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SPAIN - TARIFF TREATMENT OF UNROASTED COFFEE

Brazil - Request for Consultations under
Article XXII:1

The following communication, dated 13 September 1979, has been received from the Brazilian Permanent Delegation, with the request that it be circulated to contracting parties.

1. As you are certainly aware, Spain has recently introduced certain modifications in the tariff treatment applied to her imports of unroasted coffee. Such modifications were enacted by "Real Decreto" 1764/1979, of 8 July 1979, according to which imports into Spain of unroasted, non-decaffeinated unwashed arabica and robusta coffees (present tariff No. 09.01.A) are now subject to a tariff treatment less favourable than that accorded to other coffees. Prior to the entry into force of the above-mentioned "Real Decreto", there was no such differentiation in the tariff treatment applied by Spain to her imports of unroasted coffee.
2. As the principal supplier of coffee to Spain, Brazil is concerned with the discriminatory character of the new tariff rates instituted by the "Real Decreto" 1764/1979 relating to Spanish imports of coffee, when originating in and produced by Brazil.
3. In view of the foregoing, I have been instructed to request consultation with Spain, under Article XXII:1 of the GATT, on the new tariff treatment applied by Spain to her imports of unroasted coffee and established by "Real Decreto" 1764/1979, of 8 July 1979.