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AUSTRIA - SPECIAL TARIFF MEASURES ON HANDMADE PRODUCTS

Notification by Austria

Addendum

With reference to the implementation of Part IV of the General Agreement, the delegation of Austria has notified, for the information of contracting parties, revised tariff measures facilitating the importation of handmade products. These measures entered into force on 1 January 1978.

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A Decree concerning imports of certain handicraft products, duty free or at reduced rates of duty, was published in the Austrian Legal Gazette No. 626/1974. This Decree was signed by the Federal Minister for Finance on 25 September 1974; it entered into force on 23 October 1974.

Under No. 570/1977, a revised decree signed on 9 November 1977 has been published and entered into force on 1 January 1978. The revised version takes into account the changes in the Nomenclature of the Customs Cooperation Council effective as from the same date. It lists, in two Annexes, a total of 90 tariff headings. For handicraft products falling within 64 tariff items listed in Annex A, duty-free treatment is provided; for handicraft textile products falling within 26 tariff items listed in Annex B, a reduction of 50 per cent from basic rates is provided. The basic rates are understood to be the general tariff rates actually provided in the customs tariff, or the tariff rates agreed upon by Austria within the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), whichever are the more favourable in individual cases.

The reduced or nil rates of duty are applied on imports from developing countries on the basis of bilateral agreements on the technical details of implementation (i.e. contents and form of certificate, lists of agencies authorized for issuing certificates) to be concluded between Austria and interested countries. Such agreements have been concluded with a number of developing countries.<sup>1</sup> Other agreements with certain other interested developing countries are in preparation.

It might be added that among the 90 tariff headings covered by this tariff treatment, 35 in Annex A and 14 in Annex B are included wholly, whereas 41 tariff headings are partially included. The remaining part of one partially included item already enjoys duty-free treatment and the remaining part of 5 other partially included items consists of products which cannot be made by hand by their nature. Thus, only 35 tariff headings are, in effect, partially covered. Annexes A and B are followed by notes concerning the interpretation of the product coverage of some items covered partially by Annex A or B.

Finally, it might be recalled that handicraft products are defined by the Austrian law as products the major part of which is handmade; however, the use of machine-made raw materials for the production of handicraft goods is not generally excluded. When using machines or apparatus in the production, only products for which manpower is used as source of power can be classified as handicraft products. The use of other sources of energy, especially hydropower or electric energy, would preclude such classification.

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<sup>1</sup>The following countries have concluded agreements concerning handicrafts as at 1 February 1978:

Argentina, Bangladesh, Bolivia, Cuba, Ecuador, Egypt, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Korea (Republic of), Malawi, Malta, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Romania, Rwanda, Singapore, Spain, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Uruguay and Yugoslavia.

ANNEX AProducts for which Duty-Free Treatment is Provided

<u>Tariff heading</u>	<u>Description of products</u>
42.01	Saddlery and harness, of any material (for example, saddles, harness, collars, traces, knee-pads and boots), for any kind of animal
ex 42.03	Clothing accessories, of leather or of composition leather
42.05	Other articles of leather or of composition leather
43.04	Artificial fur and articles made thereof
44.28	Other articles of wood: C - Other
ex 45.03	Articles of natural cork, other than discs of unbarked natural cork
46.02	Plaits and similar products of plaiting materials, for all uses, whether or not assembled into strips; 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. 46.02; 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: - bound in silk or leather

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- 48.21 Other articles of paper pulp, paper, paperboard or cellulose wadding:  
A - Luxury paper articles, except articles falling within heading No. 97.05  
B - Paper clothing; plates, dishes and similar articles, of paper pulp, shaped or pressed  
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, including 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, eyebrows and eyelashes, switches and the like, of human or animal hair or of textiles; other articles of human hair (including hair nets)
- 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

<u>Tariff heading</u>	<u>Description of products</u>
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 lampworked 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

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- 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; iron or steel wool; pot scourers and scouring and polishing pads, gloves and the like, of iron or steel:  
 B - Other:  
     2 - Other:  
       c - Other:  
         2 - Other
- 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
- 74.19 Other articles of copper:  
 A - Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers, for any material (other than compressed or liquefied gas), of a capacity exceeding 300 litres, whether or not lined or heat-insulated, but not fitted with mechanical or thermal equipment; chain and parts thereof
- 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

<u>Tariff heading</u>	<u>Description of products</u>
82.09	Knives with cutting blades, serrated or not (including pruning knives), other than knives falling within heading No. 82.06, and blades therefor
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; photograph, picture and similar frames, of base metal; mirrors 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)
83.09	Clasps, frames with clasps for handbags and the like, buckles, buckle-clasps, hooks, eyes, eyelets and the like, of base metal, of a kind commonly used for clothing, travel goods, handbags or other textile or leather goods; tubular rivets and bifurcated rivets, of base metal; beads and spangles, of base metal: A - Beads and spangles

<u>Tariff heading</u>	<u>Description of products</u>
83.11	Bells and gongs, non-electric, of base metal, and parts thereof 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
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)
92.10	Parts and accessories of musical instruments, including perforated music rolls and mechanisms for musical boxes; metronomes, tuning forks and pitch pipes of all kinds: H - Musical strings of gut I - Other



<u>Tariff heading</u>	<u>Description of products</u>
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
95.05	Worked tortoise-shell, mother of pearl, ivory, bone, horn, coral (natural or agglomerated) and other animal carving material, and articles of those materials
95.08	Worked vegetable or mineral carving material and articles of those materials; 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
ex 96.01	Brooms and brushes, consisting of twigs or other vegetable materials merely bound together and not mounted in a head, with or without handles
96.05	Powder-puffs and pads for applying cosmetics or toilet preparations, of any material

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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 or children (including billiard tables and pin tables 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

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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

Products for which a 50 per cent Reduction of Duty is Provided

<u>Tariff heading</u>	<u>Description of products</u>
50.09	Woven fabrics of silk, of noil or other waste silk
52.01	Metallized yarn, being textile yarn spun with metal or covered with metal by any process
52.02	Woven fabrics of metal thread or of metallized 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; woven fabrics of paper yarn
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, handmade, 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): A - Of cotton: 1 - Furnishing fabrics woven in the same manner as pile fabrics

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- 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:  
ex B - Other:  
Of cotton
- 58.07 Chenille yarn (including flock chenille yarn), gimped yarn (other than metallized 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 per cent 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 rubberized:  
C - Of wool or of other animal hair  
D - Of cotton
- 60.03 Stockings, under stockings, socks, anklesocks, sockettes and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberized:  
C - Of wool or of other animal hair  
D - Of cotton

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Description of products

- 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' undergarments, 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' undergarments, dyed or printed in a hand-made batik process
- 62.01 Travelling rugs and blankets

Notes to Annexes A and B

The description of products at the level of four-digit headings follows the Nomenclature of the Customs Co-operation Council. In cases where sub-headings or ex-positions are incorporated in the above annexes, the description follows the structure of the Austrian Customs Tariff. With a view to facilitating the understanding of this notification, in particular in cases where the description of products is limited to "Other", the following notes indicate the scope of such items.

ANNEX A

- 44.28 C - Other than wood-paving blocks, drawn wood, match splints, and wooden pegs or pins for footwear
- 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
- 70.09 B - Other than rear-view mirrors
- 70.10 B 2 - Other than products made of clear glass, weighing more than 200 grammes each, and than wicker bottles (demi-johns)
- 73.38 B 2 c 2 - Articles of cast iron are not included; among articles of other than cast iron, the following are excluded: iron or steel wool; pot scourers and scouring and polishing pads, gloves and the like, of iron or steel; electrical articles of steel sheet or plate, with reinforced bottoms, baths of iron or steel or plate, whether or not enamelled or galvanized; articles of sheet or plate falling within heading No. 73.13, burnished or polished, enamelled, lacquered, painted, printed, tinned, galvanized, nickel-plated or chromium-plated
- 82.04 K - Other tools etc. than: hammers of all kinds; planes and plane irons, and other woodworking 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 butcher's 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 and stop-watches of similar type, all these being generally duty free
- 92.10 I - Other than
- musical strings of gut (falling within 92.10 H);
  - piano mechanisms and parts thereof; keyboards and parts thereof, including those for musical instruments falling within heading Nos. 92.03, 92.04 and 92.07; piano pins (including wrest-pins), glued sound-boards;
  - parts of string musical instruments falling within heading No. 92.02, except bridges and strings;
  - parts of musical instruments falling within heading No. 92.03, except keyboards and parts thereof;
  - parts for accordions, except keyboards and parts therefor;
  - small ivory plates, for musical instrument keys;
  - wind-up mechanisms for musical boxes;
  - piano strings, not covered, of steel
- 94.01 A 2 b - Chairs etc. of other material than wood (falling within A 1) or of 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 material 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 material than papier-maché or of textile materials (falling within A 3), of celluloid or of other artificial plastic material 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 cms. 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

