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## AUSTRIA - SPECIAL TARIFF MEASURES ON HAND-MADE PRODUCTS

### Notification by Austria

With reference to the implementation of Part IV of the General Agreement, the delegation of Austria has notified as follows the tariff measures which Austria has taken recently in order to facilitate the importation of hand-made products.<sup>1</sup>

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Quite recently a major step forward has been taken by Austria in the practical implementation of the "Law concerning Imports of Hand-made Products duty-free or at reduced rates of duty with the Aim of Promoting Trade Relations with Developing Countries" (Austrian Legal Gazette No. 94/1972).

A Decree has been issued on 25 September 1974 (Austrian Legal Gazette No. 626/1974) providing for duty-free entry of hand-made items falling within a list of some ninety tariff lines annexed to that Decree. Hand-made textile products falling within another list of some thirty-five tariff lines are admitted at tariff rates reduced by 50 per cent. It may, however, be recalled that according to the Law the handicraft products have to be shipped directly to Austria from the country of origin.

In the preparation of these two lists of tariff lines the frequently identical wishes expressed by some thirty developing countries were taken into account. Those developing countries which - despite an Austrian invitation - have not submitted lists of handicraft products will nevertheless be able to benefit from the Austrian measure.

In order to be able to make practical use of the tariff advantages it is necessary for all interested developing countries to formally agree with the Austrian authorities on the form and substance of certificates of origin and of manual

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<sup>1</sup>See L/4110, paragraph 5 for the statement made by the delegation of Austria in this regard at the thirteenth session of the Committee on Trade and Development.

production of goods as well as on certifying agencies. A draft of such an agreement as well as a sample of the certificate to be used have been transmitted to all developing countries either through their diplomatic representations in Vienna or via the competent Austrian Embassy.

It is hoped that a great number of developing countries will conclude such formal administrative arrangements with Austria in order to take advantage of the increased export possibilities for handicraft products.

Together with the second major step in the Austrian Scheme of Generalized Preferences which came into force on 1 January 1975 the measure benefiting handicraft products in particular is a contribution to the implementation of the aims of Part IV of GATT.

The following material is appended to this notification:

Annex A List of tariff items for which duty-free treatment for hand-made products is provided;

Annex B List of tariff items for which a 50 per cent reduction of duty for hand-made products is provided;

Notes concerning the interpretation of the product coverage of some items covered in Annexes A or B.

Annex A

List of Tariff Items for which Duty-Free  
Treatment for Hand-Made Products is Provided

| Tariff heading | Description of products  |
|----------------|--|
| 42.01          | Saddlery and harness, of any material (for example, saddles, harness, collars, traces, knee-pads and boots), for any kind of animal  |
| 42.03          | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, of leather or of composition leather:<br>C - Clothing accessories  |
| 42.05          | Other articles of leather or of composition leather  |
| 43.04          | Artificial fur and articles made thereof   |
| 44.28          | Other articles of wood   |
| ex 45.03       | Articles of natural cork, other than discs of unbarked natural cork  |
| 46.01          | Plaits and similar products of plaiting materials, for all uses, whether or not assembled into strips:<br>C - Other  |
| 46.02          | Plaiting materials bound together in parallel strands or woven, in sheet form, including matting, mats and screens; straw envelopes for bottles  |
| 46.03          | Basketwork, wickerwork and other articles of plaiting materials, made directly to shape; articles made up from goods falling within heading No. 46.01 or 46.02; articles of loofah   |
| ex 48.18       | Registers, exercise books, note books, memorandum blocks, order books, receipt books, diaries, blotting-pads, binders (loose-leaf or other), file covers and other stationery of paper or paperboard; sample and other albums and book covers, of paper or paperboard:<br>- bound in silk or leather |
| 48.21          | Other articles of paper pulp, paper, paperboard or cellulose wadding:<br>A - Luxury paper articles, except articles falling within heading No. 97.05<br>B - Paper clothing; plates, dishes and similar articles, of paper pulp, shaped or pressed<br>D - Other                                       |

- 49.09 Picture postcards, Christmas and other picture greeting cards, printed by any process, with or without trimmings
- 49.11 Other printed matter, included printed pictures and photographs:  
C - Pictures, illustrations and photographs:  
2 - Illustrations, of which the picture measures more than 9 cm. x 12 cm.  
5 - Other
- 66.02 Walking-sticks (including climbing-sticks and seat-sticks), canes, whips, riding-crops and the like
- 67.01 Skins and other parts of birds with their feathers or down, feathers, parts of feathers, down, and articles thereof (other than goods falling within heading No. 05.07 and worked quills and scapes)
- 67.02 Artificial flowers, foliage or fruit and parts thereof; articles made of artificial flowers, foliage or fruit
- 67.04 Wigs, false beards, hair pads, curls, switches and the like, of human or animal hair or of textiles; other articles of human hair (including hair nets):  
B - Other
- 67.05 Fans and hand screens, non-mechanical, of any material; frames and handles therefor and parts of such frames and handles, of any material
- 68.02 Worked monumental or building stone, and articles thereof (including mosaic cubes), other than goods falling within heading No. 68.01 or within Chapter 69
- 70.09 Glass mirrors (including rear-view mirrors), unframed, framed or backed:  
B - Other
- 70.10 Carboys, bottles, jars, pots, tubular containers and similar containers, of glass, of a kind commonly used for the conveyance or packing of goods; stoppers and other closures, of glass:  
B - Other:  
2 - Other
- 70.14 Illuminating glassware, signalling glassware and optical elements of glass, not optically worked nor of optical glass

- 70.19 Glass beads, imitation pearls, imitation precious and semi-precious stones, fragments and chippings, and similar fancy or decorative glass smallwares, and articles of glassware made therefrom; glass cubes and small glass plates, whether or not on a backing, for mosaics and similar decorative purposes; artificial eyes, of glass, including those for toys but excluding those for wear by humans; ornaments and other fancy articles of lamp-worked glass; glass grains (ballotini)
- 71.05 Silver, including silver gilt and platinum-plated silver, unwrought or semi-manufactured:  
C - Semi-manufactured silver (plates, sheets, rods, wire, etc.)  
D - Silver leaf  
E - Purl, tinsel and flakes
- 71.06 Rolled silver, unworked or semi-manufactured
- 71.14 Other articles of precious metal or rolled precious metal
- 71.15 Articles consisting of, or incorporating, pearls, precious or semi-precious stones (natural, synthetic or reconstructed)
- 71.16 Imitation jewellery
- 73.38 Articles of a kind commonly used for domestic purposes, sanitary ware for indoor use, and parts of such articles and ware, of iron or steel:  
B - Other:  
3 - Other:  
(b) - Other
- 74.13 Chain and parts thereof, of copper
- 74.17 Cooking and heating apparatus of a kind used for domestic purposes, not electrically operated, and parts thereof, of copper
- 74.18 Other articles of a kind commonly used for domestic purposes, sanitary ware for indoor use, and parts of such articles and ware, of copper
- 82.01 Hand tools, the following: spades, shovels, picks, hoes, forks and rakes; axes, bill hooks and similar hewing tools; scythes, sickles, hay knives, grass shears, timber wedges and other tools of a kind used in agriculture, horticulture or forestry:  
C - Axes, bill hooks and similar hewing tools

- 82.04 Hand tools, including glaziers' diamonds, not falling within any other heading of this Chapter; blow lamps, anvils; vices and clamps, other than accessories for, and parts of, machine tools; portable forges; grinding wheels with frameworks (hand or pedal operated):  
K - Other
- 82.09 Knives with cutting blades, serrated or not (including pruning knives), other than knives falling within heading No. 82.06
- 82.12 Scissors (including tailors' shears), and blades therefor:  
C - Other
- 82.13 Other articles of cutlery (for example, secateurs, hair clippers, butchers' cleavers, paper knives); manicure and chiropody sets and appliances (including nail files):  
E - Other
- 82.14 Spoons, forks, fish-eaters, butter-knives, ladles, and similar kitchen or tableware
- 83.02 Base metal fittings and mountings of a kind suitable for furniture, doors, staircases, windows, blinds, coachwork, saddlery, trunks, caskets and the like (including automatic door closers); base metal hat-racks, hat-pegs, brackets and the like
- 83.06 Statuettes and other ornaments of a kind used indoors, of base metal
- 83.07 Lamps and lighting fittings, of base metal, and parts thereof, of base metal (excluding switches, electric lamp holders, electric lamps for vehicles, electric battery or magneto lamps, and other articles falling within Chapter 85 except heading No. 85.22)
- 83.10 Beads and spangles, of base metal
- 83.11 Bells and gongs, non-electric, of base metal, and parts thereof of base metal
- 83.12 Photograph, picture and similar frames, of base metal; mirrors of base metal
- 90.03 Frames and mountings, and parts thereof, for spectacles, pince-nez, lorgnettes, goggles and the like:  
A - Of precious metals  
B - Of base metals (including base metals rolled with precious metals)

- 91.10 Clock cases and cases of a similar type for other goods of this Chapter, and parts thereof:
  - A - Of metal
- 91.11 Other clock and watch parts:
  - B - Other
- 92.01 Pianos (including automatic pianos, whether or not with keyboards); harpsichords and other keyboard stringed instruments; harps but not including aeolian harps
- 92.03 Pipe and reed organs, including harmoniums and the like:
  - B - Metal-reed harmoniums and the like
- 92.04 Accordions, concertinas and similar musical instruments; mouth organs
- 92.05 Other wind musical instruments
- 92.06 Percussion musical instruments (for example, drums, xylophones, cymbals, castanets)
- 92.08 Musical instruments not falling within any other heading of this Chapter (for example, fairground organs, mechanical street organs, musical boxes, musical saws); mechanical singing birds; decoy calls and effects of all kinds; mouth-blown sound signalling instruments (for example, whistles and boatswains' pipes)
- 92.09 Musical instrument strings
- 93.01 Side-arms (for example, swords, cutlasses and bayonets) and parts thereof and scabbards and sheaths therefor
- ex 93.05 Arms of other descriptions, including air, spring and similar pistols, rifles and guns:
  - Other than air guns
- 94.01 Chairs and other seats (other than those falling within heading No. 94.02), whether or not convertible into beds, and parts thereof:
  - A - Chairs and other seats, whether or not convertible into beds:
    - 1 - Of wood
    - 2 - Of other materials:
      - (b) - Of other materials
  - B - Parts of such goods:
    - 1 - Of wood:
      - (c) - Other
    - 2 - Of base metal
    - 4 - Of other materials

- 95.01      Worked tortoise-shell and articles of tortoise-shell
- 95.02      Worked mother of pearl and articles of mother of pearl
- 95.03      Worked ivory and articles of ivory
- 95.04      Worked bone (excluding whalebone) and articles of bone  
(excluding whalebone)
- 95.05      Worked horn, coral (natural or agglomerated) and other  
animal carving material, and articles of horn, coral  
(natural or agglomerated) or of other animal carving  
material
- 95.06      Worked vegetable carving material (for example, corozo)  
and articles of vegetable carving material
- 95.07      Worked jet (and mineral substitutes for jet), amber,  
meerschaum, agglomerated amber and agglomerated meerschaum,  
and articles of those substances
- 95.08      Moulded or carved articles of wax, of stearin, of natural  
gums or natural resins (for example, copal or rosin)  
or of modelling pastes, and other moulded or carved  
articles not elsewhere specified or included; worked,  
unhardened gelatin (except gelatin falling within  
heading No. 35.03) and articles of unhardened gelatin
- 96.01      Brooms and brushes, consisting of twigs or other  
vegetable materials merely bound together and not  
mounted in a head (for example, besoms and whisks),  
with or without handles
- 96.04      Feather dusters
- 96.05      Powder-puffs and pads for applying cosmetics or toilet  
preparations, of any material
- 97.02      Dolls:  
    A - Dolls:  
        3 - Of papier maché or of textile materials  
        4 - Of other materials  
    B - Parts and accessories:  
        2 - Other
- 97.03      Other toys; working models of a kind used for  
recreational purposes:  
    A - Toy musical instruments



- 97.04      Equipment for parlour, table and funfair games for adults and children (including billiard tables and pintables and table-tennis requisites):  
            D - Parts and accessories:  
                2 - Other
- 97.05      Carnival articles; entertainment articles (for example, conjuring tricks and novelty jokes); Christmas tree decorations and similar articles for Christmas festivities (for example, artificial Christmas trees, Christmas stockings, imitation yule logs, Nativity scenes and figures therefor):  
            B - Other
- 97.06      Appliances, apparatus, accessories and requisites for gymnastics or athletics, or for sports and outdoor games (other than articles falling within heading No. 97.04):  
            A - Of wood:  
                2 - Tennis racket frames and the like, golf clubs and handles therefor  
                3 - Other  
            B - Of iron or steel:  
                2 - Other  
            C - Of other materials:  
                2 - Other
- 98.11      Smoking pipes; pipe bowls, stems and other parts of smoking pipes (including roughly shaped blocks of wood or root); cigar and cigarette holders and parts thereof:  
            C - Pipe bowls, pipes, cigar and cigarette holders, finished

Annex B

List of Tariff Items for which a 50 per cent Reduction  
of Duty for Hand-Made Products is Provided

| <u>Tariff heading</u> | <u>Description of products</u>  |
|-----------------------|---|
| 50.09                 | Woven fabrics of silk or of waste silk other than noil  |
| 52.01                 | Metallised yarn, being textile yarn spun with metal or covered with metal by any process  |
| 52.02                 | Woven fabrics of metal thread or of metallised yarn, of a kind used in articles of apparel, as furnishing fabrics or the like   |
| 53.11                 | Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair  |
| 54.05                 | Woven fabrics of flax or of ramie   |
| 55.08                 | Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, of cotton  |
| 55.09                 | Other woven fabrics of cotton   |
| 57.11                 | Woven fabrics of other vegetable textile fibres   |
| 58.01                 | Carpets, carpeting and rugs, knotted (made up or not)   |
| 58.02                 | Other carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats and matting, and "Kelem", "Schumacks" and "Karamanie" rugs and the like (made up or not)   |
| 58.03                 | Tapestries, hand-made, of the type Gobelins, Flanders, Aubusson, Beauvais and the like, and needle-worked tapestries (for example, petit point and cross stitch) made in panels and the like by hand  |
| 58.04                 | Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (other than terry towelling or similar terry fabrics of cotton falling within heading No. 55.08 and fabrics falling within heading No. 58.05):<br>A - Of cotton:<br>1 - Furnishing fabrics woven in the same manner as pile fabrics |
| 58.05                 | Narrow woven fabrics, and narrow fabrics (bolduc) consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive, other than goods falling within heading No. 58.06:<br>ex B - Other: of cotton  |

- 58.07 Chenille yarn (including flock chenille yarn), gimped yarn (other than metallised yarn of heading No. 52.01 and gimped horsehair yarn); braids and ornamental trimmings in the piece; tassels, pompons and the like:  
ex B - Other, except plaits and other ornamental trimmings in the piece, containing 90% or more by weight of continuous regenerated textile fibres
- ex 58.09 Lace
- ex 58.10 Embroidery, in motifs
- 59.02 Felt and articles of felt, whether or not impregnated or coated:  
B - Other
- 59.04 Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not
- 59.05 Nets and netting made of twine, cordage or rope, and made up fishing nets of yarn, twine, cordage or rope
- 60.02 Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised:  
C - Of wool or of other animal hair  
D - Of cotton
- 60.03 Stockings, under stocking, socks, ankle-socks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised:  
C - Of wool or of other animal hair  
D - Of cotton
- ex 61.01 Men's and boys' outer garments, dyed or printed in a hand-made batik process; men's and boys' outer garments, made from one piece and not sewn, whether or not with ornaments, other than parts of garments:  
A - Of silk (including noil and other waste silk)  
B - Of wool or of other animal hair (fine or coarse)  
D - Of cotton
- ex 61.02 Women's, girls' and infants' outer garments, dyed or printed in a hand-made batik process; women's, girls' and infants' outer garments, made from one piece and not sewn, whether or not with ornaments, other than blouses and parts of garments:  
A - Of silk (including noil and other waste silk)  
B - Of wool or of other animal hair (fine or coarse)  
D - Of cotton  
E - Of other textile fibres

- ex 61.03 Men's and boys' under garments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs, dyed or printed in a hand-made batik process, except shirts:
- A - Of silk (including noil and other waste silk)
  - C - Of cotton
  - D - Of other textile fibres
- ex 61.04 Women's, girls' and infants' under garments, dyed or printed in a hand-made batik process
- 62.01 Travelling rugs and blankets

Notes to Annexes A and B

The product descriptions at the level of the four-digit headings are those of the Brussels Tariff Nomenclature. In cases where sub-headings or ex-positions are incorporated in the above annexes, the descriptions have been given in accordance with the structure of the Austrian Customs Tariff. With a view to facilitating the understanding of this notification, particularly in cases where the description of products is limited to "Other", the following notes indicate the scope of the respective items.

Annex A

- 46.01 C - Other than plaits for hat-making (generally duty-free) and tresses, cords and braids of vegetable plaiting materials (generally duty-free)
- 48.21 D - Other than those included in A and B, and than cards for Jacquard machines
- 49.11 C 5 - Other than those included in C 2, and than religious pictures; broadsheets, with illustrations, for insertion in books; and photographic reproductions of paintings and foreign works of art, the two latter groups of products being generally duty-free
- 67.04 B - Other than hair nets of human hair, and false locks made of wool, both being generally duty-free
- 70.09 B - Other than rear-view mirrors
- 70.10 B 2 - Other than products falling within this heading, clear, weighing more than 200 grams each, and than wicker bottles (demi-johns)
- 73.38 B 3 b - Articles of cast iron are not included; from articles of other than cast iron, the following are excluded: electrical articles of steel sheet or plate, with reinforced bottoms; baths of iron or steel or plate, whether or not enamelled or galvanised; articles of sheet or plate falling within heading No. 73.13, burnished or polished, enamelled, lacquered, painted, printed, tinned, galvanised, nickel-plated or chromium-plated

- 82.04 K - Other tools etc. than: hammers of all kinds; planes and plane irons, and other wood-working tools; drills, other than those falling within heading No. 82.05; sharpening steels; anvils; hand vices; blow-lamps; portable forges, and grinding wheels with wooden or other frameworks, hand or pedal operated; and glaziers' diamonds
- 82.12 C - Other than scissor blanks (generally duty-free) and manicure scissors
- 82.13 E - Other than butchers' and other cleavers; secateurs for gardeners and agricultural purposes, and other spring secateurs; nail files; and manicure and chiropody sets and appliances, whether or not including nail files
- 91.11 B - Other than parts for wrist-watches, pocket watches stop-watches of similar type, all these being generally duty-free
- 94.01 A 2 b - Chairs etc. of other material than wood (falling within A 1) or artificial plastic material
- 94.01 B 1 c - Parts of wood, other than of reconstituted wood and other than armchair seats and backs, of plywood, shaped or cut to size
- 94.01 B 4 - Of other materials than of wood (falling within B 1), of base metal (falling within B 2) or of artificial plastic material
- 97.02 A 4 - Of other materials than papier maché or of textile materials (falling within A 3), of celluloid or of other artificial plastic materials or of rubber
- 97.02 B 2 - Other than parts of celluloid for dolls
- 97.04 D 2 - Other than table-tennis balls
- 97.05 B - Other than articles and decorations for Christmas trees and similar articles for Christmas festivities

- 97.06 A 3 - Other than tennis racket frames etc. (falling within A 2) and skis
- 97.06 B 2 - Other than roller skates
- 97.06 C 2 - Other than tennis balls which are generally duty-free

Annex B

- ex 58.05 B - Other than hat bands, rep woven, of a width of 6.5 cm. or less, with genuine selvages
- 58.07 B - Other than hat plaits
- 59.02 B - Other than felt for boot and shoe toe-caps
- 61.02 E - Of other than man-made textile fibres
- 61.03 D - Of other than man-made textile fibres

