

Cuba

A number of useful concessions were obtained by Canada as a result of these negotiations. Duties on five commodities of interest to Canada will be reduced to the same level as the duties applicable to the U.S. under the preferential tariff treatment which Cuba grants to the U.S.A. exclusively. These reductions are on copper tubing or pipe, from 5.11 to 3.90 pesos per 100 kilogs; aluminum sheets, not corrugated, undulated or grooved, from 4.00 to 3.25 pesos per 100 kilogs; phosphorus, from 5 to 3.5 centavos per kilog; linseed oil, from 50 to 40 centavos per 100 kilogs; and sewing machines, from 5 to 4 per cent ad valorem. Some of these reduced rates were previously in effect but were not bound under GATT. In addition to the above concessions, the most-favoured-nation rates on refrigerators and electric ventilators will be lowered correspondingly with reductions made in the preferential rates to the U.S. on these products.

Dominican Republic

A wide variety of commodities have been included among the concessions granted by the Dominican Republic. Among these the following are of interest to Canadian exporters: Aluminum ingots reduced from 10 to 8 pesos per 100 kilogs; typewriters, calculating machines and cash registers, from 20 to 18 per cent ad val.; mimeographs, dictating machines, and addressographs, from 20 to 18 per cent ad val.; electricity and water meters, bound duty-free; passenger car and bicycle tires, reduced from 25 to 22 per cent ad val; synthetic resin and other plastics in original solid state, from 15 to 13.5 centavos per kilog; plastic toys, bound against increase at 1.20 pesos per kilog.

Haiti

Canada will benefit from several new concessions supplementing those previously negotiated with Haiti at Annecy and Torquay. The duty on dried fish and shellfish other than codfish has been bound against increase at 0.33 gourde per kilog or, if higher, 20 percent ad val. Other concessions of interest to Canada include: electric refrigerators and air conditioners reduced from 10 to 5 per cent ad val; typewriters, dictaphones and mimeographs, from 20 to 15 per cent ad val; cash registers and calculating machines from 20 to 15 per cent ad val; oat cereals reduced from 0.25 to 0.15 gourde per kilog or, if higher, from 20 to 15 percent ad val; canned soups from 0.35 to 0.25 gourde per kilog or, if higher, from 20 to 15 per cent ad val.

Peru

A few concessions granted by Peru are of interest to Canada among which are the following: rubber water hose over 8 cms. in diameter bound against increase at 0.10 sol per kilog; water wheels and turbines, bound at 0.03 sol per kilog. There is also a customs surtax in the Peruvian tariff applicable to all items which, in the case of the above products, is also bound against increase at 12½ percent ad valorem.

Chile

Negotiations concluded by Chile with other countries resulted in a number of concessions of which the following are of interest to Canada: leaf tobacco reduced from 6 to 4