

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE

L/4688
19 July 1978
Limited Distribution

URUGUAY - IMPORT SURCHARGES

Extension of Decision of 24 October 1972

Decision of 18 July 1978^{1/}

Considering the Decision taken by the CONTRACTING PARTIES under paragraph 5 of Article XXV on 24 October 1972^{2/} to waive, subject to the terms and conditions laid down in the Decision, the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article II of the General Agreement to the extent necessary to allow the Government of Uruguay to apply the import surcharges which were effectively applied on 31 May 1972, the validity of which Decision was, by successive decisions by the CONTRACTING PARTIES, extended until 30 June 1978^{3/};

Considering that the Government of Uruguay is in the process of simplifying its import tax system, a part of which efforts was the entry into force on 1 January 1978 of the Single Customs Tax^{4/}, and considering that the Government of Uruguay is presently consulting on how, in the light of the results of the trade negotiations, the necessities of Uruguay's foreign trade policy could be accommodated;

Considering that the Government of Uruguay has requested an extension of the above-mentioned Decision until the end of 1978, so that the studies in course may be completed and the relevant technical consultations may take place;

The CONTRACTING PARTIES, acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement,

Decide that the Government of Uruguay be authorized to maintain the surcharges at present applied by it, subject to the terms and conditions of the Decision of 24 October 1972, until 31 December 1978.

^{1/} The Decision was adopted by postal ballot. There were 52 votes in favour and none against.

^{2/} BISD 19S/9

^{3/} BISD 23S/11

^{4/} L/4646