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URUGUAY - IMPORT SURCHARGES

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 12 October 1982, 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), although world economic difficulties have made it necessary for the authorities of Uruguay to make some adjustments to this process.

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 30 June 1983, in terms of the decision adopted by the Council at its meeting of 30 July 1982 (L/5356).

In this sense, the authorities of Uruguay hope to be able to present, at the end of the first six months of 1983, 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 of 2 November 1982.