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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
BRAZIL**

**Record of discussion constituting an agreement concerning
trade in hides and leather products. Signed at Brasília
on 13 August 1980**

Authentic text: English.

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**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
BRÉSIL**

**Procès-verbal des entretiens constituant un accord relatif au
commerce des peaux et des produits du cuir. Signé à
Brasília le 13 août 1980**

Texte authentique : anglais.

Enregistré par les États-Unis d'Amérique le 1^{er} mars 1982.

RECORD¹ OF DISCUSSION BETWEEN REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF BRAZIL AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA IN BRASÍLIA, ON AUGUST 11/12, 1980, IN THE COURSE OF THE VIIth SESSION OF THE SUBGROUP ON TRADE, CONCERNING SALTED CATTLE HIDES AND MANUFACTURED LEATHER PRODUCTS

In the interest of promoting the stability of the world market in cattle hides, leather and manufactured leather products, the delegations of Brazil and the United States to the VIIth Session of the Consultative Sub-Group on Trade, arrived at the draft agreement described below. This agreement is subject to formal approval of the respective Governments through the exchange of letters advising one another of their acceptance of the agreement. The draft agreement reads as follows:

“1. The present agreement will enter into force no later than October 1, 1980, and will expire, unless extended by both Governments, on October 1, 1981. Discussions will resume prior to October 1, 1981.

“2. While this agreement is in force, Brazil will apply a reduction of 50 percent in the 36 percent f.o.b. export tax established by Resolution No. 611, of April 29, 1980, of the Central Bank of Brazil.

“3. The United States Government recognizes the importance of Brazil's steps towards liberalizing its exports of salted cattle hides and the need for Brazil to improve its exports of manufactured leather products to the United States and other importing countries. The United States Government also notes that parts of its manufactured leather sector is economically sensitive to imports and reaffirms its commitment to avoid surges in imports of non-rubber footwear.

“4. The Government of Brazil states that the measure mentioned in paragraph 2 above is conditional to the United States not imposing additional restrictions on imports of manufactured leather products from Brazil during that period.

“5. The Government of the United States takes note of the Brazilian decision with respect to the liberalization of exports of salted cattle hides and will avoid, within its existing legal authority, the imposition of any such additional restrictions, in the interest of preserving the present agreement. The Government of the United States Delegation agrees that should unexpected developments force a change in the United States positions on the imports of manufactured leather products from Brazil, the Brazilian decision with respect to the liberalization of exports of salted cattle hides would accordingly be reviewed.

“6. Either Government will give prompt consideration to a request for consultations concerning the operation or effect of this agreement and such consultations will be held as soon as possible but no later than 15 (fifteen) days after such a request has been made.

¹ Came into force on 1 October 1980, in accordance with its provisions.

“7. This agreement is subject to termination, in whole or in part, upon notice.”

Date: August 13, 1980

[Signed]

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