessories for the same, not specifically classified.	7.98% ad valorem.	5% ad valorem.
218-A	Pumps of all kinds.	7.98% ad valorem.	5% ad valorem.
219-B	Parts and accessories of iron and steel, for boilers for generating steam, including "fluses" and tubes, whether or not cut to measure ^{with or} without threads.	10% ad valorem.	8% ad valorem.
219-C	"Fluses" and completely finished loose parts and accessories for boilers, of copper or its alloys, not specifically classified.	15% ad valorem.	12% ad valorem.
225-C	Steam or air-jacketed kettles, of aluminum or its alloys, with a capacity of not less than 25 liters, including valves, taps, and other essential parts of any metal.	0.375 per Kg.	0.25 per Kg.

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rates of Duty Bound in Exist- ing Schedule (Specific Duty in Cuban pesos)	Rates of Duty to be Bound
227-I	Truck chassis with or without cabs for chauffeur, in which metal predominates, but without bodies, and bus and trailer chassis without bodies.	5% ad valorem.	3% ad valorem.
227-R	Velocipedes and bicycles.	10.5% ad valorem.	8% ad valorem.
227-S	Loose parts and accessories for the same, not specifically classified.	8% ad valorem.	6% ad valorem.
256-G	Corn flakes.	3.64 per 100 kgs.	1.30 per 100 kgs.
308	Belting for power transmission:		
308-A	Leather.	14% ad valorem.	8% ad valorem.
308-B	Natural or synthetic rubber.	16% ad valorem.	8% ad valorem.
308-C	Cotton canvas.	14% ad valorem.	8% ad valorem.

D. NEW CONCESSIONS ON ITEMS NOT IN EXISTING SCHEDULE

In Part II of Schedule IX:

Tariff Item Number	Description of Products	Rate of Duty at Present in Force	Rate of Duty to be Bound
308	Belting for power transmission:		
308-D	Of other textile materials.	14% ad valorem.	8% ad valorem.

E. MODIFICATIONS OF THE GENERAL NOTES FOLLOWING PARTS I AND II OF SCHEDULE IX

Part I - The enumeration of tariff items which are excepted from payment of the 20 percent surtax of duty referred to in the first paragraph of General Note IV is amended by inserting "95-J" after "72-E".

Part II

Part II - The enumeration of tariff items which are excepted from the exemption from payment of the 20 percent surtax of duty referred to in General Note IV is amended as follows:

After 11-C insert 11-G; change 36-C to read 36-D; and after 260-B insert 308-D.

The enumeration of tariff items in the last sentence of the first paragraph of General Note V is amended by inserting "225-C" after "211-D".

F O O T N O T E S

- 1/ This item has been modified by the creation of a new Sub-item (95-J) for sulphate of aluminum; and by eliminating the words "not above 97% pure" after potassium.
- 2/ These products formerly classified under Sub-item 11-C.
- 3/ These products formerly classified under the preceding item.
- 4/ Most of the products included under this new Sub-item were formerly classified under the preceding item; a few were classified as "All other" (under the former Sub-item 64-C at \$6.50 per 100 Kgs.) which classification has been dropped.
- 5/ This item has been modified by the creation of 3 new sub-items (see below) and by reclassifying chloride of potassium and sulphate of potash (both if above 97 percent pure) to Sub-item 95-D, making them duty-free. (See page 10.)
- 6/ These products formerly classified under the preceding Sub-items specifying the same articles made of rayon or similar synthetic yarns.
- 7/ This item has been modified to include stockings of orlon, dacron, etc.
- 8/ These products formerly included under Sub-item 156-B.
- 9/ These products formerly classified under the following Sub-item.
- 10/ The words "including metal threads" were not included in the former description.

11/ Former

- 11/ Former wording included tires weighing from 8 to 62 kilograms each. There was formerly no distinction between tubeless and regular tires.
- 12/ Former wording included tires weighing less than 8 kilograms each or more than 62 kilograms each.
- 13/ The concession granted is as follows: to include in this item, free of duty, sulphate of potash and muriate or chloride of potassium, if above 97% pure, which were formerly dutiable under Sub-item 95-C at 0.25 per 100 Kgs.
- 14/ These products formerly classified under Sub-item 207-D.