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## ACTION BY GOVERNMENTS RELEVANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF PART IV

### Addendum

The following communication has been received from the Delegation of Japan in connexion with the implementation of Part IV.

#### I. Tariff

Import tariffs on 318 sub-positions of the Japanese tariff were reduced by an average of 23 per cent, with effect from 4 March 1978. The items concerned cover a wide range of products including: roasted and instant coffee; black tea; shrimps, prawns and lobsters; certain fruit and vegetable juices; certain other processed foodstuffs; certain wines and spirits; certain toiletries; photographic and X-ray plates and film; tyres; paper and paper-board; certain iron and steel products; machine tools; certain other electrical machinery; and wires and cables.

#### II. Import liberalization

The quantitative restrictions on imports of the following items were lifted effective as of 1 April 1978:

<u>Items</u>	<u>CCCN No.</u>
1. Smoked nishin (part of genus Clupea)	0302-2(2)
2. Mongo Ika cuttle fish	ex 0303-2(1) and (2)
3. Ham and bacon, packed and sterilized in air-tight containers	ex 1602-2-(2)
4. Malt sugar, not containing added sugar, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter.	1702-2-(2)

<u>Items</u>	<u>CCCN No.</u>
5. Rock candy, cube sugar, loaf sugar and similar sugar, not containing added flavouring or colouring matter	1702-4-(1)-B
6. Maple syrup	ex 1702-(5)
7. Sorbose	ex 1702-8-(2)-B
8. Nuts: in pulp form	ex 2006-1-(2) and 2-(2)
9. Apricots: in pulp form	ex 2006-1-(2) and 2-(2)
10. Lime juice, not containing added sugar	ex 2007-1-(2)
11. Mixed seasonings, chiefly consisting of sodium glutamate	ex 2104-2-(2)
12. Anthracite coal	ex 2701-1

### III. Introduction of rules of cumulative origin

The Japanese Government has introduced rules of cumulative origin for the ASEAN countries under its GSP scheme with effect from 1 April 1978, as follows:

1. In the existing rules governing the status of origin, judgment of whether a particular product is eligible for the status of origin is made in respect of each individual preference-receiving country. Whereas in the rules of cumulative origin newly introduced by Japan for the ASEAN countries under its GSP scheme, with regard to a product produced in more than one country of ASEAN, the status of origin will be granted to such a product subject to the rules mentioned below:

(1) In the case of the goods which are produced in an ASEAN country (to be referred to as "A") wholly from the imported products mentioned in (i) and (ii) below or from both the products wholly produced in that country (a) and those imported products noted above, they shall be regarded as goods wholly produced in that country (A) and shall be given the status of product originated in that country (A):

(i) the following products imported from any other ASEAN country:

- (a) products wholly produced in one of the ASEAN countries;
- (b) products exported from Japan to any one of the other ASEAN countries;
- (c) products produced wholly from those products mentioned in (a) and/or (b) above;

(ii) products exported from Japan directly to the country (A).

- (2) In the case of the goods which are produced in an ASEAN country (A) from both any one of those products mentioned in (1) (i) and (ii) above and other products, those products mentioned in (1) (i) and (ii) above used as part of the materials shall be regarded as ones produced wholly in the country (A) when determining the status of origin in respect of the goods.
2. In order to qualify for preferential treatment under the rules of cumulative origin, the authority issuing the certificate of origin Form A of the exporting ASEAN country where the final working or processing of the product concerned was carried out, shall issue a "Cumulative Working/Processing Certificate" in addition to the said certificate. When the Japanese Customs Authorities have found any doubt in respect of certain entries in the "Cumulative Working/Processing Certificate", the said authority of the ASEAN country will be requested to give an explanation to clarify the doubt.

