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NON-DISCRIMINATORY MEASURES NOTIFIED UNDER
PARAGRAPH 11 OF ARTICLE XVIII BY ACCEDING GOVERNMENTS.

Notification by the Government of Colombia

The following letter, dated 13 June 1949, has been received from the head of the Colombian Delegation:

"In compliance with the instructions contained in Paragraph 11, Article XVIII, General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, I take pleasure in transmitting herewith information relative to the non-discriminatory protective measures affecting imports, in force in the Republic of Colombia since May 14, 1949, imposed for the establishment or development of particular branches of industry or agriculture."

NON-DISCRIMINATORY PROTECTIVE MEASURES AFFECTING IMPORTS, IN FORCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA ON 14 MAY 1949, IMPOSED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OR DEVELOPMENT OF PARTICULAR BRANCHES OF INDUSTRY AND AGRICULTURE.

.. INTERNAL TAXATION

In addition to the respective import duties, the State collects a consumer tax on the articles listed below, the present purpose of which is to protect the industries concerned.

| <u>1931 Tariff Number</u> | <u>Article</u> | <u>Legal Provision</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| 768 | Cigarettes | Decree No. 92 of 1932 |
| 287 | Tyres | Decrees Nos. 92 & 140 of 1932 |
| 445-a | Automatic Lighters | Law No. 62 of 1936 |

II. INTERNAL REGULATIONS RESTRICTING IMPORTS

In accordance with the relevant legal provisions, the Government determines the conditions on which imports of the articles listed below shall be distributed for consumption, in order to ensure that domestic production of such articles is fully utilised. In pursuance of these measures, the Government obliges the manufacturers concerned to purchase goods and raw materials of domestic origin in specified quantities, at prices that show a profit to the Colombian producer, and to contribute to the development of domestic production of the articles concerned; at the same time, it only grants the necessary import licences to firms which can prove that they have already taken their compulsory consumption quota.

a) For the establishment of industries

| <u>1931 Tariff Number</u> | <u>Article</u> | <u>Legal Provision</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| 654 | Barium | Law No. 90 of 1948, Decree No. 206 of 1949 |
| 574 | Kaolin | " " " |
| 632-a | Seje & Eucalyptus Oil | " " " |
| 715 | Cascin | " " " |
| 292 | Rubber flooring | " " " |
| 633 | Rotenone | " " " |
| | Aniseed essence | " " " |
| 574 | Talcum Powder | " " " |

b) For the development of industries

| <u>1931 Tariff Number</u> | <u>Article</u> | <u>Legal Provision</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| 67 | Alcohol | Law No. 90 of 1948 Decree No. 206 of 1949 |
| 714 | Starch | " " " |
| 645 | Size | " " " |

| <u>1931 Tariff Number</u> | <u>Article</u> | <u>Legal Provision</u> |
|--|---|---|
| 33 | Sugar | Law No. 90 of 1948 Decree No. 206 of 1949 |
| 649 | Refined sulphur and flowers of sulphur | " " " |
| 749 | Castor oil | " " " |
| 633 | Tolu Balsam | " " " |
| 575 | Lime | " " " |
| 280 & 282 | Rubber in sheets | " " " |
| 575 | Cement | " " " |
| 633 | Medicinal barks | " " " |
| 91 - 92 - 93 94 - 95 - 96 96a- 96b- 97 | Leather & hides | " " " |
| 280 | Perilla gum (cuphorbia) | " " " |
| 644 | Adhesive gums | " " " |
| 12 | Meal and feculae of cassava, maize or banana | " " " |
| 254 | Viscose rayon and artificial silk yarns | Law No. 90 of 1948 Resolution No.184 of 1949 |
| 633 | Medicinal leaves | Law No. 90 of 1948 Decree No. 206 of 1949 |
| 281 | Raw or semi- manufactured latex | " " " |
| 122 & 124 | Timber | " " " |
| 763 | Bases for the preparation of creams and soaps | " " " |
| 626 | Oxygen | " " " |
| 780 - 780bis | Wicks | " " " |
| 157 - a | Straw for hats and other uses | " " " |

| <u>1931 Tariff Number</u> | <u>Article</u> | <u>Legal Provision</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|
| 142 | Wooden doors and windows | Law No. 90 of 1948 Decree No. 206 of 1949 |
| 368 | Metal doors and windows | " " " |
| 631 | Powdered quinine | " " " |
| 14 | Semolina and tapioca | " " " |
| 281 | Rubber solutions | " " " |
| 109-a | Rubber soles and heels | " " " |
| 668 bis | Sulphate of soda | " " " |
| 631 | Quinine sulphate | " " " |
| 570-570-b | Plaster | " " " |
| 71 | Vihegar | " " " |

c) For the development of particular branches of agriculture

| <u>1931 Tariff Number</u> | <u>Article</u> | <u>Legal Provision</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 213 | Cotton | Law No. 147 of 1941, Decree No. 2263 of 1941 Law No. 90 of 1948 Decree No. 206 of 1949 |
| 1 | Rice | Law No. 50 |
| 38 | Cocoa | Decree No. 1748 of 1942 Law No. 90 of 1948 Decree No. 206 of 1949 |
| 23 bis | Copra | Law No. 94 of 1946 Decree No. 2 of 1940 |
| 23 bis | Oil seeds and oleajinous fruits | Law No. 94 of 1936 Law No. 199 of 1938 Law No. 58 of 1944, Law No. 90 of 1948 Decree No. 206 of 1949 |
| 23 bis a | | |
| 23 bis b | | |
| 23 bis c | | |

| <u>1931 Tariff Number</u> | <u>Article</u> | <u>Legal Provision</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|---|
| 2 | Wheat | Law No. 42 of 1942, Law No. 34 of 1946, Decree No. 682 of 1947, |
| 728 | Annatto | Law No. 90 of 1948, Decree No. 206 of 1949 |
| 27 | Aniseed | " " " |
| 640 | Verbascum | " " " |
| 280 | Rubber | " " " |
| 3 | Barley | " " " |
| 41 | Coca | " " " |
| 766 | Tobacco | " " " |

III. IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

There are legal provisions fixing maximum import quotas for certain goods, in order to encourage production of similar Colombian articles. In accordance with other measures, the Government can fix variable import quotas for the articles listed below or merely restrict their import by means of licences, after considering the state of their production, distribution and consumption at any given time.

a) For the development of industries

| <u>1931 Tariff Number</u> | <u>Article</u> | <u>Legal Provision</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---|
| 11 | Wheat flour | Law No. 90 of 1948, Decree No. 194 of 1949 |
| 52 | Lard | Resolution No. 102 of 1932, Law No. 90 of 1948 Decree No. 194 of 1949 |
| 72 | Horses and mules | Law No. 90 of 1948, Decree No. 194 of 1949, |
| 73 | Bovine cattle | " " " |

| <u>1931 Tariff Number</u> | <u>Article</u> | <u>Legal Provision</u> |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| 74 | Swine | Law No. 90 of 1948, 1949 Decree No. 194 of 1949 |
| 75 | Sheep and goats | " " " |
| 76 | Poultry | " " " |
| 215 | Carded cotton in sheets | " " " |
| 216-216-a | Unbleached cotton yarn | " " " |
| 217 | Bleached cotton yarn | " " " |
| 217-b | Dyed cotton yarns for weaving | " " " |
| 222 | Fabrics for shirts | " " " |
| 254 | Yarns of vegetable or artificial silk in cones | " " " |
| 280 | Crude rubber, refined or not | " " " |
| 281 | Rubber solution | " " " |
| 727 | Dye-woods and other vegetable matter | " " " |
| 729 | Tanning extracts from woods | " " " |
| ----- | | |
| 263 - 264 | Wool | Decree No. 1157 of 1940, |
| 265 - 266 | Woollen yarn | " " " |
| 756 | Vegetable oils and fats | " " " |
| 24 & 40 | Cocoa products | " " " |
| 12 - 639 | Rice products | " " " |
| 33 | Sugar | " " " |
| 32 | Brown sugar | " " " |
| ----- | | |
| 268-b | Bleached woollen fabrics | Law No. 90 of 1948, Decree No. 194 of 1949 |
| 268-b | Dyed woollen fabrics | " " " |
| 268-b | Printed woollen fabrics | " " " |

b) For the development of agriculture

| <u>1931 Tariff Number</u> | <u>Article</u> | <u>Legal Provision</u> |
|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Rice | Law No. 90 of 1948, Decree No. 194 of 1949, |
| 2 | Wheat | Law No. 34 of 1946 Law No. 90 of 1948, Decree No. 194 of 1949 |
| 23 bis | Copra | Law No. 199 of 1938, Law No. 90 of 1948, Decree No. 194 of 1949 |
| 23 bis a 23 bis b 23 bis c | Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits | Law No. 90 of 1948, Decree No. 194 of 1949, |
| 38 | Cocoa | " " " |
| 213 | Raw cotton | " " " |
| 18 | Vegetables and garden produce | Decree No. 1157 of 1940, |
| 22 | Fresh fruits | " " " |
| ----- | | |
| 766 | Tobacco in leaf | Law No. 90 of 1948, Decree No. 194 of 1949 |

IV. SPECIAL LIQUOR REGULATIONS

For information there are given below the legal provisions constituting the special regulations applied to the import and consumption of foreign liquors; these provisions include measures relating to taxation that may be taken by the various departments and their authority to exercise the import and sale monopoly of such liquors.

| <u>1931 Tariff Number</u> | <u>Article</u> | <u>Legal Provision</u> |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| 68 | Spirits (Brandy, Cognac, Whisky, Gin, Rum, Cordials Cocktails, Liqueurs) | Decree No. 92 & 140 of 1932 " No. 1920 of 1948 Article 97, Law No. 4 of 1943 Law No. 88 of 1923 Law No. 88 of 1928 |
| 63-64 | Wines | " " " |
| 66 | Champagne | " " " |

