

SPECIAL TARIFF POSITION OF PHILIPPINES

Exchange of notes at Washington May 4 and July 11, 1946, modifying agreement of October 26 and November 7, 1927

Entered into force July 11, 1946

*Terminated August 29, 1963*¹

61 Stat. 2449; Treaties and Other
International Acts Series 1572

The Acting Secretary of State to the Spanish Ambassador

WASHINGTON

May 4, 1946

EXCELLENCY:

With reference to the forthcoming independence of the Philippines on July 4, 1946, my Government considers that provision for a transitional period for dealing with the special tariff position which Philippine products have occupied for many years in the United States is an essential accompaniment to Philippine independence. Accordingly, under the Philippine Trade Act approved April 30, 1946,² goods the growth, produce or manufacture of the Philippines will enter the United States free of duty until 1954, after which they will be subject to gradually and regularly increasing rates of duty or decreasing duty-free quotas until 1974 when general rates will become applicable and all preferences will be completely eliminated.

Since the enactment of the Philippine Independence Act approved March 24, 1934,³ my Government has foreseen the probable necessity of providing for such a transitional period and has since then consistently excepted from most-favored-nation obligations which it has undertaken toward foreign governments advantages which it might continue to accord to Philippine products after the proclamation of Philippine independence. Some thirty

¹ Date of entry into force of protocol of July 1, 1963 (15 UST 2571; TIAS 5749), for accession of Spain to General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (TIAS 1700, *ante*, vol. 4, p. 639).

² 60 Stat. 141.

³ 48 Stat. 456.