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Addendum

In communications dated 2 November 1978 and 25 January 1979, the delegation of Czechoslovakia has notified that with effect from 1 October 1978, the least developed among developing countries indicated have been granted duty-free treatment under the GSP scheme of Czechoslovakia and other GSP beneficiary countries have been granted 75 per cent tariff reductions on m.f.n. duty rates.

The relevant decree providing details of these improvements in the GSP scheme of Czechoslovakia is hereby circulated for the information of contracting parties.

The Decree of the Government of the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic No. 9 of 3 February 1972 on the Regulation of Customs Tariffs Applicable to Goods Coming from Developing Countries reproduced in document L/3703 and Addenda has been replaced by the Decree of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade No. 59 of the Collection of Laws dated 16 June 1978 on the Exemption from Custom Duties of Goods Imported from and Originating in Developing Countries.

An unofficial translation of this Decree is reproduced hereunder:

The Federal Ministry of Foreign Trade acting in agreement with the Federal Ministry of Finance and with the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs decides under § 44, para. 2, of the Customs Law No. 44/1974 of the Collection of Laws:

§ 1

In order to create further favourable conditions for an expansion of the volume as well as of the structure of Czechoslovak imports of goods from developing countries, merchandise is exempt from custom duties to the following extent:

- a/ merchandise coming from and originating in least developed among developing countries enumerated in Annex 1 to this Decree - one hundred per cent;
- b/ merchandise coming from and originating in other developing countries, enumerated in Annex 2 to this Decree - 75 per cent of custom duty assessed pursuant to the tariff rates included in Volume 1 /Imports/ of the Czechoslovak Customs Tariff /Government Decree No. 32/1947/ valid on 31 December 1971, with the exception of duties applicable to goods enumerated in § 2.

§ 2

The exemption from custom duties under § 1, par. b/, shall not apply to goods falling under the following item numbers /positions/ of Volume I of the Czechoslovak Customs Tariff:

<u>Tariff item number</u>	<u>Description of goods</u>
ex 19	Sugar, white
22 b/4	Cigarettes
107	Beer
ex 218	Floor carpets /other than hand made/ of linen, also bleached, dyed, printed or figured
ex 237	Floor carpets /other than hand made/
274	Clothing, linen, articles of fashion and other sewn articles of fabrics not expressly mentioned.

§ 3

1. The exemption from customs duties under §1 (hereinafter referred to as "exemption from duties") shall be applied to the goods referred to in sub-paragraphs a, b and c below which are imported directly to the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic from the developing countries enumerated in Annex 1 or Annex 2 to this Decree (hereinafter referred to as "developing countries").

- a/ raw materials, livestock, vegetable and animal products, originating in the respective country, including sea fish and products thereof, made on a ship sailing under the flag of such country;
- b/ goods produced exclusively of raw materials or products enumerated under /a/ above;

- c/ goods whose value includes raw materials, semi-products, components and products originating in another country, provided that
- ca/ the respective goods have been subject to a manufacturing process in the respective developing country by which the said goods have acquired their basic characteristics, and that
- cb/ the manufacturing process mentioned in subsection /ca/ has raised the original value of the goods by at least 100 per cent.

2. For the purposes of this Decree, the following goods are to be considered as goods directly transported to the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic: goods that are transported over the shortest or most favourable route provided that the goods, while travelling over the customs territory of a third country, are not admitted in free circulation, but are under bond during the whole time of transit.

3. The basic characteristics of the goods in the sense of paragraph 1 subparagraph /c/ are in no case acquired only as a result of activities connected with packing, classifying, conservation, storing, marking, gauging, completing the goods or assembling their individual parts, etc.

§ 4

1. The Czechoslovak organizations authorized to carry out foreign trade activities (hereinafter referred to as "the importer"), when they import goods qualifying for the application of an exemption of custom duties, have to present a certificate of origin of the goods concerned to the Czechoslovak Customs authorities.

2. The certificate of origin to be submitted to the customs authorities shall be issued by the producer or the exporter of the goods imported to the Czechoslovak Socialist Republic. These certificates are to be made either in the Czech or Slovak languages or they may be in Russian, English, French, Spanish or German.

3. The certificate of origin shall include the following basic data:

- a/ indication of the exporting country,
- b/ name and address of the producer or exporter,
- c/ name and address of the importer /the respective Czechoslovak Foreign Trade Organization/,
- d/ means of transport and the transport route /if known/,
- e/ reference number and date of the invoice covering the goods dispatched,
- f/ code number of the business transaction of the importer,
- g/ the kind of goods imported, their commercial description as well as indication of the four-digit number /nomenclature of the Customs Cooperation Council/,
- h/ quantity of the goods imported /gross and net weight or number of pieces, dozens etc./,
- i/ contracted price of the goods imported /showing the parity - C.I.F. or other, as the case may be/,
- j/ declaration to the effect that the above data are correct, as well as signature and seal of the producer or exporter of the goods,
- k/ marks and signs of the consignment, enabling the identification of the goods.

4. The certificates of origin shall be legalized by the Chamber of Commerce or similar institution of the exporting country, authorized by the respective national authorities to provide such legalizations.

5. The customs authorities may, during the clearance of the goods, require that the importers of the goods under paragraph 1 produce, apart from the certificate of origin, also additional documents showing that the goods in question are eligible for exemption from duties.

§ 5

The Ordinance of the Minister of Foreign Trade No. 10/1972 of the Collection of Laws on Procedures, governing the application of reduction of import tariff rates in case of goods originating in developing countries, is repealed.

§ 6

This Decree shall come into force on 1 October 1978.

Annex 1

List of countries

Goods imported from and originating in the following countries are exempt from duties, under § 1 subsection a/ :

- The Republic of Afghanistan
- The Kingdom of Bhutan
- The Republic of Gambia
- The Republic of Guinea
- The Yemen Arab Republic
- The People's Democratic Republic of Yemen
- The People's Democratic Republic of Laos
- The People's Republic Bangladesh
- The Kingdom of Nepal

The Republic of Botswana
The Republic of Burundi
The Republic of Chad
The People's Republic of Benin
The Republic of Haiti
The Republic of Maldives
The Republic of Mali
The Republic of Niger
The Republic of Rwanda
The Republic of Uganda
The Republic of Western Samoa
The Republic of Upper Volta

Annex 2

List of countries

Goods imported from and originating in the following countries are exempt from 75 per cent of duty, under § 1, subsection /b/:

The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria
The People's Republic of Angola
The Argentine Republic
The State of Bahrain
Barbados
The Socialist Republic of the Union of Burma
The Republic of Sri Lanka
The Democratic Republic of Sao Tome and Principe
The Dominican Republic
The Arab Republic of Egypt
The United Arab Emirates
The Federative Republic of Brazil

The United Republic of Cameroon
The Federal Republic of Nigeria
Fiji
The Republic of Ghana
The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan
The Republic of India
The Republic of Indonesia
The Republic of Iraq
The Empire of Iran
The Islamic Republic of Mauretania
The Islamic Republic of Pakistan
Jamaica
The Republic of Kenya
Kampuchea
The Republic of Colombia
The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
The Republic of Cuba
The Republic of Cyprus
The People's Republic of Congo
The People's Republic of Mozambique
The Libyan Arab Socialist People's Jamahiriya
Malaysia
The Republic of Malgasy
The Republic of Malta
The Kingdom of Morocco
Mauritius
The Sultanate of Oman
Papua - New Guinea
The Republic of Bolivia

The Republic of Ecuador
The Republic of El Salvador
The Republic of Philippines
The Republic of Equatorial Guinea
The Gabonese Republic
The United Republic of Tanzania
The Socialist Ethiopia
The Somali Democratic Republic
Central African Empire
The Democratic Republic of Sudan
Grenada
The Republic of Guatemala
The Republic of Guinea-Bissau
The Republic of Guayana
The Republic of Honduras
The Republic of Cape Verde
The Republic of Costa Rica
The Lebanese Republic
The Republic of Liberia
The Republic of Nauru
The Republic of Nicaragua
The Republic of Panama
The Republic of Paraguay
The Republic of Peru
The Republic of the Ivory Coast
The Republic of Senegal
The Republic of Sierra Leone
The Republic of Singapore
The Togolese Republic

The Republic of Venezuela
The Republic of Zaire
The Republic of Zambia
The State of Qatar
The Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia
The United States of Mexico
The State of Kuwait
The Syrian Arab Republic
The Kingdom of Thailand
Trinidad and Tobago
The Republic of Tunisia
The Republic of Turkey
The Eastern Republic of Uruguay

