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AUSTRALIAN TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR  
LESS-DEVELOPED COUNTRIES

Notification by the Government of Australia<sup>1</sup>

In accordance with the procedures laid down in paragraph 4 of the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES dated 28 March 1966 (BISD, Fourteenth Supplement, page 23) the Government of Australia hereby notifies its intention to extend its system of tariff preferences for less-developed countries by according to the goods specified in the Annexes to this notification the tariff treatment specified therein when such goods originate in less-developed countries. It will be noted that many of the proposed changes will extend the product coverage of existing preferential quotas and will facilitate simplification of the Australian Customs Tariff and its administration.

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<sup>1</sup>Transmitted by letter dated 28 June 1968.

Annex A  
PROPOSED ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS

Item	Brief description	Import clearances 1966/67				Present tariff		Proposed concession	
		L.D.C. \$'000	B.P.T. \$'000	Other \$'000	Total \$'000	General	B.P.T.	L.D.C. rate	Annual quota \$'000
25.15.990	Marble, etc., sawn but not further worked	1	-	243	244	27½%	20% N.Z. 16%	Free	30
ex 59.02.000	Handmade felt carpets (Numdahs)	1	-	-	1	25%	15%	Free	2/
68.02.210)	Marble, worked, monumental, etc.	8	-	92	100	(27½%	20%	15%	15
310)						(35% 1/	17½% 1/		
391)						(45%	30%		
910)						(45%	30%		
70.12.000	Glass inneres for vacuum flasks	131	155	99	385	45%	22½%	15% (Excluding Hong Kong)	35
82.01.220	Scythes, matchets, cane knives, etc.	-	14	6	20	7½%	Free	Free	10
82.04.110	Blow lamps )	-	17	17	34	(35%	20%	Free	10
82.04.210	Blow pipes )					( 7½%	N.Z. 16% Free		
82.04.120	Grinding wheels (hand)	-	1	10	11	40%	27½% N.Z. 22%	15%	10
82.12.100	Field, garden or orchard scissors and blades therefor	-	1	3	4	7½%	Free	Free	10
82.13.300	Manicure, etc., sets; nail files	8	115	183	307	45%	27½%	15%	30
94.03.3	Microscope slide cabinets and trays	-	2	-	2	7½%	Free	Free	10
	Total								160

1/ Also includes alternative specific rates.

2/ Share in existing \$2 million quota for other handmade carpets (ex 58.01.1., 58.02.31 and ex 58.02.4).

Annex B

CHANGES TO EXISTING L.D.C. PREFERENCES

Current position						Proposed amendment
Tariff item	Brief description	Tariff rates			Annual quota \$'000	
		General	B.P.T.	L.D.C.		
ex 44.28.900 (S.I. 37)	Other goods made of wood	30%	20% N.Z.: Beehives and frames therefor 18%	20%	25	1. Reduce L.D.C. rate to 15%, to restore preferential margin recently eroded by reductions in general and B.P.T. rates. 2. Extend preference over whole item 44.28.900 (would then include travel goods and tool cases) and to item 44.28.200 (oars and sculls; 30% (G), 20% (B.P.T.)). The items may then be amalgamated.
48.01.110) 48.01.120)	Machine-made paper (and paperboard) as per by-laws	(4 ton (8 ton	Free) Free)	Free	1,000	Extend concession to 48.01.200 - a by-law item which has same rates as 48.01.120 and is applicable to imports exceeding a specified price. These two items could then be amalgamated.
58.01.900) 58.02.929)	Other carpets, carpeting, etc.	30%	15% N.Z.: Woollen floor rugs free Remainder 12½%	5%	200)	Reduce L.D.C. rate on 58.02.921 to 5%. The \$600,000 quota would then be made applicable to item 58.02.929 as well as to item 58.02.921, permitting these items to be amalgamated. Item 58.01.900 would be left with the whole of the \$200,000 quota.
58.02.921	Woollen carpets, carpeting, etc.	30%	15%	15%	600)	
59.05.110	Fishing and rabbit nets	7½%	Free	Free	200)	Combine L.D.C. quotas into a single quota of \$260,000 and extend preference to 59.05.900 (would then include cotton nets and netting). The three items, which have the same general and B.P.T. rates, may then be amalgamated.
59.05.190	Other nets, not cotton	7½%	Free	Free	60)	
62.01.100	Travelling rugs and blankets	7½%	Free	Free	60	Transfer \$6,000 of the quota from 62.01.100 (of cotton or viscose, 10 oz. or more per sq.yd.) to 62.01.900 (other travelling rugs and blankets - 35% (G), 20% (B.P.T.), 17½% (N.Z.)) with L.D.C. rate of Free. This would restore an L.D.C. preference lost when tariff recently changed. It would leave 62.01.100 with a quota of \$54,000.
62.05.110	Cotton shoe and corset laces	40%	25%	15%	60)	1. Reduce L.D.C. rate to 15% for goods now in 62.05.190 and remove exclusion of Hong Kong. 2. Combine the two quotas into single quota of \$160,000 and apply to whole of item 62.05. (Would then include sweat rags, dorset cloths, etc., now in 62.05.900 with same general and B.P.T. duties, and eliminate need to sub-divide 62.05.)
62.05.190	Other textile articles	40%	25%	20% (Excluding Hong Kong)	100)	
65.02.990	Hat shapes, of certain materials other than palm tree leaves	35%	22½% N.Z. 13½%	Free	30	Extend L.D.C. rate and quota to item 65.02.920 (hat shapes of palm tree leaves) which has same general, B.P.T. and N.Z. rates. The items may then be amalgamated.

CHANGES TO EXISTING L.D.C. PREFERENCES (cont'd)

Current position						Proposed amendment
Tariff item	Brief description	Tariff rates			Annual quota \$'000	
		General	B.P.T.	L.D.C.		
65.04.900	Hats, etc., of materials other than palm tree leaves	40% or, if higher, \$4.50 per doz.	22½% or, if higher, \$2.50 per doz. N.Z. 22½%	15%	20	Extend L.D.C. rate and quota to item 65.04.910 (hats of palm tree leaves) which has same general, B.P.T. and N.Z. rates. The items may then be amalgamated.
69.11.900	Tableware of porcelain	30%	20%	10%	250	Extend L.D.C. rate and quota over whole item 69.11 (would then include basins, bottles, cheap dinner sets, etc., and so eliminate need to provide separately for these).
69.12.900	Tableware of other types	30%	20%	15%	250	Extend L.D.C. rate and quota over whole item 69.12 (would then include basins, bottles, cheap dinner sets, etc., and so eliminate need to provide separately for these).
ex 70.13.920) ex 70.13.930) ex 70.13.990)	Other glassware	Various protective rates.		Free	200	Extend L.D.C. rate and quota over whole of items 70.13.920, 930 and 990 - would then include bowls, butter dishes, etc., and would eliminate need to subdivide the items concerned.
ex 84.47.100	Specified wood-working machines and appliances	7½%	Free	Free	100	Extend concession to whole item - would then include non-protected electrotyping and stereotyping machines and would eliminate need to provide separately for these.
ex 85.06.300	Floor polishers, waxers	35%	20%	15%	20	Extend L.D.C. rate and quota to cover whole item - would then include vacuum cleaners, etc., - and would eliminate need to provide separately for these.
ex 92.12.900	Gramophone records exceeding 6 inches diameter	7½%	Free	Free	100	Extend L.D.C. rate and quota over whole item - would then include records not exceeding 6 inches diameter and would eliminate need to provide separately for these.