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Rate of duty on
 products of Cuba.

SEC. 2. The Trade Agreements Extension Act of 1948 (Public Law 792, Eightieth Congress) is hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. The period during which the President is authorized to enter into foreign trade agreements under section 350 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended and extended, is hereby extended for a further period of three years from June 12, 1948.

SEC. 4. Section 350 (a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, is hereby further amended by deleting the following therefrom: "in the present emergency in restoring the American standard of living, in overcoming domestic unemployment and the present economic depression, in increasing the purchasing power of the American public, and".

SEC. 5. Section 4 of the Act entitled "An Act to amend the Tariff Act of 1930", approved June 12, 1934, as amended (U. S. C., 1946 edition, title 19, sec. 1354), is hereby amended by striking out the matter following the semicolon and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "and before concluding such agreement the President shall seek information and advice with respect thereto from the United States Tariff Commission, from the Departments of State, Agriculture, and Commerce, from the National Military Establishment, and from such other sources as he may deem appropriate."

SEC. 6. Section 350 (b) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (U. S. Code, 1946, title 19, sec. 1351 (b)), is amended by changing the colon to a period, by deleting the proviso, and by adding the following: "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to preclude the application to any product of Cuba (including products preferentially free of duty) of a rate of duty not higher than the rate applicable to the like products of other foreign countries (except the Philippines), whether or not the application of such rate involves any preferential customs treatment. No rate of duty on products of Cuba shall in any case be decreased by more than 50 per centum of the rate of duty, however established, existing on January 1, 1945 (even though temporarily suspended by Act of Congress)."

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[CHAPTER 586]

AN ACT

To amend section 433 (f) of the Act of August 4, 1949.

September 27, 1949
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 [Public Law 308]

Coast Guard.
 Retirement of per-
 sonnel of former bu-
 reaus.
Ante, p. 529.

50 U. S. C. app.
 § 601 note.
 60 Stat. 1097.
 5 U. S. C. § 133y-16
 note.

5 U. S. C., Supp. II,
 § 691 *et seq.*
Ante, pp. 475, 476,
 490, 577, 609, 621, 663;
post, pp. 699, 704, 884.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 433 (f) of the Act of August 4, 1949, is amended to read as follows:

"(f) In computing length of service for purposes of retirement of personnel of the former Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation and Bureau of Customs transferred from those bureaus to the Coast Guard by Executive Order 9083 and by Reorganization Plan Numbered 3, effective July 16, 1946, who are commissioned, appointed, or enlisted, there shall be included, in addition to all service now or hereafter creditable by law, all service as a civilian employee of the United States within the purview of sections 691, 693, 698, 707, 709-715, 716-719, 720-725, 727-729, 730, 731, and 733 of title 5; and for all purposes of pay, so much of the service as was rendered as a civilian employee in the former Bureau of Marine Inspection and Navigation (including its predecessors, the Bureau of Navigation and the Steamboat Inspection Service), in the Bureau of Customs and in the Coast Guard. Such service for both retirement and pay purposes shall be classified as commissioned, warrant, or enlisted depending upon which status the person assumes upon his entry into the Regular Coast Guard. Service covering the same period shall not be counted more than once."

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