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COMMERCIAL POLICY MEASURES APPLIED BY INDUSTRIALIZED CONTRACTING PARTIES IN RESPECT OF MAJOR EXPORT PRODUCTS FROM NIGERIA

1. At its first meeting in July 1965, the Group of Experts on Trade and Aid Studies requested that the secretariat should provide further information on the commercial policies affecting Nigerian export products in the major importing countries.
2. Details are accordingly given of the commercial and economic policy measures applied by GATT countries, in the tables appended to this note, for the following Nigerian export products: groundnuts and groundnut oil, palm produce, cocoa and cocoa products, tropical timber, wood articles, rubber, cotton, tin, soyabeans, hides and skins, and leather.
3. Annexes 7 and 8 to this note show the evolution of Nigeria's external trade for the main market areas for which details of commercial and economic import policy measures have been provided. Annexes 9 to 10 show the commodity composition of Nigeria's exports by value and percentage share of the total for its major trading areas. For further information, the Commodity Notes in Appendix II, of the GATT Development Plan Study of Nigeria, COM.TD/G/W/1, 1 July 1965, should be consulted.¹

¹Data on trade barriers are given in Appendix 2, paragraphs 13-14, 23, 51, 61, 92, 111, 134 and 197.

ANNEXES

Commercial Policy Measures Applied by Industrialized
GATT Countries in Respect of Major Export Products of Nigeria

Notes on symbols used

- "-" in the column for Q.Rs. or fiscal charges denotes that imports are free from restriction or free from fiscal charges applying specifically to that product.
- "r" denotes that a part of the item is still subject to restriction.
- "R" denotes that whole of the item is still subject to restriction.
- "O" in the Tariffs column denotes duty-free entry.

Duties shown are ad valorem rates. Ad valorem equivalents of specific duties or fiscal charges are shown in ().

- "MFN" denotes most-favoured-nation tariff.
- "Pref" denotes preferential tariff: Nigerian products are subject to preferential tariff when imported into the United Kingdom and Canada.

ANNEX 1

	EEC				Austria	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom		United States	Canada		Japan	
	Netherlands	France	W. Germany	Italy							MFN	Prof.		MFN	Prof.		
GROUNDNUTS AND OIL:																	
Groundnuts																	
Q.Rs.												R				R	
Tariffs		0			0	0	(44%)	0	0	(0.1%)	10%	0	(22%, 41%)	0	0	0	
Groundnut oil																	
Q.Rs.		R	R													R	
Tariffs	5%, 8%, 10%, 15%				0, 12%	8%, 12%	10%, 16%, *(114%, 120%)	6%	0	(1-10%)	15%	0	(30%)	0-20%	0-12.5%	0	(27%)
PALM PRODUCE:																	
Palm Kernels																	
Q.Rs.																	
Tariffs		0			0	0	(90%) ¹	0	0	(0.2%)	10%	0	0 ²	0	0	0	0
Palm oils																	
Q.Rs.		R	R														
Tariffs	5%, 8%, 9%, 14%				0, 12%	0, 12%	10%, 16%, *(157%, 163%)	0	0	(1-10%)	10%	0	0 ²	10-20%	0-15%	10%	10%
Palm-kernel oils																	
Q.Rs.		F	R														
Tariffs	5%, 8%, 10%, 15%				0, 12%	8%, 12%	10%, 16%, *(86%, 92%) ¹	(8%)	0	(1-10%)	10%	0	0 ² (4%) ²	10-20%	0-15%	10%	10%

¹ Special import tax.

² On or before 30 June 1966 only.

ANNEX 2

	E B C				Austria	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom		United States	Canada		Japan
	Bel/Lux.	Netherlands	France	Germany							Italy	MFN		Pref.	MFN	
COCOA:																
beans																
Q. Rs.																
Tariffs			5.4%		(6%)	0	(48%)	0	(6%)	(0.4%)	(1.5%)	0	0	(5%)	0	5%
Fiscal charges																
paste			(3%)													
Q. Rs.																
Tariffs					(23%)	(4%)		(2%)	(6%)	(50%)	(1%)	0	(3%, 6%)	(9.15%)		20%
Fiscal charges																
Butter																
Q. Rs.																
Tariffs																
Fiscal charges																
Powder																
Q. Rs.																
Tariffs					16%	0	(6%)	(4%)	(6%)	(1%)	(0.5%)	0	6.5%	(4%)	0	9%
Fiscal charges																
Powder																
Q. Rs.																
Tariffs																
Fiscal charges																
Powder																
Q. Rs.																
Tariffs					14%	(7%)	(78%)	(28%)	(14%)	(29%)	(2%)	0	(6%)	22.5%	22.5%	30%
Fiscal charges																

The restriction is envisaged to be eliminated in the near future.

ANNEX 3

	E E C					Austria	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Switzerland	United States		Canada		Japan
	Belgium/Luxembourg	Netherlands	France	Germany	Italy							MFN	Pref.	MFN	Pref.	
TROPICAL TIMBER:																
ex 44.03 in the rough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs			0													0
ex 44.04 : roughly squared	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs			0													0
ex 44.05 : sawn lengthwise	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs			0													0; 10%

ANNEX 4

	E E C						Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Switzerland	United Kingdom		United States	Canada		Japan
	Belgium/Luxembourg	Netherlands	France	Germany	Italy	Austria						MFN	MFN Pref.		MFN	MFN Pref.	
<u>WOOD ARTICLES</u>																	
<u>44.13</u> Wood planed, tongued, etc.																	
Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs			10%			15%, 18%	0, 5%	0, 10%	0, 6%	0, 6%	(17- 20%)	7.5%, 11%, 15%	2.5% etc.	0- 12.5%	0- 12.5%	0, 5%, 10%	
<u>44.14</u> Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood																	
Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs			8%			20%, 10%, 18%	0, 3%	3%	3%	3%	(2- 4%)	10%	10%	0- 20%	0- 10%	0, 15%, 20%	
<u>44.15</u> Plywood, block-board, batten-board, etc.																	
Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs			14%, 15%			20%, (%)	5%, 9%	3%, 6%, 9%	4.8 or 12 Kr. per 100 kg. 5%, 15%	6%, 9%	(10- 13%)	10%, 20%	20%, 15- 40%	17.5%	20%, 10%	20%	
<u>44.18</u> Reconstituted wood																	
Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs			13%			18%	9%	5%	5%	5%	(18%, 35%)	10%, 20%	12%, 5%	17.5%	20%	15%, 20%	

ANNEX 5

	E E C						Switzerland	United Kingdom		United States	Canada		Japan
	Belgium/Lux.	Netherlands	France	Germany	Italy	Austria		Denmark	Finland		Norway	Sweden	
Rubber	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q. Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs	-	0	0	0	0	0	0 (0.1%)	0, 10%	0	0	5%	5%	0
Cotton: not carded or combed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 R	-	-	-
Q. Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0, 10%	0	0	0
Tariffs	-	0	0	0	0	0	0 (0.1%)	0, 10%	0	0, (4%, 8%)	0	0	0
Carded or combed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1 R	-	-	-
Q. Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0, 5%	10%	5%	0
Tariffs	-	5%	0	5%	0	6.5%	5%	10%	0	(22%)	10%	5%	0
Tin: ores and concentrates	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q. Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs	-	0	0	0	0	0	0 (0.1%)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unwrought metal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Q. Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs	-	0	0	0	0	0	0 (-%)	0	0	0, (0.2%)	0	0	0, 5%

The item is subject to quantitative restrictions imposed under Section 22 of the United States Agricultural Adjustment Act.

ANNEX 6

	E E C						Austria	Denmark	Finland	Norway	Sweden	Switzerland	Canada		United States		United Kingdom		Japan
	Belgium/Lux.	Netherlands	France	Germany	Italy								MFN.	Pref.	MFN.	Pref.	MFN.	Pref.	
<u>SOYABEANS</u> Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	R	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45 Mark. per 100 kg.	0	0	0	(0.15%)	5%	0	(14% 16%)	0	0	0	13%
<u>HIDES AND SKINS</u> Raw Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>LEATHER:</u> Of bovine cattle Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs	-	-	9%, 10%	-	0-13%	0-13%	10%	14-20%	n.a.	0, 7%	0, (0.1- 12%)	10% 15% 20%	0	8.7% 10% 12.5%	0-25%	-	-	-	15% 20%
Of sheep and lamb skin Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs	-	-	0, 6%, 10%	-	0-13%	0-13%	10%	18%, 20%	n.a.	0.7%	(10%)	10% 15%	0	8%, 10%	0-25%	-	-	-	15% 20%
Of goat and kid skin Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs	-	-	0, 7%, 10%	-	0-10%	0-10%	10%	18%, 20%	n.a.	0.7%	(0.4- 2%)	10% 15%	0	10% 11%	0-25%	-	-	-	15% 20%
Of other kinds Q.Rs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tariffs	-	-	8%, 9%	0, 10%	0, 10%	0, 10%	0, 10%	14%-20%	n.a.	0.7%	(2%)	10% 15% 12%	0	10% 12.5%	0-25%	-	-	-	15% 20% 25%

ANNEX 7

Trade of Nigeria with other Trading Areas, 1958-63
(Average for five years)

Item	EEC	UK	C'with Ex UK ^a	EFTA Ex UK ^b	US	Japan	South Africa	All Others ^c	Total
Imports:									
Value (&'000)	39,463	79,130	14,965	10,582	12,333	24,702	485	17,269	198,928
Share (per cent)	19.84	39.78	7.52	5.32	6.20	12.42	0.24	8.68	100.00
Exports:									
Value (&'000)	55,259	75,898	3,650	4,942	15,057	2,185	92	7,578	164,639
Share (per cent)	33.56	46.10	2.20	3.00	9.15	1.33	0.06	4.60	100.00

Sources: See Annex 9.

^a Commonwealth excludes South Africa and includes Eire for the whole period.

^b EFTA includes Finland for other provisos see Annex 8.

^c Incl. parcel post.

ANNEX 8

Growth of Nigeria's Trade With Various Trading Areas 1958-1963

Years	EEC	UK	C'wlth Ex UK ^a	EFTA ^b Ex UK ^b	US	Japan	South Africa	All Others ^c	Total
<u>Value of imports (£'000)</u>									
1958	30,796	72,762	11,373	8,218	9,738	19,433	751	13,203	166,274
1959	34,397	80,823	9,880	9,838	7,916	18,826	996	15,729	178,405
1960	43,800	91,415	12,272	11,386	11,578	27,814	1,019	16,607	215,891
1961	44,342	85,216	19,742	10,235	11,894	30,336	95	20,603	222,463
1962	39,225	73,720	19,545	12,221	14,976	24,853	43	18,426	203,009
1963	44,215	70,844	16,979	11,594	17,897	26,947	5	19,045	207,526
<u>Share in total imports (%)</u>									
1958	18.52	43.76	6.84	4.94	5.86	11.69	0.45	7.94	100.00
1959	19.28	45.30	5.54	5.51	4.44	10.55	0.56	8.82	100.00
1960	20.29	42.34	5.68	5.27	5.36	12.88	0.47	7.69	100.00
1961	19.93	38.31	8.87	4.60	5.35	13.64	0.04	9.26	100.00
1962	19.58	36.80	9.76	6.02	7.48	12.41	0.02	9.08	100.00
1963	21.31	34.14	8.18	5.59	8.62	12.98	0.00	9.18	100.00
<u>Value of exports (£'000)</u>									
1958	41,870	74,943	1,606	2,210	8,069	1,029	171	2,893	132,791
1959	55,648	82,025	1,964	3,498	11,842	2,311	216	3,001	160,505
1960	51,220	79,682	3,276	6,096	15,874	2,555	113	6,803	165,619
1961	57,937	76,219	3,208	5,002	19,091	3,343	18	8,728	173,546
1962	56,677	70,386	4,722	5,033	18,104	1,486	20	12,252	168,680
1963	68,199	72,131	7,004	7,813	17,359	2,384	13	11,789	186,692
<u>Share in total exports (%)</u>									
1958	31.53	56.44	1.21	1.66	6.08	0.77	0.13	2.18	100.00
1959	34.67	51.10	1.22	2.18	7.38	1.43	0.13	1.87	100.00
1960	30.93	48.12	1.98	3.68	9.58	1.54	0.07	4.11	100.00
1961	33.38	43.93	1.85	2.88	11.00	1.93	0.01	5.03	100.00
1962	33.60	41.73	2.80	2.98	10.73	0.88	0.01	7.26	100.00
1963	36.53	38.64	3.75	4.18	9.30	1.28	0.01	6.31	100.00

^aCommonwealth includes Eire and excludes South Africa for the whole period.

^b1959 slightly incomplete as data for Finland unavailable. The 1961-62 figures are from UN and ECA publications which do not agree with official Nigerian statistics. EFTA has been taken to include Finland, exports to which are negligible.

^cResiduals.

Sources: See Annex 9.

ANNEX 2

Commodity Composition of Nigeria's Exports (by value)

(£ '000)

Commodity	EEC			UK			USA			EFTA ex. UK ^c			C. with ex. UK ^b			TOTAL ^a	
	1960	1962	1963	1960	1962	1963	1960	1962	1963	1960	1962	1963	1960	1962	1963	1960	1963
Groundnuts, oil and cake**	13,728	18,605	23,045	12,878	14,987	13,703	-	74	91	2,801	2,108	4,183	43	796	709	29,755	41,054
Cocoa beans	14,061	12,447	12,546	10,030	8,000	9,597	8,104	10,748	6,614	754	164	195	1,209	1,378	1,877	36,772	33,347
Palm kernels*	9,221	8,000	8,635	14,713	8,241	10,940	-	-	-	1,034	276	551	-	49	80	26,062	16,887
Petroleum (crude)*	254	4,597	6,678	4,154	12,052	12,368	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	1,029	4,408	16,739
Cotton*	1,056	3,480	5,390	3,792	1,553	2,493	-	-	-	10	491	1,134	157	245	249	6,207	5,857
Timber (logs)*	3,884	2,872	3,699	1,683	1,206	1,390	16	11	7	261	174	247	2	1	3	5,928	4,376
Rubber**	3,567	1,778	2,018	4,918	4,228	3,371	4,655	4,370	5,419	388	455	598	139	15	87	14,239	11,559
Hides and skins*	1,491	1,661	1,822	1,284	916	1,007	1,444	847	1,024	62	15	5	5	50	38	4,522	3,819
Palm oil, cake and meal**	1,708	1,430	2,485	9,561	6,148	5,493	26	107	185	425	820	380	75	168	548	11,808	8,954
Beniseed*	555	569	771	24	101	3	-	-	-	97	132	76	-	-	24	1,851	1,873
Columbite*	494	232	256	466	412	251	1,154	479	220	-	-	-	-	-	16	2,121	1,123
Timber (sawn)*	95	107	157	796	868	915	160	203	188	5	8	11	7	7	10	1,111	1,297
Plywood	31	44	53	1,021	1,237	952	-	-	-	-	-	2	46	11	14	1,097	1,296
Cottonseed*	-	36	...	439	490	539	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1,084	1,018
Fin ores and metal*	-	-	513	6,045	6,170	6,010	-	810	2,312	-	136	-	-	-	35	6,045	7,116
Other commodities	1,475	819	111	7,878	3,777	3,099	315	455	1,299	259	254	471	1,593	1,911	2,285	12,609	7,898
TOTAL	51,220	56,676	68,199	79,682	70,386	12,131	15,874	18,104	17,359	6,096	5,033	7,813	13,276	14,722	17,004	165,619	164,014

^a 'Total' refers to domestic exports only and excludes re-exports.

^b Commonwealth excludes South Africa and includes Eire for the whole period.

^c EFTA includes Finland.

Notes: Those commodities marked with a * receive duty-free entry into the EEC, some of the category "Other commodities" also receive duty-free entry. For those commodities marked **, Groundnuts and Groundnut Oilcake receive duty-free entry but Groundnut Oil pays 5 per cent while Palm Oilcake is free but Palm Oil and Palm Oil Meal pays 5 per cent.

.. less than £500.

Source:

Nigeria Trade Summary, December 1962.

Nigeria Trade Report 1960.

Nigeria Trade Journal, Vols. 11 and 12 No.2.

Nigerian Trade Summary, December 1963.

ANNEX 10

Commodity Composition of Nigeria's Exports (by share)

(per cent)

Commodity	EEC			UK			US			EFTA ex UK			Commonwealth ex UK			TOTAL		
	1960	1962	1963	1960	1962	1963	1960	1962	1963	1960	1962	1963	1960	1962	1963	1960	1962	1963
Groundnuts, oil and cake**	26.80	32.83	33.79	16.16	21.29	19.00	-	0.41	0.52	45.95	41.88	53.54	1.31	16.86	10.12	17.97	25.03	25.22
Cocoa beans	27.45	21.96	18.40	12.59	11.37	13.30	51.05	59.37	38.10	12.37	3.26	2.50	36.90	29.18	26.80	22.20	20.33	17.79
Palm kernels*	18.00	14.12	12.66	18.46	11.71	15.17	-	-	-	16.96	5.48	7.05	-	1.04	1.14	15.74	10.30	11.44
Petroleum (crude)*	0.50	8.11	9.79	5.21	17.12	17.15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.91	14.69	2.66	10.21	9.41
Cotton*	2.06	6.14	7.90	4.76	2.21	3.46	-	-	-	0.16	9.76	14.50	4.79	5.19	3.56	3.75	3.57	5.28
Timber (logs)*	7.58	5.07	5.42	2.11	1.71	1.93	0.10	0.06	0.04	4.28	3.46	3.16	0.06	0.02	0.04	3.58	2.67	2.99
Rubber*	6.57	3.14	2.99	6.17	6.01	4.67	29.32	24.14	31.22	6.36	9.04	7.65	4.24	0.32	1.24	8.60	6.93	6.48
Hides and skins*	2.91	2.93	2.67	1.61	1.30	1.40	9.10	4.68	5.90	1.02	0.30	0.06	0.15	1.06	0.54	2.73	2.33	2.30
Palm oil, cake meal**	3.33	2.52	3.64	12.00	8.74	7.62	0.16	0.59	1.07	6.97	16.29	4.86	2.29	3.56	7.82	6.69	5.46	5.27
Beniseed*	0.69	1.00	1.13	0.03	0.14	0.00	-	-	-	1.59	2.62	0.97	-	-	0.34	1.12	1.14	0.66
Colombite*	0.96	0.41	0.38	0.58	0.59	0.35	7.27	2.65	1.27	-	-	-	-	-	0.23	1.28	0.68	0.41
Timber (sawn)*	0.19	0.19	0.23	1.00	1.23	1.27	1.01	1.12	1.08	0.08	0.16	0.14	0.21	0.15	0.14	0.67	0.79	0.75
Plywood	0.06	0.08	0.08	1.28	1.76	1.32	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.40	0.23	0.20	0.66	0.79	0.57
Cottonseed*	-	0.06	..	0.55	0.70	0.75	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.65	0.62	0.79
Tin ore and metal*	-	-	0.75	7.59	8.77	8.33	-	4.47	13.32	-	2.62	-	-	-	0.50	3.65	4.34	4.99
Other commodities	2.88	1.44	0.16	9.89	5.35	4.30	1.98	2.51	7.48	4.25	5.05	5.52	48.63	40.47	32.62	2.90	4.81	5.65
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00

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