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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:

Assegais, spears, battle-axes, kris, kukris and the like, being goods of a kind falling within item 93.01 in the first schedule to the customs tariff

Buttons, of wood, bamboo or other natural vegetable substances

Clogs and other footwear with wooden soles, other than of the lace-up or button-up type or with expanding uppers

Combs, hair slides and the like, of vegetable materials, being goods falling within item 98.12 in the first schedule to the customs tariff

Earthenware articles falling within sub-item 69.13.1 in the first schedule to the customs tariff

Fans, handscreens and other goods falling within item 67.05 in the first schedule to the customs tariff

Glass panels, having designs thereon executed by hand, of a kind used in pendant and bracket lampware

Glassware, hand-made

Hand-embroidered scarves, kerchiefs, handkerchiefs, tablecloths and the like articles not exceeding 1 metre in both dimensions of hand-woven fabrics of or containing 50 per cent or more by weight of cotton, wool or cotton and wool

Hand-woven bedspreads and bedcovers containing 50 per cent or more by weight of cotton

Imitation jewellery, falling within item 71.16 in the first schedule to the customs tariff, being goods made up from naturally occurring products or materials, including those with metal fittings, and similar goods

Kites

Leather sandals of a kind fastened to the foot by means of thong lacings of leather, having a value for duty of not less than \$0.90 per pair, but not including fashion footwear

Outer-garments, hand-made from hand-woven cotton fabric

Plaques, textile

Paintings executed by hand on silk scrolls

Random-dyed textile fabrics being fabrics in the piece that:

- (i) have been dyed by the batik tie dye or similar process
- (ii) weigh less than 6 oz. per square yard; and
- (iii) are made of vegetable fibres

Shopping bags made of vegetable fibres other than cotton or linen; and

Table mats, place mats, coasters and the like, the essential character of which is derived from vegetable fibres other than cotton or linen.

Annex A

ADDITIONAL PRODUCTS ON WHICH TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE PROPOSED

Tariff item	Brief description	1967/68 import clearances (\$A'000)			Total	Present tariff rates		Proposed concession for developing countries	
		From developing countries	From other British preferential countries	From other countries		General	British preferential	Preferential tariff rate	Annual quota (\$A)
25.23.900	Ciment fondu, slag cement, etc., other than Portland cement	-	192	117	309	42½% plus primage 5%	17½%	Free	30,000
30.04.200	Gauze bandages, etc.	1	957	565	1,523	7½%	Free	Free	80,000
32.08.300) 32.08.900)	Ceramic colours and pigments, glazes, other prepared pigments, etc.	-	359	151	510	(12½% (7½%	Free) Free)	Free	100,000
32.12.000	Glaziers' putty, etc.	-	141	129	270	42½% plus primage 5%	17½%	17½%	30,000
32.13.900	Ink, n.e.i.	-	161	155	316	45% or, if higher, \$0.083 per lb. plus primage 10%	10% \$0.029 per lb. 5%	Free	35,000
36.04.000	Percussion and detonating caps; igniters; detonators	-	1,019	508	1,527	7½%	Free	Free	200,000
50.09.910	Woven fabrics of silk, or of waste silk, other than noil, n.e.i., printed	28	10	726	764	\$0.20 per sq.yd.	\$0.162 per sq.yd. ¹	Free	40,000
51.04.910	Woven fabrics of continuous man-made fibres, n.e.i., as per by-law	61	90	2,148	2,299	\$0.012 per sq.yd., or, if lower, 4½%	Free	Free	400,000

¹Special rates apply to imports from New Zealand.

Annex A (cont'd)

Tariff item	Brief description	1967/68 import clearances (\$1,000)			Total	Present tariff rates		Proposed concession for developing countries	
		From developing countries	From other British preferential countries	From other countries		General	British preferential	Preferential tariff rate	Annual quota (\$A)
53.11.910) 53.11.920))) 53.11.990)	Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair, n.e.i.	12	3,880	1,570	5,462	45% 45% or, if higher, \$0.55 per sq.yd.	22½% 22½% \$0.55 per sq.yd., less 22½%	22½%	50,000
58.08.000	Tulle and other net fabrics, plain, not woven, knitted or crocheted	26	296	135	457	2½%	Free	Free	80,000
58.09.100) 58.09.900)	Tulle and other net fabrics, figured, not woven, knitted or crocheted	22	511	1,481	2,014	(7½% 2½%)	(Free Free)	Free	500,000
59.01.910	Articles of wadding, etc., put up for retail	1	313	3	317	7½%	Free	Free	30,000
61.08.100	Rosettes, bows, ruffles, frills, ruffles and the like	-	3	85	88	12½%	Free	Free	20,000
62.02.591	Tea towels, guest towels, etc.	11	440	1,200	1,651	7½%	Free	Free	200,000
69.13.210) 69.13.290)	Vases etc., ceramic	26	80	249	355	(30% 40%)	(10% 17½%)	5%	40,000
70.21.000	Other glassware	-	67	244	311	7½%	Free	Free	60,000
71.12.100) 71.12.900)	Articles of jewellery, and parts therefor of precious metal or rolled precious metal	139	157	1,038	1,334	(30% 45%)	(17½% 27½%)	15% 27½%	150,000

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71.13.300) 71.13.900)	Goldsmiths' and silversmiths' wares of precious metal or rolled precious metal, n.e.i.	6	43	45	94	(35% (45%	17½% 27½% ^{1/}	15%	20,000
73.16.300) 73.16.900)	Switch blades, crossings (or frogs) crossing pieces and other railway and tramway track construction material, of iron or steel, n.e.i.	-	1,217	102	1,319	(58½% (55% (plus primage 5%	33% ^{1/} 27½%)	20%	150,000
73.26.000	Barbed wire, etc.	-	4	563	567	(\$10 per ton	Free ^{2/}	Free	50,000
73.27.200) 73.27.300) 73.27.900)	Wire gauze, netting, etc.	Neg.	114	419	533	(7½% (\$10 per ton (55% (plus primage 5%	Free) Free) 27½%)	Free	50,000
73.31.200	Horse-shoe nails, of iron or steel	-	1	44	45	\$0.012 per lb.	\$0.006 per lb.	Free	10,000
76.15.100	Soda water syphons, and parts therefor, of aluminium	-	140	11	151	7½%	Free	Free	30,000
80.06.900	Other goods of tin, n.e.i.	2	46	24	72	55% plus primage 5%	27½%	Free	10,000
82.01.390) 82.01.900)	Certain shears, timber wedges and other tools used in agriculture, horticulture or forestry	-	125	274	399	(7½% (7½%	Free) Free)	Free	80,000
82.08.100	Hand-operated food mincers and choppers, etc.	-	95	469	564	12½%	Free	Free	100,000

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82.13.900	Hand pieces for sheep-shearing machines; secateurs and parts	-	381	138	519	7½%	Free	Free	100,000
83.02.110) 83.02.199)	Base metal fittings for coach- work, as specified	2	253	488	743	(35% (37½%	27½% ^{1/} 27½% ^{2/}	20%	75,000
83.14.900	Sign plates, name plates, etc., other than wholly of brass, bronze or gunmetal	2	29	71	102	55% plus primage 5%	27½%	20%	10,000
84.17.400	Machinery, plant and equipment, as specified	-	705	317	1,022	7½%	Free	Free	250,000
84.21.210	Pumping units for fire fighting	-	73	39	112	7½%	Free	Free	20,000
84.29.900) 84.30.111) 84.30.112) 84.30.210) 84.30.300) 84.30.910)	Specified machinery for use in the preparation of certain foodstuffs	1	288	497	786	(7½% (7½% (12½% (7½% (7½% (7½%	Free) Free) Free) Free) Free) Free)	Free	160,000
84.32.100	Specified machinery for making books	-	108	566	674	7½%	Free	Free	150,000
ex 84.41.100 (S.I. 3X)	Household sewing machines - specified components	-	89	20	109	7½%	Free	Free	20,000
84.57.000	Glass working machines (specified)	1	241	291	533	55%	27½% ^{1/}	27½%	20,000
84.59.920	Parts and fittings for ships, etc.	-	396	542	938	37½%	27½% ^{2/}	20%	20,000
85.01.421) 85.01.491)	Testing transformers, etc.; other static transformers, etc. used in X-ray apparatus	-	-	64	64	(7½% (7½%	Free) Free)	Free	20,000
85.01.620	Selenium or copper oxide power rectifying elements	-	113	121	234	7½%	Free	Free	40,000

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		From developing countries	From other British preferential countries	From other countries		General	British preferential	Preferential tariff rate	Proposed annual quota (\$1)
85.04.110) 85.04.130) 85.04.190) 85.04.200) 85.04.910) 85.04.990)	Electric accumulators	-	426	475	901	(47½% plus primage 10% 40% plus primage 5% 55½% and \$0.021 per lb. plus primage 10% 40% 42½% plus primage 5% 50% plus primage 5% 40½% 47½% (plus primage 5% 55% 45% 42½% (plus primage 5%	22½% 5% 12½% 27½% and \$0.012 per lb.) 5% 17½% 17½% 22½% 12½% 22½% 27½% 27½% 17½%	15%	60,000
85.13.110) 85.13.210) 85.13.300) 85.13.600) 85.13.900)	Electrical line, telephonic and telegraphic apparatus	Neg.	3,198	21,913	25,111	(40½% 47½% (plus primage 5% 55% 45% 42½% (plus primage 5%	12½% 22½% 27½% 27½% 17½%	12½%	600,000

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		From developing countries	From other British preferential countries	From other countries		General	British preferential	Preferential tariff rate	Proposed annual quota (\$A)
85.19.321	Lightning arresters, valve type, as specified	-	32	193	225	20%	10%	5%	20,000
87.09.120	Motor scooters	-	1	118	119	10% (Special rates for tyres and tubes)	Free (Special rates for tyres and tubes)	Free	20,000
90.05.000	Refracting telescopes (both monocular and binocular)	15	7	528	550	9%	Free	Free	100,000
91.01.900	Pocket watches, etc.	18	98	328	444	7½%	Free	Free	90,000
91.02.900) 91.04.990)	Clocks, other than partly of wood	141	385	2,367	2,893	(7½% (7½%	Free) Free)	Free	300,000
93.04.220) 93.04.990)	Shotguns, rifles, n.e.i.	10	52	292	354	(7½% (7½%	Free) Free)	Free	40,000
	Total trade	525	17,336	41,823	59,684		Total quota increase \$4,660,000		

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)				Total	Normal tariff rates		Developing countries preferential rates and quotas			
		From developing countries		From other British preferential countries	From other countries		Most- favoured nation	British preferential	Preferential rate		Annual quota (\$A)	
		At preferential rate	Total						Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed
17.04.100	Chewing gum, etc.	2	4	62	123	189	65% plus primage 10%	40% 5%	25%	15%	20,000	20,000
34.02.000	Organic surface-active agents, etc., whether or not containing soap	Nil	2	1,103	2,510	3,615	25%	15%	10%	Free	100,000	100,000
35.06.900	Other prepared glues, etc.	1/	3	49	110	162	42½% plus primage 5%	17½%	15%	Free	20,000	20,000
55.05.100	Sewing cottons, not for retail	17	36	1,765	672	2,473	27½%	12½% ^{2/}	10%	10%	50,000	100,000
ex 58.01.100) ex 58.02.300) ex 59.02.000)	Hand-made carpets and matting (including numdahs)	843	1,101	n.a.	n.a.	1,187	(7½% 7½% (25%	Free) Free) 15%)	Free	Free	2,000,000	3,000,000
61.06.000	Shawls, scarves	3	28	35	486	549	55½%	22½%	15%	15%	50,000	60,000
65.02.990	Hat shapes, other	7	39	2	201	242	35% ^{3/}	22½% ^{2/}	Free	Free	30,000	40,000

^{1/} Developing country preferences introduced since 30 June 1968.

^{2/} Special rates apply to imports from New Zealand.

^{3/} Special rate applies to imports from Ceylon.

Annex E (cont'd)

Tariff item	Brief description	1967/68 import clearances (\$A'000)				Total	Normal tariff rates		Developing countries preferential rates and quotas			
		From developing countries		From other British preferential countries	From other countries		Most- favoured nation	British preferential	Preferential rate		Annual quota (\$A)	
		At preferential rate	Total						Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed
70.03.900	Unworked glass in balls, rods and tubes (not being optical glass)	1/	5	71	598	674	27½%	12½%	10%	Free	20,000	20,000
70.12.000	Glass inners for vacuum flasks	1/	171	111	40	322	45%	22½%	15% (Excl. Hong Kong)	15% (Excl. Hong Kong)	35,000	40,000
76.06.000	Aluminium tubes, pipes and blanks therefor	1/	Nil	25	22	47	30%	20%	15%	Free	20,000	20,000
82.02.290	Other blades for hand or machine saws	1/	Nil	718	466	1,184	22½%	12½%	10%	7½%	110,000	110,000
83.07.910	Pressure-operated lamps and parts therefor, of base metal	1/	2	61	26	89	35%	15%	10%	Free	15,000	15,000
ex 84.41.900 ^{2/}	Domestic sewing machine heads	2	2	5	391	398	4½%	Free	Free	Free	50,000	300,000
85.19.319	Other fuses	1/	Nil	182	99	281	45%	22½%	20%	15%	15,000	15,000
97.03.900	Toys	7	2,166	3,241	3,337	8,744	45%	17½%	10% (Excl. Hong Kong and Taiwan)	10% (Excl. Hong Kong)	100,000	150,000

^{1/} Developing country preferences introduced since 30 June 1968.

^{2/} Separately recorded only 4 April 1968-30 June 1968 and trade figures apply to that period only.

Annex B (cont'd)

Tariff item	Brief description	1967/68 import clearances (\$A'000)				Total	Normal tariff rates		Developing countries preferential rates and quotas			
		From developing countries		From other British preferential countries	From other countries		Most- favoured nation	British preferential	Preferential rate		Annual quota (\$A)	
		At preferential rate	Total						Present	Proposed	Present	Proposed
97.07.900	Fishing appliances, hunting lures and decoys	3	9	88	666	763	58% ^{1/}	17½% ^{2/}	15%	15%	50,000	65,000
98.03.300	Ball-point pens and pencils	3/	7	76	691	774	22½% or, if higher, \$0.20 per doz.	12½% \$0.20 per doz., less 10%	5%	5%	75,000	85,000
98.11.190	Smoking pipes, other than wholly of clay	1	36	221	78	335	35%	20% ^{2/}	20%	20%	50,000	100,000
	Total trade	385	3,611	7,815 ^{4/}	10,516 ^{4/}	22,028			Total quota		2,810,000	4,260,000
									Total quota increase		1,450,000	

^{1/} Special rate applies to imports from Fiji.^{2/} Special rates apply to imports from New Zealand.^{3/} Developing country preferences introduced since 30 June 1968.^{4/} Totals do not include \$A 86,000 being unavailable breakdown of imports of hand-made carpets and matting (including mundahs).