

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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PERUVIAN IMPORT CHARGES

Withdrawal of Certain Charges

With reference to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 21 November 1958 (BISD Seventh Supplement, page 37), the Executive Secretary has received from the Peruvian Government the text of Decree No. 13 of 3 June 1960, reading as follows:

"THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC. - CONSIDERING:

That, in the interest of the country's economic recovery, the Executive is entitled to make use of the authority granted by Act No. 12995 and Act No. 13199 to suspend the application of the supplementary taxes on certain imported articles;

That the Government is constantly receiving requests from public service drivers and from the organizations which represent them for exemption from the import duties on vehicles intended for that service;

That, since the economic situation so permits, it rests with the Government to lay down general principles for the purpose of reducing additional taxes on vehicles which may be considered essential for their work;

That there is no justification for authorizing an equivalent reduction for the import of luxury vehicles;

That the category of vehicles which may be considered essential for work purposes includes lorries, vans, pick-ups and also motor-cars, the unit price of which does not exceed SIXTY THOUSAND GOLD SOLES (60,000.00 soles), f.o.b. port of shipment;

That the reasons given apply to motor-cycles, scooters, bicycles and power-assisted bicycles and to machinery and tools intended for production, the Customs Tariff item numbers for which are specified in the operative part of this Supreme Decree;

That it is in the national interest to adopt this measure, which does not affect the balance of the general budget of the Republic for 1960 since the supplementary taxes in question had resulted in a substantial reduction in the taxed imports;

By virtue of the authorization conferred by Article 3 of Act No. 12995 and Article 4 of Act No. 13199; and

After consultation with the Council of Ministers;

"HEREBY DECREES:

"1. Supreme Decrees No. 8 of 28 May 1958, No. 13 of 20 June 1958 and Nos. 3 and 4 of 7 April 1959 shall be amended as follows:

(a) Motor-cars for passengers included in items Nos. 2958, 2959, 2960, 2961 and 2962 of the Customs Tariff shall be exempted from the extra charges of 200 per cent and 20 per cent;

(b) Motor-cars for passengers included in item No. 2963 of the Customs Tariff shall be exempted from the extra charges of 200 per cent and 20 per cent when their unit value, f.o.b. port of export, is over 50,000.00 soles but does not exceed 60,000.00 soles;

(c) Motor-cars for passengers included in item No. 2963 of the Customs Tariff and the unit value of which, f.o.b. port of export, exceeds 60,000.00 soles shall continue to be subject to the extra charges of 200 per cent and 20 per cent; and

(d) Goods included in items Nos. 2964 and 2986 of the Customs Tariff will, since they are related to No. 2958 and No. 2963, be treated in the same way as passenger vehicles under paragraphs (a), (b) and (c) of Article 1 of this Decree with regard to the application of the extra charges of 200 per cent and 20 per cent specified in Acts No. 12995 and No. 13199 respectively.

"2. The Customs Tariff items listed below shall also be exempted from the extra charges of 200 per cent, 50 per cent and 10 per cent, referred to in the Acts and Decrees cited, as the case may be:

Nos. 2532 - 2533 - 2535 - 2536 - 2537 - 2538 - 2539 - 2540 - 2541 -
2542 - 2543 - 2544 - 2545 - 2546 - 2547 - 2548 - 2549 - 2550 - 2551 -
2552 - 2553 - 2554 - 2555 - 2556 - 2782 - 2783 - 2784 - 2785 - 2786 -
2787 - 2788 - 2789 - 2804 - 2805 - 2806 - 2807 - 2808 - 2809 - 2810 -
2811 - 2812 - 2813 - 2814 - 2815 - 2816 - 2817 - 2818 - 2819 - 2820 -
2821 - 2822 - 2823 - 2824 - 2825 - 2826 - 2905 - 2908 - 2965 - 2966 -
2967 - 2968 - 2972 - 2973 - 2974 - 2974A - 2975 - 2977 - 2978 - 2979 -
2980 - 2981 - 2982 - 2985 - 2992.

"3. For the purposes of the application of the provisions of this Decree, the Customs houses of the Republic shall act in accordance with the provisions of Article No. 487 of the Customs Procedures Code.

"4. Notification shall be given to the National Congress in accordance with the provisions of Acts No. 12995 and No. 13199."