

the granting of copyright, by the terms of which agreement the United States of America may, at its pleasure, become a party to such agreement:”

And whereas it is also provided by said section that “the existence of either of the conditions aforesaid shall be determined by the President of the United States by proclamation made from time to time as the purposes of this Act may require:”

And whereas satisfactory official assurances have been given that in Belgium, France, Great Britain and the British possessions, and Switzerland, the law permits to citizens of the United States the benefit of copyright on substantially the same basis as to the citizens of those countries:

Copyright benefits
extended to citizens of
Belgium, France,
Great Britain, and
Switzerland.

Now, therefore, I, BENJAMIN HARRISON, President of the United States of America, do declare and proclaim that the first of the conditions specified in section 13 of the act of March 3, 1891, is now fulfilled in respect to the citizens or subjects of Belgium, France, Great Britain, and Switzerland.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of [SEAL.] the United States the one hundred and fiftenth.

BENJ HARRISON

By the President:

WILLIAM F WHARTON

Acting Secretary of State.

[No. 4.]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

July 31, 1891.

Preamble.

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Whereas, pursuant to Section 3 of the Act of Congress approved October 1, 1890, entitled “An Act to reduce the revenue and equalize duties on imports, and for other purposes,” the Secretary of State of the United States of America communicated to the Government of Spain the action of the Congress of the United States of America, with a view to secure reciprocal trade, in declaring the articles enumerated in Section 3, to wit, sugars, molasses, coffee and hides, to be exempt from duty upon their importation into the United States of America;

Commercial arrangement with Spain.

And whereas the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Spain at Washington has communicated to the Secretary of State the fact that, in reciprocity and compensation for the admission into the United States of America free of all duty of the articles enumerated in Section 3 of said Act, the Government of Spain will, by due legal enactment, and as a provisional measure, admit, from and after September 1, 1891, into all the established ports of entry of the Spanish islands of Cuba and Porto Rico, the articles or merchandise named in the following Transitory Schedule, on the terms stated therein, provided that the same be the product or manufacture of the United States and proceed directly from the ports of said States:

Transitory schedule.

TRANSITORY SCHEDULE.

Articles admitted into Cuba and Porto Rico free of duty.

Products or manufactures of the United States to be admitted into Cuba and Porto Rico free of duties:

1. Meats, in brine, salted or smoked, bacon, hams, and meats preserved in cans, in lard or by extraction of air; jerked beef excepted.
2. Lard.
3. Tallow and other animal greases, melted or crude, unmanufactured.

4. Fish and shellfish, live, fresh, dried, in brine, smoked, pickled; oysters and salmon in cans.
5. Oats, barley, rye and buckwheat and flour of these cereals.
6. Starch, maizena and other alimentary products of corn, except corn-meal.
7. Cotton seed, oil and meal-cake of said seed for cattle.
8. Hay, straw for forage and bran.
9. Fruits, fresh, dried and preserved, except raisins.
10. Vegetables and garden products, fresh and dried.
11. Resin of pine, tar, pitch and turpentine.
12. Woods of all kinds, in trunks or logs, joists, rafters, planks, beams, boards, round or cylindric masts, although cut, planed and tongued and grooved, including flooring.
13. Woods for cooperage, including staves, headings and wooden hoops.
14. Wooden boxes, mounted or unmounted, except of cedar.
15. Woods, ordinary, manufactured into doors, frames, windows and shutters, without paint or varnish, and wooden houses, unmounted, without paint or varnish.
16. Wagons and carts for ordinary roads and agriculture.
17. Sewing machines.
18. Petroleum, raw or unrefined, according to the classification fixed in the existing orders for the importation of this article in said Islands.
19. Coal, mineral.
20. Ice.

Products or manufactures of the United States to be admitted into Cuba and Porto Rico on payment of the duties stated:

Articles admitted at rates expressed.

21. Corn or maize, 25 cents per 100 kilogrammes.
22. Corn meal, 25 cents per 100 kilogrammes.
23. Wheat, from January 1, 1892, 30 cents per 100 kilogrammes.
24. Wheat-flour, from January 1, 1892, \$1 per 100 kilogrammes.

Products or manufactures of the United States to be admitted into Cuba and Porto Rico at a reduction of duty of 25 per centum:

Articles admitted at a reduction of 25 per cent.

25. Butter and cheese.
26. Petroleum, refined.
27. Boots and shoes in whole or in part of leather or skins.

And whereas the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Spain in Washington has further communicated to the Secretary of State that the Government of Spain will, in like manner and as a definitive arrangement, admit, from and after July 1, 1892, into all the established ports of entry of the Spanish islands of Cuba and Porto Rico, the articles or merchandise named in the following Schedules A, B, C, and D, on the terms stated therein, provided that the same be the product or manufacture of the United States and proceed directly from the ports of said States:

Definitive arrangement after July 1, 1892.

SCHEDULE A.

Schedule A.

Products or manufactures of the United States to be admitted into Cuba and Porto Rico free of duties:

Articles admitted free of duty.

1. Marble, jasper and alabaster natural or artificial, in rough or in pieces, dressed, squared and prepared for taking shape.
2. Other stones and earthy matters, including cement, employed in building, the arts and industries.
3. Waters, mineral or medicinal.
4. Ice.
5. Coal, mineral.
6. Resin, tar, pitch, turpentine, asphalt, schist and bitumen.
7. Petroleum, raw or crude, in accordance with the classification fixed in the tariff of said islands.
8. Clay, ordinary, in paving tiles large and small, bricks, and roof tiles unglazed, for the construction of buildings, ovens and other similar purposes.

9. Gold and silver coin.
10. Iron, cast in pigs, and old iron and steel.
11. Iron, cast, in pipes, beams, rafters and similar articles, for the construction of buildings, and in ordinary manufactures, (see repertory).
12. Iron, wrought, and steel, in bars, rails and bars of all kinds, plates, beams, rafters, and other similar articles for construction of buildings.
13. Iron, wrought, and steel, in wire, nails, screws, nuts, and pipes.
14. Iron, wrought, and steel, in ordinary manufactures and wire cloth unmanufactured. (see repertory).
15. Cotton, raw, with or without seed.
16. Cotton-seed, oil and meal-cake of same for cattle.
17. Tallow and all other animal greases, melted or crude, unmanufactured.
18. Books and pamphlets, printed, bound and unbound.
19. Woods of all kinds, in trunks or logs, joists, rafters, planks, beams, boards and round or cylindric masts, although cut, planed, tongued and grooved, including flooring.
20. Wooden cooperage, including staves, headings and wooden hoops.
21. Wooden boxes, mounted or unmounted, except of cedar.
22. Woods, ordinary, manufactured into doors, frames, windows and shutters, without paint or varnish, and wooden houses, unmounted, without paint or varnish.
23. Woods, ordinary, manufactured into all kinds of articles turned or unturned, painted or varnished, except furniture. (see repertory).
24. Manures, natural or artificial.
25. Implements, utensils and tools for agriculture, the arts and mechanical trades.
26. Machines and apparatus, agricultural, motive, industrial and scientific, of all classes and materials, and loose pieces for the same, including wagons, carts and hand-carts for ordinary roads and agriculture.
27. Material and articles for public works, such as railroads, tramways, roads, canals for irrigation and navigation, use of waters, ports, lighthouses, and civil construction of general utility, when introduced by authorization of the Government, or if free admission is obtained in accordance with local laws.
28. Materials of all classes for the construction, repair in whole or in part of vessels, subject to specific regulations to avoid abuse in the importation.
29. Meats, in brine, salted and smoked, including bacon, hams, and meats preserved in cans, in lard or by extraction of air; jerked beef excepted.
30. Lard and butter.
31. Cheese.
32. Fish and shellfish, live, fresh, dried, in brine, salted, smoked and pickled; oysters and salmon in cans.
33. Oats, barley, rye and buckwheat, and flour of these cereals.
34. Starch, maizena and other alimentary products of corn, except corn-meal.
35. Fruits, fresh, dried and preserved, except raisins.
36. Vegetables and garden products, fresh and dried.
37. Hay, straw for forage and bran.
38. Trees, plants, shrubs and garden seeds.
39. Tan bark.

Schedule B.

SCHEDULE B.

Articles admitted at rates expressed.

Products or manufactures of the United States to be admitted into Cuba and Porto Rico on payment of the duties stated:

40. Corn or maize, 25 cents per 100 kilograms.
41. Corn-meal, 25 cents per 100 kilograms.

- 42. Wheat, 30 cents per 100 kilograms.
- 43. Wheat-flour, \$1.00 per 100 kilograms.
- 44. Carriages, cars and other vehicles for railroads or tramways, where authorization of the Government for free admission has not been obtained, 1 per centum ad valorem.

SCHEDULE C.

Schedule C.

Products or manufactures of the United States to be admitted into Cuba and Porto Rico at a reduction of duty of 50 per centum:

Articles admitted at a reduction of 50 per cent.

- 45. Marble, jasper and alabaster, of all kinds, cut into flags, slabs or steps, and the same worked or carved in all kinds of articles polished or not.
- 46. Glass and crystal ware, plate and window glass, and the same silvered, quicksilvered and platinized.
- 47. Clay in tiles, large and small, and mosaic for pavements, colored tiles, roof tiles glazed and pipes.
- 48. Stoueware and fine earthenware, and porcelain.
- 49. Iron, cast, in fine manufactures or those polished, with coating of porcelain or part of other metals. (see repertory.)
- 50. Iron, wrought, and steel, in axles, tires, springs and wheels for carriages, rivets and their washers.
- 51. Iron, wrought, and steel, in fine manufactures or those polished, with coating of porcelain or part of other metals, not expressly comprised in other numbers of these schedules, and platform scales for weighing. (see repertory.)
- 52. Needles, pens, knives, table and carving, razors, pen-knives, scissors, pieces for watches and other similar articles of iron and steel.
- 53. Tin plate in sheets or manufactured.
- 54. Copper, bronze, brass and nickel, and alloys of same with common metals, in lump or bars, and all manufactures of the same.
- 55. All other common metals and alloys of the same, in lump or bars, and all manufactures of the same, plain, varnished, gilt, silvered or nickeled.
- 56. Furniture of all kinds, of wood or metal, including school furniture, blackboards and other materials for schools, and all kinds of articles of fine woods not expressly comprised in other numbers of these schedules. (see repertory.)
- 57. Rushes, esparto, vegetable hair, broom corn, willow, straw, palm and other similar materials, manufactured into articles of all kinds.
- 58. Pastes for soups, rice flour, bread and crackers, and alimentary farinas, not comprised in other numbers of these schedules.
- 59. Preserved alimentary substances and canned goods, not comprised in other numbers of these schedules, including sausages, stuffed meats, mustards, sauces, pickles, jams and jellies.
- 60. Rubber and gutta percha, and manufactures thereof, alone or mixed with other substances (except silk), and oilcloths and tarpaulin.
- 61. Rice, hulled or unhulled.

SCHEDULE D.

Schedule D.

Products or manufactures of the United States to be admitted into Cuba and Porto Rico at a reduction of duty of 25 per centum:

Articles admitted at a reduction of 25 per cent.

- 62. Petroleum, refined, and benzine.
- 63. Cotton manufactured, spun or twisted, and in goods of all kinds, woven or knit, and the same mixed with other vegetable or animal fibers in which cotton is an equal or greater component part, and clothing exclusively of cotton.
- 64. Rope, cordage and twine of all kinds.
- 65. Colors, crude and prepared, with or without oil, inks of all kinds, shoe blacking and varnishes.

66. Soap, toilet, and perfumery.

67. Medicines, proprietary or patent and all others, and drugs.

68. Stearine and tallow manufactured in candles.

69. Paper for printing, for decorating rooms, of wood or straw for wrapping and packing and bags and boxes of same, sand-paper and pasteboard.

70. Leather and skins, tanned, dressed, varnished or japanned, of all kinds, including sole-leather or belting.

71. Boots and shoes in whole or in part of leather or skins.

72. Trunks, valises, travelling bags, portfolios and other similar articles in whole or in part of leather.

73. Harness and saddlery of all kinds.

74. Watches and clocks, of gold, silver or other metals, with cases of stone, wood or other material, plain or ornamented.

75. Carriages of two or four wheels and pieces of the same.

It is understood that flour which, on its exportation from the United States, has been favored with drawbacks shall not share in the foregoing reduction of duty.

Substitution of definitive for transitory arrangement.

The provisional arrangement as set forth in the Transitory Schedule shall come to an end on July 1, 1892, and on that date be substituted by the definitive arrangement as set forth in schedules A, B, C, and D.

And that the Government of Spain has further provided that the laws and regulations, adopted to protect its revenue and prevent fraud in the declarations and proof that the articles named in the foregoing schedules are the product or manufacture of the United States of America, shall place no undue restrictions on the importer, nor impose any additional charges or fees therefor on the articles imported.

And whereas, the Secretary of State has, by my direction, given assurance to the Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Spain at Washington that this action of the Government of Spain, in granting exemption of duties to the products and manufactures of the United States of America on their importation into Cuba and Porto Rico, is accepted for those islands as a due reciprocity for the action of Congress as set forth in Section 3 of said Act:

Reciprocal modification of Cuban and Porto Rican tariff laws.

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, have caused the above stated modifications of the tariff laws of Cuba and Porto Rico to be made public for the information of the citizens of the United States of America.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this thirty-first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-one, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and sixteenth.

BENJ HARRISON

By the President:

WILLIAM F WHARTON

Acting Secretary of State.

[No. 5.]

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

A PROCLAMATION.

August 1, 1891.

Preamble.
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Whereas, pursuant to section 3 of the Act of Congress approved October 1, 1890, entitled "An Act to reduce the revenue and equalize duties on imports, and for other purposes," the Secretary of State of the United States of America communicated to the Government of the Dominican Republic the action of the Congress of the United States of