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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO**

**Agreement on trade (with related letter). Signed at Wash-
ington on 19 December 1979**

Authentic text: English.

Registered by the United States of America on 27 March 1981.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
TRINITÉ-ET-TOBAGO**

**Accord commercial (avec lettre jointe). Signé à Washington
le 19 décembre 1979**

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 27 mars 1981.

AGREEMENT¹ ON TRADE BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

1. The Governments of the United States of America and of Trinidad and Tobago, having conducted trade negotiations under the Multilateral Trade Negotiations under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade² have reached the agreement contained herein, as contracting parties to that General Agreement.

2. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of the Tokyo Declaration, Trinidad and Tobago is willing to make a contribution to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations consistent with its level of economic development.

3. The Government of Trinidad and Tobago will bind tariff rates on the following items:

<i>Tariff Heading Number</i>	<i>Product Description</i>	<i>Bound Tariff Rate</i>
Ex 84.06	Stationary industrial internal combustion engines	15 percent
84.07	Hydraulic engines and motors	5 percent
Ex 84.13	Furnace burners for liquid fuel	5 percent
84.14	Industrial and laboratory furnaces	5 percent
Ex 84.24	Agricultural and horticultural machinery	5 percent

4. Such binding is recognized to be a substantial contribution by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

5. The Government of the United States is prepared, on the basis of the above bindings by the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, to reduce the duties on bitters, the tariff items 168.12 and 168.13 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States as in effect January 1, 1980 (item 168.15 as at present in effect), as follows:

<i>TSUS</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Bound Reduced Duty</i>
	Bitters of all kinds containing spirits: Not fit for use as beverages:	
168.12	In containers each holding not over 1 gallon	38c per proof gallon
168.13	In containers each holding over 1 gallon	38c per proof gallon

6. These reductions will be implemented fully in 1980.

7. The United States concession on bitters is contingent upon the Government of Trinidad and Tobago not introducing any non-tariff measures that would erode the value of the five bindings.

¹ Came into force on 1 January 1980, in accordance with paragraph 9.

² United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187.

8. These concessions will be implemented as though they were included in schedules of Trinidad and Tobago and the United States, respectively, to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, and it is hoped that they will in fact become parts of such schedules.

9. This agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 1980, and may be terminated on six months written notice.

DONE at Washington, this 19 day of December 1979.

[Signed — Signé]¹
For Trinidad and Tobago

[Signed — Signé]²
For the United States

RELATED LETTER

OFFICE OF THE SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR TRADE NEGOTIATIONS

Executive Office of the President

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1979

Dear Mr. Spencer:

I am pleased that the Governments of the United States of America and Trinidad and Tobago have entered into a trade agreement within the context of the Multilateral Trade Negotiations.

With regard to paragraph six of the agreement, my Government interprets the phrase "implemented fully in 1980" as meaning that implementation or staging will proceed at the fastest possible rate under United States legislation. It is my understanding that your Government accepts this interpretation.

I appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

[Signed]

H. JON ROSENBAUM
Trade Negotiator

Mr. Trevor Spencer
Ministry of External Affairs
Government of Trinidad and Tobago

¹ Signed by C. C. Alleyne — Signé par C. C. Alleyne.

² Signed by H. Jon Rosenbaum — Signé par H. Jon Rosenbaum.