

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## AUSTRALIAN TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES

### Notification by the Government of Australia

In document L/3163 of 10 January 1969, contracting parties were advised, inter alia, of Australia's intention to grant duty-free admission, without quota limitation, to certain quilts which, in the opinion of the Australian Minister for Customs and Excise, were hand-made traditional products of cottage industries in developing countries.

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 the scope of the concession so that it will include the following types of hand-made traditional products of cottage industries:

Quilts and other quilted textile articles, stuffed, not being articles of apparel of any kind; and

Curtains trimmed with stuffed quilting.

In document L/2793 of 19 May 1967, contracting parties were advised, inter alia, of Australia's intention to accord to baseball and softball gloves of developing country origin a preferential tariff rate of 15 per cent ad valorem, within an annual quota of \$A 30,000 (ex tariff item 42.03.191). As the normal non-preferential rate of duty applicable to these and some other types of gloves was reduced from 60 per cent ad valorem (including primage duty) to 7½ per cent ad valorem as from 9 June 1969, it is the Australian Government's intention to reduce the preferential rate for developing countries from 15 per cent ad valorem to "Free". The necessary provision in the Australian Customs Tariff has already been made, with effect from 9 June 1969, but the allocation of quota certificates for duty-free admission will be deferred until the above-mentioned GATT procedures have been completed.

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