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THE WHITE HOUSEEXTENSION AND MODIFICATION OF CERTAIN INCREASED
RATES OF DUTY ON CERAMIC TABLEWARE

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

1. Pursuant to the authority vested in him by the Constitution and the statutes, including section 350(a)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1351(a)(1)(B)); and sections 201(a)(2), 302(a)(2) and (3), and 351(a) of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962 (19 U.S.C. 1821(a)(2), 19 U.S.C. 1902(a)(2) and 19 U.S.C. 1902(a)(3), and 19 U.S.C. 1981(a)); and in accordance with Article XIX of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (61 Stat. (pt. 5) A58; 8 UST (pt. 2) 1786) (hereinafter referred to as "the GATT"), the President, by Proclamation No. 4125 of April 22, 1972 (86 Stat. 1624), proclaimed, effective on and after May 1, 1972, and until the close of business April 30, 1976, or until the President otherwise earlier proclaimed, increased duties on imports of certain types of ceramic tableware defined in items 923.01 through 923.15, inclusive, in Subpart A of Part 2 of the Appendix to the Tariff Schedules of the United States (hereinafter referred to as "the TSUS");

2. Having taken into account advice received from the International Trade Commission on March 31, 1976, pursuant to section 203(i) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2253(i)) (hereinafter referred to as "the Trade Act"), and the considerations described in section 202(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2252(c)), I have determined, pursuant to section 203(h)(3), of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2253(h)(3)), that it is in the national interest to extend and modify in stages, as hereinafter proclaimed, the increased rates of duty currently in effect on imports of some of the articles of ceramic tableware now provided for in items 923.01, 923.07, 923.13, and 923.15 of the TSUS.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GERALD R. FORD, President of the United States of America, acting under the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the statutes, including section 203(h)(3) of the Trade Act, and in accordance with Article XIX of the GATT, do proclaim that --

(1) The modified tariff concessions on ceramic tableware provided for in items 533.28, 533.38, 533.73, and 533.75 in Part I of Schedule XX to the GATT are further modified as set forth in the annex to this proclamation and in paragraph 3 hereof;

(2) In Subpart A of Part 2 of the Appendix to the TSUS, headnote 1 thereof and the provisions of items 923.01 through 923.15, inclusive, are modified as set forth in the annex to this proclamation and in paragraph 3 hereof;

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(3) The rates of duty in column numbered 1 of the annex hereto for articles provided for in items 923.01, 923.07, 923.13 and 923.15 are modified to read as follows:

Item	: Rate of duty effective on and after--		
	: May 1, 1976	: May 1, 1977	: May 1, 1978
923.01	: 10¢ per dozen : pieces + 21% ad val.	: 8.5¢ per dozen : pieces + 17.5% ad val.	: 7¢ per dozen pieces : + 14% ad val.
923.07	: 10¢ per dozen : pieces + 21% ad val.	: 8.5¢ per dozen : pieces + 17.5% ad val.	: 7¢ per dozen pieces : + 14% ad val.
923.13	: 10¢ per dozen : pieces + 48% ad val.	: 8.5¢ per dozen : pieces + 39.5% ad val.	: 7¢ per dozen pieces : +31% ad val.
923.15	: 10¢ per dozen : pieces + 55% ad val.	: 8.5¢ per dozen : pieces + 47% ad val.	: 7¢ per dozen pieces : +38.5% ad val.

(4) The modifications of Part I of Schedule XX to the GATT and of the Appendix to the TSUS made by paragraphs (1), (2), (3) and the Appendix hereto, shall be effective as to articles entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on and after May 1, 1976, and before the close of business April 30, 1979.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this thirtieth day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and seventy-six, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundredth.

GERALD R. FORD

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ANNEX

Item	Articles	Rates of Duty	
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	<p><u>Subpart A headnote:</u></p> <p>1. This subpart contains the temporary modifications of the provisions of the tariff schedules proclaimed by the President pursuant to the procedures prescribed in sections 301 and 351 or 352 of the Trade Expansion Act of 1962, and sections 201, 202, 203, and 406 of the Trade Act of 1974.</p> <p>Articles chiefly used for preparing, serving, or storing food or beverages, or food or beverage ingredients: Of fine-grained earthenware or of fine-grained stoneware: Available in specified sets: In any pattern for which the aggregate value of the articles listed in headnote 2(b) of subpart C, part 2 of schedule 5 is over \$12 but not over \$22 (provided for in item 533.28).....</p>		
923.01		10¢ per doz. pcs. + 21% ad val.	No change
923.07	Cups valued over \$1.70 but not over \$3.10 per dozen; saucers valued over \$0.95 but not over \$1.75 per dozen; plates not over 9 inches in maximum diameter and valued over \$1.55 but not over \$2.85 per dozen; plates over 9 but not over 11 inches in maximum diameter and valued over \$2.65 but not over \$4.85 per dozen; and creamers, sugars, vegetable dishes or bowls, platters or chop dishes, butter dishes or trays, gravy boats or gravies and stands, any of the foregoing articles valued over \$3.40 but not over \$6.20 per dozen (provided for in item 533.38).....	10¢ per doz. pcs. + 21% ad val.	No change
923.13	Of nonbone chinaware or of subporcelain: Household ware: Cups valued not over \$1.35 per dozen; saucers valued not over \$0.90 per dozen; plates not over 9 inches in maximum diameter and valued not over \$1.30 per dozen; plates over 9 but not over 11 inches in maximum diameter and valued not over \$2.70 per dozen; and creamers, sugars, vegetable dishes or bowls, platters or chop dishes, butter dishes or trays, gravy boats or gravies and stands, any of the foregoing articles valued not over \$4.50 per dozen (provided for in item 533.73).....	10¢ per doz. pcs. + 48% ad val.	No change
923.15	Cups valued over \$1.35 but not over \$4 per dozen; saucers valued over \$0.90 but not over \$1.90 per dozen; plates not over 9 inches in maximum diameter and valued over \$1.30 but not over \$3.40 per dozen; plates over 9 but not over 11 inches in maximum diameter and valued over \$2.70 but not over \$6 per dozen; creamers, sugars, vegetable dishes or bowls, platters or chop dishes, butter dishes or trays, gravy boats or gravies and stands, any of the foregoing articles valued over \$4.50 but not over \$11.50 per dozen (provided for in item 533.75).....	10¢ per doz. pcs. + 55% ad val.	No change