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STATEMENT COVERING REQUEST OF THE CUBAN DELEGATION
TO NEGOTIATE TARIFF ITEMS ON TABLE POTATOES

In the Second Session of the Contracting Parties, held at Geneva in 1948, our Government was authorized to negotiate with the United States certain number of items of the Cuban Customs Tariff.

Since that time our experience has proven the necessity of making certain adjustments in three additional items in our Tariff, including "Table Potatoes", and inasmuch as these items (260-B, 260-C and 260-D) were initially negotiated with the United States and Canada, and are included in Parts I and II of Schedule IX (Cuba), annexed to the General Agreement, our Delegation hereby requests the Contracting Parties its authorization in order to make the above mentioned adjustments in our Tariff by means of negotiations with the United States and Canada.

For the Contracting Parties' information, we wish to mention below the items which would be affected, and the duties for the Most Favored Nation and Preferential Tariffs.

<u>TARIFF NUMBER</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>UNIT OF DUTY</u>	<u>M.F.N. TARIFF</u>	<u>PREF. TARIFF</u>
260-B	Potatoes, not specifically classified, imported from November 1st. up to and including June 30th of every year.	100 Kgs	\$5.00	\$4.00
260-C	Potatoes, not specifically classified, imported during the months of July and October, of every year.	100 Kgs	\$4.00	\$2.00
260-D	Potatoes, not specifically classified, imported during the months of August and September of every year.	100 Kgs	\$3.00	\$1.00

The adjustments which the Government of Cuba, wishes to make on the above duties are mainly changes in respect of the different seasons of the year, with the view of avoiding undue burden to domestic production, without causing harm to the suppliers of the Cuban market.

For further information, we are reproducing herewith another table which contains the adjustments proposed by the Cuban Delegation.

TABLE POTATOES

<u>TARIFF NUMBER</u>	<u>PRODUCT</u>	<u>UNIT OF DUTY</u>	<u>M.F.N. TARIFF</u>	<u>PREF. TARIFF</u>
<u>260-B</u> <u>Present</u>	Potatoes, not specifically classified, imported from Nov. 1st. up and includ- ing June 30th of every year.	100 Kgs	\$5.00	\$4.00
<u>260-B</u> <u>(Adjust-</u> <u>ment)</u>	Potatoes, not specifically classified, imported between Dec. 1st. up to June 30th inclusive, of every year.	100 Kgs	\$5.00	\$4.00
<u>260-C</u> <u>Present</u>	Potatoes, not specifically classified, imported during the month of July and Octo- ber of every year.	100 Kgs	\$4.00	\$2.00
<u>260-C</u> <u>(Adjust-</u> <u>ment)</u>	Potatoes, not specifically classified, imported during the month of July of every year.	100 Kgs	\$5.00	\$3.00
<u>260-D</u> <u>(Adjust-</u> <u>ment)</u>	Potatoes, not specifically classified, imported during November of every year.	100 Kgs	\$4.00	\$3.00
<u>260-D</u> <u>Present</u>	Potatoes, not specifically classified, imported durign the months of August and September of every year.	100 Kgs	\$3.00	\$1.00
<u>260-E</u> <u>(Adjust-</u> <u>ment)</u>	Potatoes, not specifically classified, imported during August, September and Oc- tober of every year.	100 Kgs.	\$3.00	\$1.00