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URUGUAY - ADJUSTMENT OF "AFOROS" IN SCHEDULE XXXI

Communication from the Government of Uruguay

The Uruguayan Government has transmitted the text of the Decree reproduced hereunder.

The question has been placed on the agenda for the twenty-second session of the CONTRACTING PARTIES.

URUGUAYAN DECREE NO: 298/964

RAISING THE EXISTING "AFOROS" LAID DOWN IN THE GENERAL IMPORT
TARIFF, PENDING A DETERMINATION OF THE REAL VALUE OF WAREHOUSED
GOODS, THE INCREASE NOT BEING APPLICABLE TO "AFOROS" ESTABLISHED
WITHIN THE THREE YEARS PRECEDING THE ENTRY INTO
FORCE OF THIS REGULATION

Montevideo, 13 August 1964

Having regard to the provisions of Law No. 7,623 of 19 September 1923 and Law No. 13,032 of 7 December 1961;

Considering that it is necessary to adjust the present "aforos" which were last subject to a general alignment on 23 June 1960, in order to adjust the present incidence of the import tariff to the requirements of the overall reform which is under study;

Considering that such an adjustment is also necessary in order to adapt the official valuation to requirements of an exchange, fiscal, economic and technical character;

Considering that the revenue deriving from customs "reaforos" comes within the estimated receipts to cover the expenditure authorized by Law. No. 13,241 of 31 January 1964;

Considering that for a number of reasons it would not be practical to establish discriminatory adjustments for each individual product in the tariff and thus to apply the procedure laid down by the Decrees of 14 June 1943, 22 December 1950 and 23 June 1960;

Considering that the adjustment of "aforos" is also warranted with a view to a possible rationalization of the official valuation of all charges on imports which are paid on the basis of individual "aforos";

Considering that "aforo" increases in relation to the incidence of the relevant customs charge, and taking into account the exceptions established in this decree, have in general a moderate effect on prices and consequently on the consumer and export market for products subject to "reaforos";

Considering that Law No. 7,623 of 19 September 1923 stipulates that the "aforos" may not be revised until three years have elapsed since their application;

Having regard to the report of the Customs Board in accordance with Law No. 13,032 of 7 December 1961, article 161:C.170, 171, 172 and 173 and to the authorization given in the General Notes to Schedule XXXI (Uruguay) negotiated in GATT, and Article 48 of the Montevideo Treaty, Law No. 12,859 of 29 April 1961;

The National Council of Government

DECREES AS FOLLOWS

Article 1 - In accordance with Article 1 of Law No. 7,623 of 19 September 1923 and Article 170 of Law No. 13,032 of 7 December 1961, pending the determination of the integral value of warehoused goods, as required by Article 5 of the above-mentioned legislation, the existing "aforos" established under the General Import Tariff and the Raw Materials Tariff shall be increased by 100 per cent.

Article 2 - "Aforos" established in the "conventional" tariffs shall be increased by the percentage laid down in the preceding Article, in accordance with the provisions of Law No. 12,019 of 6 November 1953 and Law No. 12,859 of 29 April 1961.

Article 3 - The same increase shall apply to all other differential tariffs to the extent permissible under treaties and agreements in force.

Article 4 - The increase provided for in Article 1 shall not apply to "aforos" which have been established or modified within the three years immediately preceding the entry into force of this decree.

Article 5 - This decree shall enter into force as from its publication in two daily newspapers in the capital.

Article 6 - The General Assembly shall be informed thereof.

Article 7 - This Decree shall be communicated, published etc.

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Secretary.