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URUGUAY - IMPORT SURCHARGES

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 15 October 1980, has been received from the Permanent Delegation of Uruguay.

As already notified to the CONTRACTING PARTIES, Uruguay is engaged in a process of reducing, simplifying and harmonizing the import tariff through the application of a single customs tax on the value for customs purposes (L/4646) and through the progressive and gradual reduction of the overall rates charged on imports over a period of five years, as from 1 January 1980 (L/4808).

Included in this framework is the system of import surcharges (L/4645), the maximum levels of which have been further reduced (Decree 787/979, L/5025).

In order to allow timely completion of the task of adjusting the concessions included in Schedule XXXI to the new tariff structure now in force, an extension is requested of the authorization granted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES for the application of surcharges by Uruguay until 31 December 1981, in terms of the decision adopted by the Council at its 134th meeting last year (L/4825).

In this sense, my country's authorities hope to be able to present, in the course of 1981, a proposed new Schedule XXXI for examination under the procedures established by the General Agreement.

This request will be considered by the Council at its meeting on 10 November 1980.