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PARLIAMENT OFFICE,
Public Buildings,
Georgetown,
Guyana.

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The following Bill which will be introduced in the National Assembly is published for general information.

F. A. Narain,
Clerk of the National Assembly.



GUYANA

BILL No. 4 of 1976

CUSTOMS (AMENDMENT) BILL 1976

ARRANGEMENT OF SECTIONS

SECTION

1. Short title.
2. Amendment of section 13 of the Principal Act.
3. Amendment of section 14 of the Principal Act.
4. Amendment of section 15 of the Principal Act.
5. Amendment of the First Schedule to the Principal Act.
6. Amendment of the Fourth Schedule to the Principal Act.

A BILL

Intituled

AN ACT to amend the Customs Act.

A.D. 1976. Enacted by the Parliament of Guyana:—

Short title. 1. This Act, which amends the Customs Act, may be
Cap. 82:01. cited as the Customs (Amendment) Act 1976.

Amendment of section 13 of the Principal Act. 2. Subsection (2) of section 13 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the word "Community" for the word "Preferential".

Amendment of section 14 of the Principal Act. 3. Section 14 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the word "Community" for the word "Preferential".

Amendment of section 15 of the Principal Act. 4. Subsection (8) of section 15 of the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution of the words "Part II" for the words "Part II B".

Amendment of the First Schedule to the Principal Act. 5. The First Schedule to the Principal Act is hereby amended in the following respects —

(a) by the substitution for paragraph 3 of the General Provisions appearing in Part I thereof, of the following paragraph —

"3. The rates of duty specified in the Import Schedule and the list of Export Duties, exclusive of the Annex to Part I of this Schedule, apply to goods imported from or exported to countries that are not Members of the Caribbean Community or which do not qualify for special tariff treatment as provided in the Community Treaty. The rates of import and export duty specified in the Annex to Part I of this Schedule and headed "Community Rates of Duty" apply only to such goods as are specified therein which conform with the origin and consignment criteria set out in the Community Regulations in the Fourth Schedule to this Act and are imported from the countries listed in Part II of this Schedule.";

- (b) by the deletion of Part II A and the renumbering of Part II B as Part II; and
- (c) by the substitution for the words "Part II B" appearing in item 11 of Part IV thereof, of the words "Part II".

6. The Fourth Schedule to the Principal Act is hereby amended by the substitution for the words "Part II B" appearing in paragraph 2 thereof, of the words "Part II".

Amendment
of the
Fourth
Schedule
to the
Principal
Act.

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

At the Seventh Meeting of the Council of Ministers of the Caribbean Community which was held in Georgetown in October, 1975, the Council agreed that a new single column common external tariff should be adopted by Member States in 1976.

The need for the change in the tariff arose by reason of the commitment of the African/Caribbean/Pacific group of countries, of which the Member States of the Caribbean Community form part, to the European Economic Community States under the Lome Convention. The Convention provides that goods imported from Member States of the European Economic Community should be granted the same tariff treatment in the importing African/Caribbean/Pacific countries and that this tariff treatment should be not less favourable than that which is accorded to similar imports from other developed countries.

In order, therefore, to conform with the obligations undertaken under the Lome Convention, it was decided to abandon Commonwealth preference and to adopt general tariff rates that apply to goods imported from all countries, other than Member States of the Caribbean Community. The amendments proposed in this Bill are intended to delete all references in the Customs Act (Cap. 82:01) to Commonwealth preference and to provide for the implementation of a single column of tariff rates.

F. E. Hope,
Minister of Finance.

(Bill 4/1976)

(CEX. 22 II)