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SUBJ: BOLIVIAN TARIFF SCHEDULE

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1. PRESS REPORT CITED REFTEL A NOT RPT NOT CORRECT. GOB "ARANCEL ADUANERO DE IMPORTACIONES 1972" STILL IN EFFECT AND ADDENDUM OF FEBRUARY 28, 1973 HAS EXPIRED.

2. TWO TEMPORARY EXCEPTIONS TO 1972 ARANCEL HAVE BEEN PUT IN EFFECT IN 1974. FIRST, SUPREME DECREE NO. 11345 OF FEBRUARY 13, 1974 CREATED SLIDING PERCENTAGE REDUCTIONS OF NORMAL CUSTOMS RATES FOR RAW MATERIALS AND PARTS NEEDED BY BOLIVIAN INDUSTRIES. EACH EXEMPTION MUST BE APPROVED SEPARATELY. SECOND, SUPREME DECREE 11358 OF FEBRUARY 22, 1974 SUSPENDED DUTIES (BUT NOT ALL FEES) ON IMPORTATION CERTAIN BASIC FOOD COMMODITIES INCLUDING POWDERED MILK, RICE, VEGETABLE OIL, LARD, WHEAT FLOUR, TUNA FISH, SALMON AND SARDINES. ORIGINAL DECREE WAS FOR 90 DAYS WHICH WAS SUBSEQUENTLY EXTENDED ANOTHER 180 DAYS, THAT IS TO NOVEMBER 18, 1974.

3. THREE TO FIVE PERCENT SALES TAX ON IMPORTS STILL IN EFFECT BUT ALSO SUSPENDED FOR THESE BASIC FOOD ITEMS. CONSULAR FEES DO NOT APPEAR IN TARIFF COLUMNS. EMBASSY POUCHING ABOVE DECREES AND CONSULAR FEE SCHEDULE.

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4. BOLIVIA'S TARIFF REGIME WILL BE DESCRIBED IN GREATER DETAIL
IN POST'S ANSWER TO DEPARTMENT'S A-3164 OF APRIL 19 WHICH
NOW BEING PREPARED.
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