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COMMUNICATION FROM THE DELEGATION OF SPAIN

The following communication, dated 7 February 1979, has been received from the delegation of Spain.

By Resolution of 19 January last, published in the Official Gazette of 27.1.1979, the General Directorate of Tariff Policy of the Ministry of Trade and Tourism of my country gave instructions for the liberalized import régime to be applied to the products falling within tariff heading ex 21.07 D "Food preparations not elsewhere specified or included: texturized proteins, of soya".

My country's authorities consider that the liberalization of imports of this product, like the liberalizations recently introduced and as reported in documents MTN/NTM/W/142 and 181, constitutes a contribution by Spain in the area of non-tariff barriers, and that the removal of these can be the subject of compensation in the context of the multilateral trade negotiations now proceeding in GATT. Accordingly, the Spanish authorities consider this liberalization as constituting a contribution by Spain that can be the subject of compensation.