

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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AUSTRALIAN TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

Notification by the Government of Australia

1. 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 developing countries by according to the products specified in Annexes A and B the tariff treatment indicated therein.

2. In addition, it is intended to grant preferential duty-free admission, without quota limitation, to the following:

Goods that, in the opinion of the Minister, are hand-made traditional products of cottage industries in developing countries, as follows:

Animal and furskin rugs, falling within item 43.03 of the First Schedule of the Customs Tariff.

Capes, each being essentially a blanket with a hole for the head, commonly known as "ponchos".

Ceramic floor and wall tiles, hand-made, whether or not glazed or decorated.

Coats, woven, fancy, known as "cotorinas".

Handloom textile fabrics of cotton, or in chief part by weight of cotton, weighing more than six ounces per square yard, having designs produced by brache threads or yarns, falling within sub-paragraph 55.09.499 or paragraph 58.05.49 of the First Schedule of the Customs Tariff.

Quilts, decorated, stuffed with feathers or down.

Shopping bags and similar carrying nets of a type falling within item 59.05 or 59.06 of the First Schedule of the Customs Tariff.

Ties, string, known as "bolos".

Tunics, blouses, or shirts, made by hand from hand-woven fabrics of cotton and having embroidery or printed designs thereon.

Unframed pictures made otherwise than by the use of ink or other pigmented media, falling within sub-paragraph 49.11.992 of the First Schedule of the Customs Tariff.

Annex A

ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS ON WHICH TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE PROPOSED

Tariff Item	Brief Description	1967/68 Import Clearances (\$A'000)				Present Tariff Rates		Proposed Concession for Developing Countries								
		From Developing Countries	From Other British Preferential Countries	From Other Countries	Total	British Preferential	Most Favoured Nation	Preferential Tariff Rate	Annual Quota (\$A)							
29.24.900	Phosphoaminolipins	7	30	110	147	Free	7½%	Free	15,000							
32.09.310	Varnishes, lacquers, paints, etc.	4	642	1,287	1,933	15%*	25%	10%	200,000							
32.09.320						25%*	37½%									
32.09.331						20%	30%									
32.09.390						30%*	45%									
32.09.400						\$0.002 lb. plus primage	\$0.006 lb.									
32.09.900						5%	10%									
						17½%	32½%									
						or, if higher, \$0.20 gal.* plus primage	\$0.30 gal.									
						5%	10%									
						on specified types										
33.06.200	Cosmetics, perfumes, etc.	46	1,688	1,758	3,492	17½%	27½%	10%	100,000							
33.06.300						\$3.50 gal. and	\$4.50 gal.									
						10%	27½%									
33.06.400						Free plus primage	12½%									
33.06.900						10%	10%									
						27½%	45% plus \$0.10 for each 20% proof									
34.04.190						Artificial waxes, etc.	-			61	199	560	Free	7½%	Free	60,000
34.04.900													\$0.006 lb. plus primage	\$0.012 lb.		
													5%	10%		

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36.05.110	Toy pistol caps, fireworks, etc.	36	210	615	861	17½% or, if higher, 32½% \$0.10 per gross rolls of 100 caps, plus primage	5% 10%	Free	250,000
36.05.190						17½% or, if higher, 32½% \$0.10 per gross boxes of 50 caps, plus primage	5% 10%		
36.05.900						17½%* 32½%			
39.01.391	Polyester plates, sheets, strips, etc.	-	4	72	76	22½%	40%	15%	10,000
40.05.100	Unvulcanized rubber tyre fabric; tyre rubber	-	1	191	192	12½%	40% plus primage 5%	10%	20,000
40.14.200	Motor parts and accessories, etc.	107	10,978	13,229	24,314	27½%* plus primage 5%	52½% 10%	5%	300,000
40.14.900						12½%* 40% plus 5% primage on specified goods			
87.06.992						12½%	40%		
87.06.999	Composition leather	Neg.	107	210	317	27½% Canada 30%	37½%	Free	30,000
87.12.160						12½%	40%		
41.10.000						10%	22½%		
42.01.100	Saddlery and harness	1	35	83	119	17½%	25%	5%	10,000
42.01.900						17½%	40%		
48.13.000	Carbon and other copying papers	-	695	142	837	17½%	27½%	5%	80,000
49.09.000	Picture postcards, etc.	13	229	169	411	17½%	40% plus 5% primage	Free	40,000

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ex 55.05.100	Sewing cottons not for retail, as per by-law (Item 19)	16	1,546	581	2,143	Free	7½%	Free	100,000
55.05.911	Fine cotton yarn, not for retail	1	33	95	129	Free	7½%	Free	10,000
60.05.150)	Ties and cravats	3	71	73	147	22½%	50%	20%	20,000
						or, if higher, \$0.225*doz.	\$0.45 doz. plus 5% primage except wholly silk		
61.07.100						22½%	52½%		
61.07.900)						As for 60.05.150			
ex 61.01.110) (S.I.32,43)	Men's and boys' suits	1	246	43	290	22½%	57½%	20%	25,000
						12½%	40%		
						and \$1*ea.	\$2.50 ea. plus 5% primage		
						30%	65%		
ex 61.01.190) (S.I.39, 4X)						17½%	45%		
						and \$0.65*ea.	\$1.50 ea. plus primage		
						5%	10%		
						20%	47½%		
66.03.000	Parts for umbrellas, walking sticks, etc.	5	43	613	661	20%	47½%	Free	70,000
68.04.000	Millstones, grindstones, etc.	48	144	720	912	10%*	22½%	Free	100,000
69.06.000	Ceramic piping, conduits and guttering	Neg.	1	2	3	17½%	40%	Free	10,000
73.04.000	Shots and angular grit, of iron or steel	1	102	149	252	Free	11½%	Free	25,000
73.10.100)	Bars, rods, angles, etc., of iron or steel	577	1,711	1,862	4,150	4%*	8%	Free	200,000
						\$3.30	and per ton \$8		
73.10.200)						17½%	40%		
						5%	10%		
73.10.300)						10%	20%		
73.10.310)						\$6 ton*	\$10 ton		
73.10.990)						27½%	55%		
73.11.110)						\$6 ton*	\$10 ton		
73.11.190)						27½%	55% plus 5% primage		

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73.11.910}						\$5.80 ton*	\$9 ton		
73.11.990}						17½%	37½%		
						\$5 and per ton	\$11		
						Free	7½%		
73.18.100}	Tubes, pipes and blanks therefor of iron or steel, other than cast iron	474	4,320	15,578	20,372	10%	35%	Free	1,000,000 (in lieu of existing 30,000 for 73.18.100 only)
73.18.200}						10%	20%		
73.18.900}						12½%*	37½% plus 5% primage		
73.31.900}									
83.07.100}	Other nails, tacks, staples, etc.	Neg.	289	709	992	22½%	45%	Free	100,000
						5% plus primage	10%		
						standard lamps and table lamps only			
						5%*	45%		
83.07.999}	Lamps, lighting fittings, etc., of base metal	173	977	889	2,039	5% plus primage	10%	Free	200,000
						5%	10%		
						22½%*	47½% plus 5% primage		
						Free	7½%		
83.13.900}	Crown corks, bottle caps, etc.	Neg.	59	224	283	Free	According to engine	Free	750,000
						27½%*	35%		
						25%	42½%		
						According to engine			
84.06.540}	Parts for compression ignition engines, etc.	3	4,146	7,924	12,073	27½%	55%	Free	500,000
84.06.599}						Free	7½%		
						27½%*	40%		
						Free	7½%		
84.10.912}	Pumps for use with I.C. piston engines, etc.	5	4,270	5,909	10,184	12½%*	22½%	10%	300,000
84.10.913}						21½%*	58%		
84.10.919}									
84.10.990}									
ex 84.83.990}	Transmission shafts, gears, and gearing, etc., as per by-law (Item 19)	2	1,278	4,412	5,692	Free	7½%	Free	500,000
						27½%*	40%		
						Free	7½%		
						Free	7½%		
85.01.321}	A.C. generators other than hand generators for telephones, not exceeding 120 KVA.	Neg.	523	603	1,126	27½%*	40%	10%	100,000
85.01.329}						Free	7½%		
85.01.399}						Free	7½%		
						Free	7½%		
85.23.999}	Other insulated electric wire, cable, etc.	38	1,312	1,890	3,240	12½%*	22½%	10%	300,000
85.25.900}						21½%*	58%		
87.12.299}	Parts for cycles, n.c.i., other than of leather or rubber	Nil	536	1,229	1,765	Free	7½%	Free	180,000
		4	260	1,411	1,675	Free	7½%	Free	180,000

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ex 89.01.990 (S.I.47,36)	Ships and boats under 200 tons gross register	12	106	231	349	30%*	40%	10%	50,000
90.17.990	Medical, dental and surgical instruments, n.e.i.	59	1,145	1,681	2,884	27½%*	45%	Free	250,000
91.01.200	Wrist watches	87	188	3,288	3,563	Cases - 25%* or, if higher, \$0.40 ea. Remainder - 27½%*	42½% \$0.50 ea/ 45%	Free	350,000
	Total trade	1,722	42,746	73,401	117,869			Total quota increase	6,705,000

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Annex B

TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

PROPOSED REDUCTIONS IN PREFERENTIAL RATES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND/OR INCREASES
IN PREFERENTIAL QUOTAS

Tariff Item	Brief Description	1967/68 Import Clearances (\$A'000)					Normal Tariff Rates		Developing Country Preferential Rates and Quotas			
		From Developing Countries		From Other British Preferential Countries	From Other Countries	Total	British Preferential	Most Favoured Nation	Preferential Rate		Annual Quota (\$A)	
		At Preferential Rate	Total						Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed
17.04.900 20.04.900	Confectionery, etc.	47.2	65.9	574.0	352.1	992.0	22½%* 5% plus primage on other than drained cherries	47½% 10%	20%	20%	100,000	200,000
18.06.900	Chocolate confectionery	3.8	5.3	84.0	593.7	683.0	22½%* 5% plus primage	47½% 10%	20%	10%	30,000	70,000
34.01.100	Soap, fancy, medicated, or toilet	18.3	20.1	229.0	64.9	314.0	10% or, if higher, \$0.053 lb.	22½% \$0.05 lb.	10%	Free	100,000	100,000
34.01.900	Soap, other	1.3	3.8	6.0	34.2	44.0	15%	25%	10%	Free	20,000	20,000
42.04.900 42.05.000	Other leather manufactures	4.4	19.4	197.0	122.6	339.0	17½%	40%	15%	Free	60,000	60,000
45.03.910 45.04.910	Gaskets and similar joints of cork	N11	N11	80.0	97.0	177.0	27½%* 5% plus primage	52½% 10%	27½%	10%	200,000	200,000
ex 55.06.900 (S.I.48)	Mercerized sewing cottons for retail	N11	3.6	953.0	41.4	998.0	15%*	27½%	10%	Free	20,000	20,000
70.20.900	Goods of glass fibre	N11	0.3	31.0	256.7	288.0	12½%	22½%	10%	Free	50,000	50,000

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		At Preferential Rate	Total						Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed
82.09.100 82.09.210 82.10.110 82.09.290 82.10.190	Table, kitchen, cooks and butchers' knives	N11	20.1	404.5	1,692.2	2,116.8	30%* 5%* 5%* 32%* 30%*	40% 17½% 17½% 40% 40%	- Free Free 27½% Free	Free Free Free Free Free	- 20,000 150,000	170,000
82.09.910 82.10.900 82.09.990	Other knives (and blades)	N11	5.9	225.9	309.9	541.7	5%* Free Free	15% 7½% 7½%	Free (Part only) Free Free	Free Free Free	100,000 - -	100,000
82.13.510 82.13.390 82.13.900	Paper knives, manicure sets and other cutlery articles	N11	5.0	84.8	169.8	259.6	30%* Nail files - 30%* Remainder - Free Free	40% 40% 40% 7½% 7½%	15% Free Free 15% (Part only) Free	Free Free Free Free Free	30,000 100,000	130,000
83.02.910	Fittings and mountings for furniture	N11	7.8	154.0	200.2	362.0	17½%	42½%	15%	Free	35,000	35,000
83.04.900	Filing cabinets	N11	0.3	72.0	28.7	101.0	17½%	42½%	15%	Free	15,000	15,000
84.21.910	Paint, etc., sprayers	N11	N11	120.0	450.0	570.0	22½%	45%	20%	Free	25,000	25,000

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		At Preferential Rate	Total						Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed
84.40.310	Washing and dry-cleaning machines, commercial	Nil	Nil	114.0	297.0	411.0	15%	32½%	10%	Free	40,000	40,000
84.47.611	Other woodworking machines and appliances (protected range)	1.0	1.5	104.0	655.0	760.5	17½%	42½% plus 5% primage	10%	Free	50,000	50,000
84.47.621												
84.47.631												
84.47.690												
98.15.000	Vacuum flasks and parts	Nil	Nil	104.0	352.0	456.0	22½%	45%	20% (Excluding Hong Kong)	20%	50,000	70,000
	Total trade	76.0	159.0	3,537.2	5,717.4	9,413.6	Total quota				1,195,000	1,355,000

Total quota increase \$160,000

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