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ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS RELEVANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART IV

Addendum

The following communication dated 26 March 1979 has been received from the Government of Suriname in connexion with the implementation of Part IV.

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Measures undertaken, relating to paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 of Article XXXVII, Part IV - GATT Agreement, which have been applied during 1978 and are now in force, are the following:

Trade regulation measures

- I. Tariff measures
- II. Non-tariff measures.

I. Tariff measures

An overall adjustment of the Surinamese two-column tariff system (tariffs for the EEC which are of an average of 5 per cent lower than for the tariffs for third countries) to a general one-column system, as a result of association of the Republic of Suriname with the EEC by the Lomé Convention, will be completed during 1979.

II. Non-tariff measures

Appliance of Article 2 of the Import-Export Regulation Ordinance 1954 (G.B. No. 17<sup>1/</sup>)

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<sup>1/</sup> Decree published in the Government Gazette of Suriname No. ...

1. Prohibited import products

According to Decree of 1973 G.B. No. 18<sup>1/</sup>, appliance of the Tariff Ordinance of 1957 G.B.<sup>1/</sup> No. 7.

Suriname tariff

(based on BTN)

No.

ex 03.03 a	Shrimps and crabs, fresh (living or dead), cooled, frozen, salted, dried or only cooked, imported from other countries by vessels that do not operate for fisheries and/or fish manufacturing industries established in Suriname.
07.01 d	Vegetables and pot herbs (other than potatoes, onions and garlic), fresh, cooled or frozen.
07.05	Mantokroot, arrowroot, salepoot, groundpears, sweet potatoes and other similar roots and turnips with a high content of farina or inoline, also if dried or in pieces.
08.01	Edible fruit and nuts, fresh, cooled, frozen or dried, s.a.:
a	-- citrus fruit
b	-- plantains and bananas
c	-- coconuts
ex 09.01	Coffee, roasted and unroasted with the exception of caffeine coffee
ex 16.01	Chinese sausages (vatjong)
ex 17.01 a,b,c	Sugar with the exception of lumps of sugar and tablets of sugar net weight 5 grs. or less, per lump or tablet.
ex 17.04	Sugar syrup and synthetic honey((also when mixed with natural honey, in liquid form)
ex 19.03	Vermicelli, macaroni
ex 20.03	Unfermented fruit juices non-alcoholic, also with sugar
ex 21.01 a	Coffee extracts, coffee essence and similar products made from or with coffee, with the exception of caffeine free products
ex 21.06 a	Peanut butter
44.01	Firewood, osiers, faggots: waste wood, including saw dust. Unmanufactured wood, with the exception of baboonwood: sleepers and "shingles".

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- 44.10 Manufactured wood, with the exception of veneer for the manufacture of furniture.  
Cabinetwork and carpentry for structures (pieces of small boards and panels put together for parquet floors as well as and including constructions of wood that can easily be removed).
- 44.13 Other woodware, to wit:
- b -- tools, as well as frames and handles for tools;  
-- coathangers and broomsticks

2. Goods for which fixed quotas are established (on yearly base)

According to Decree of 1973 G.B.<sup>1/</sup> No. 18, in appliance of the Tariff Ordinance of 1957.

- ex 02.01 Chickenmeat and duckmeat including offals for human consumption fresh, cooled or frozen
- 04.02 Milk powder
- ex 08.01 Apples, pears and grapes, fresh, cooled, frozen or dried
- ex 09.01 Coffee, roasted and unroasted, caffeine free
- 12.01 a 1 Peanuts, shelled, peeled, broken or not
- ex 16.04 Prepared or canned shrimps and crabs
- ex 20.01 b Tomato paste
- ex 20.01 c 2 Canned vegetables, pot herbs and fruit (not in vinegar or in mustard and other than sauerkraut), tomato purée and preparations of infant food), with the exception of green peas, roots, beets and olives
- ex 20.02 a Jam, jelly and marmelade
- ex 20.03 Unfermented vegetable juices, non-alcoholic, also with sugar
- ex 21.01 a Caffeine free coffee extracts and caffeine free coffee essences and similar products manufactured from or with coffee
- 36.04 Matches
- 44.03 Baboonwood
- ex 60.05 Frocks, blouses and skirts

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<sup>1/</sup>Decree published in the Government Gazette of Suriname No. ...

- ex 64.01 Men's and boys' shoes, including slippers, with the  
 ex 64.02 exception of boots and slippers of which the upper part and  
 ex 64.03 outer sole are made of rubber or of synthetics; canvas  
 shoes with sole of rubber or of synthetics for sports  
 purposes, as well as children's shoes and children's  
 slippers which have no larger measurements than size 8 (eight)  
 English corresponding with size 25 (twenty-five) French
- ex 94.01 Chairs and other pieces of furniture of metal, of wood, of  
 cane, of rattan or of other products, with the exception of  
 those destined for the furnishing of offices, theatres,  
 infirmaries, clinics, hotels, restaurants, cafés, libraries,  
 clubs and similar localities as well as those serving for  
 replacement or completion.

3. Goods, for which special regulations have been established (such as flexible quotas, price regulation, State import or combined)

According to Decree of 7 February 1973 G.B.<sup>1/</sup> No. 18.

- ex 02.02 Salted beef and pork, including pig tails in packings of  
 more than 10 kgs. net weight
- 03.01 a, c Fish, fresh (living or dead), whether or not cooled or  
 frozen
- 03.02 b Kippered herring and salted fish in packings of more than  
 10 kgs. net weight
- 03.02 f Red herring
- 04.02 a 2 Canned milk, condensed or with sugar
- 04.03 b Butter, regardless of packing
- 07.01 a Potatoes
- 07.01 b Onions
- 07.04 Dried seeds of pulses, also if peeled or broken
- 10.02 Rice (in the husk, hull rice, unhusked, polished or broken)
- 11.01 b Wheatflour in packings of more than 1 kg. net weight
- 12.01 7 a Coprah
- ex 15.02 Edible vegetable fat, oils, liquid or solid, raw, purified,  
 or refined
- ex 15.03 Edible vegetable oils
- 15.06 a Margarine, regardless of packing

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ex 16.01	Corned beef and liverpie
ex 16.03	Sardines and other fish in tomato sauce or in oil (canned)
19.05 b	Soda biscuit
ex 20.01 b	Sauerkraut in barrels
ex 23.05	Bran and grinds of rice
ex 25.01	Salt, for human consumption
ex 44.06 a	Veneer for the manufacture of furniture
ex 94.01	Chairs and other furniture, for purposes of furnishing of offices, theatres, cinemas, hospitals, infirmaries, clinics, hotels, restaurants, cafés, libraries, clubs and similar localities, as well as those for replacement or in completion of the foresaid interiors.

4.a Sole State import by the CIS (Central Import Enterprise of Suriname)

According to Decree of 31 May 1972 (G.B. No. 65).

ex 02.02 c	Salted pig tails in packings of more than 10 kgs. net weight
03.02 b	Salted herrings and salted fish in packings of more than 10 kgs. net weight
03.02	Smoked herring
ex 07.04	Red kidney beans, green peas, white beans, capucyners
15.02 g	Refined coconut oil
ex 20.01 b	Sauerkraut (in barrels)
25.01	Table salt

4.b State import and by importers (private enterprises) with fixed retail and detail prices

ex 02.02 c	Salted beef and pork, pig tails in exclusion, in packings of more than 10 kgs. net weight
07.01 a	Potatoes
07.01 b	Onions
ex 07.04	Yellow peas (split)

5. Goods, importation of which is subject to restrictions for non-trade policy reasons

<u>Categories of commodities</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Gunpowder and other highly inflammable materials and explosive; firearms and ammunitions as well as parts thereof )	Special licence from the Attorney General required
Dead cattle, meat and hides Vaccines, serums and biological diagnostica intended to be used for animals	With permission from Division Head of the Animal Husbandry Service of the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries
Live cattle	With permission from Division Head of the Animal Husbandry Service in addition to a certificate of good health issued by a competent foreign authority
Plant and parts thereof as well as used jute bags and other packing materials used for packing plants, and parts thereof	With permission of the Director of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries
Bananas, oranges and orangepeels	With permission of the Director of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries
Narcotics; raw, other	Prohibited With permission from the Director of Public Health
Distillery apparatus	With permission from the Director of Finance

6. Export regulation measures/duties

In general, no duties are imposed on exports. For wood in roughly worked form, however, a 10 per cent export duty is levied.

## a. Goods, exportation of which is subject to restrictions for trade political reasons

<u>Categories of commodities</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Bovine cattle and pigs as well as meat thereof	Subject to the permission of the Director of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries
Rice and rice products	Subject to permission of the Director of Economic Affairs
Wood, viz Virola Surinamensis	Subject to permission of the Director of Economic Affairs

b. Goods, exportation of which is subject to restrictions for other than trade political reasons.

<u>Categories of commodities</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Objects of historical, cultural and scientific value	Subject to permission of special commission under the Minister of Education
Gunpowder and other highly inflammable materials and explosives	Special licence from the Attorney General required
Firearms and ammunition as well as parts thereof	Special licence from the Attorney General required

7. Price regulation measures

According to Decree of 1976<sup>1/</sup> S.B. No. 26, in appliance of the Price Control Ordinance of 1941 G.B. No. 101, revised text 1951 G.B. No. 159.

a. Fixed consumer prices (retail)

1. Crude oil (petroleum) and oil derivatives)
2. Potatoes
3. Biscuits
4. Flour
5. Red herrings
6. Bread
7. Red kidney beans
8. Capucyners
9. Cocoa powder
10. Cement
11. Corned beef
12. Ducks (alive)
13. Eggs
14. Goats (alive)
15. Yellow peas
16. Green peas
17. Herring
18. Coffee (instant)
19. Chicken (alive)
20. Liverpie
21. Matches
22. Milk (pasturized)
23. Non-alcoholic carbonated beverages
24. Cattle
25. Rice

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<sup>1/</sup> State Decree published in the State Gazette of the Republic of Suriname No. 26.

26. Sardines in tomato sauce or oil (canned)
27. Sheep (alive)
28. Beef shoulders
29. Animal and vegetable fats (solid and liquid), excluding margarine
30. Spices (s.a. ve-tsin, adjinomoto)
31. Sugar
32. Cigarettes (local made)
33. Onions
34. Pigs (alive)
35. Pig tails
36. Fish (fresh, cooled or frozen)
37. Fish (salted)
38. Meat (fresh, cooled or frozen)
39. Meat (salted)
40. Broth
41. White beans
42. Table salt
43. Sauerkraut
44. Bananas
45. Groundnuts, and roots excluding potatoes
46. Vegetable
47. All sorts of beans
48. Tomatoes

Services: taxi transport

b. Fixed profit margins for wholesale and retail

Description of product	I	II
	Wholesale profit margins %	Retail profit margins %
1. Canned vegetables	12	25
2. Canned meat	12	25
3. Canned fish	12	25
4. Milk (condensed)	10	25
5. Tomatoe purée or paste	12	25
6. Cheese	10	15
7. Ham	10	15
8. Sausages	10	15
9. Peanut butter	10	15
10. Jam	10	15
11. Maizena	10	20
12. Rolled oats	10	20
13. Baby and children food	10	15
14. Vinegar (essence)	10	25
15. Butter	12	25



Description of product	I	II
	Wholesale profit margins %	Retail profit margins %
16. Tea	10	20
17. Margarine	12	25
18. All sorts of medicine, packed for direct use	22	35
19. Lysol, creoline and other disinfectants	10	25
20. Insecticides	10	25
21. Wound dressing requisites	15	30
22. Linimenten	15	30
23. Toothpaste and powder	10	25
24. Soap and detergents	10	20
25. Toilet soap	12	25
26. Abrasives and cleaning things	10	20
27. School necessities and study materials	12	25
28. Toilet paper	12	25
29. Shoes	10	20
30. Tobacco and cigarettes (imported)	10	20
31. Cigarette paper	10	20
32. Crash helmets	10	20

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