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GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Notification by Norway

I have the honour to refer to the Decision of the CONTRACTING PARTIES of 25 June 1971, concerning the granting of preferential tariff treatment on imports from developing countries. Pursuant to that Decision, I have the honour to give you the following details on the Norwegian scheme and its implementation:

1. Product coverage

Norway includes in her preference system the goods within B.N. Chapters 1-24 listed in Annex I to this letter. The remaining products listed in Annex II to the Nordic offer in UNCTAD document TD/B/AC.5/24/Add.2 are already being imported into Norway free of duty. Furthermore, a considerable number of other products within the B.N. Chapters 1-24 not mentioned in the Nordic offer are also free of Norwegian import duty.

With regard to B.N. Chapters 25-99, the Norwegian preference system applies to all products within these chapters, with the exception of a certain number of particularly sensitive items, mainly in the textiles sector. These items are set out in the attached Annex II.

Products subject to duty of a fiscal nature are not included in the Norwegian system.

Based on the composition of imports in 1969, 96-97 per cent of the total imports from developing countries will be duty-free after the introduction of the Norwegian generalized system of preferences.

The Norwegian Government has been authorized by the Storting to make changes in the product coverage in the light of subsequent developments and the decisions to be taken by other donor countries.

2. Depth of cut

All products covered by the system are accorded duty-free treatment, there being no ceilings or other restrictions on the imports of these products from the beneficiary countries.

3. Beneficiary countries

The Norwegian system of preferences will initially be put into effect in favour of the countries presently members of the group of 77. This list of beneficiary countries is, however, preliminary, and will be reconsidered in the light of further international consultations on the subject and of decisions taken by other donor countries.

4. Rules of origin

Norway will base her rules of origin on those applied by the European Economic Community. Details of the Norwegian rules of origin will be notified as soon as possible.

5. Safeguard mechanisms

In the event that the introduction of the generalized system of preferences causes or threatens to cause market disruption, Norway reserves her right to introduce safeguard measures as outlined in the "agreed conclusions of the Special Committee on Preferences" (document TD/B/330 Annex 1).

6. Date of implementation of the system

The Norwegian system of preferences will become operative as from 1 October 1971.

Annex I

Products Within the B.N. Chapters 1-24 Covered by the
Norwegian System of Generalized Preferences

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- ex 03.03 Crustaceans and molluscs whether in shell or not, fresh, (live or dead), chilled, frozen, salted, in brine, or dried; crustaceans except shrimps and prawns, in shell, simply boiled in water
- 05.03 Horsehair and horsehair waste, etc.
- 05.05 Fish, waste
- 05.07 Skins and other parts of birds, etc.
- 05.12 Coral and similar substances unworked, etc.
- 05.15 Animal products not elsewhere specified, etc.
- ex 07.01 Garlic, fresh or chilled
- ex 07.03 Olives and capers, provisionally preserved, etc.
- ex 07.04 Garlic, dried, etc.
- ex 07.06 Jerusalem artichokes, fresh or dried
- 08.01 Dates, bananas, coconuts, etc.
- 08.02 Citrus fruit, fresh or dried
- 08.03 Figs, fresh or dried
- ex 08.04 Grapes dried
- 08.05 Nuts, other than those falling within heading No. 08.01, fresh or dried, shelled or not
- ex 08.06 Quinces, fresh
- ex 08.07 Apricots, peaches and tropical stone fruit, fresh
- ex 08.08 Tropical berries, fresh
- ex 08.09 Honey dew melons, ogen melons, tropical fruit, fresh
- ex 08.10 Tropical fruit, preserved by freezing, etc.
- ex 08.11 Tropical fruit, provisionally preserved, etc.
- ex 08.12 Peaches, plums and tropical fruit, dried
- 09.03 Maté
- 09.09 Seeds of anise, badian, fennel, etc.
- 09.10 Thyme, saffron and bay leaves; other spices
- ex 10.06 Rice, in the husk or husked but not further prepared
- 11.04 Flours of the fruits falling within any heading in Chapter 8
- 12.06 Hop cones and lupulin.

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- 13.03 Vegetable saps and extracts, etc.
- 15.05 Wool grease, etc.
- ex 15.06 Neat's foot oil for technical purposes
- ex 15.07 Linseed oil, crude; castor oil, tung oil, oiticica oil, croton oil and tobacco seed oil, crude, refined or purified
- 16.04 Prepared or preserved fish, etc.
- ex 16.05 Crustaceans and molluscs, prepared or preserved, except shrimps and prawns
- 18.05 Cocoa powder, unsweetened
- 19.06 Communion wafers, etc.
- ex 20.01 Mango chutney; olives and capers, prepared or preserved by vinegar, etc.
- ex 20.02 Olives; tomato pulp and paste in airtight containers with a dry weight content of not less than 25 per cent tomato
- ex 20.03 Tropical fruit, preserved by freezing containing added sugar
- ex 20.04 Tropical fruit and parts thereof, preserved by sugar etc.
- ex 20.06 Pineapple, citrus fruit, apricots, nuts and tropical fruit, otherwise prepared or preserved
- ex 20.07 Citrus and pineapple juices not containing added sugar, juices of tropical fruit, whether or not containing added sugar
- ex 21.02 Extracts, essences or concentrates of tea or maté; preparations with a basis of those extracts, essences or concentrates
- 21.03 Mustard flour and prepared mustard
- 21.04 Sauces, etc.
- 21.05 Soups, etc.
- ex 21.06 Inactive yeasts and prepared baking powders
- 22.01 Waters, including spa waters and aerated waters, etc.
- 22.02 Lemonade, flavoured spa waters, etc.
- 22.04 Grape must, in fermentation etc.
- ex 22.09 Spirituous beverages other than liqueurs; compound alcoholic preparations (known as "concentrated extracts") for the manufacture of beverages
- 22.10 Vinegar and substitutes for vinegar

Annex II

Products Within the B.N. Chapters 25-99 Not Covered
by the Norwegian System of Generalized Preferences

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- 41.02 Bovine cattle leather (including buffalo leather) and equine leather, except leather falling within heading Nos. 41.06, 41.07 or 41.08
- 42.03 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories, of leather or of composition leather
- 51.04 Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (continuous), including woven fabrics of monofil or strip of heading No. 51.01 or 51.02
- 53.11 Woven fabrics of sheep's or lambs' wool or of fine animal hair
- 54.05 Woven fabrics of flax or of ramie
- 55.05 Cotton yarn, not put up for retail sale
- 55.06 Cotton yarn, put up for retail sale
- 55.08 Terry towelling and similar terry fabrics, of cotton
- 55.09 Other woven fabrics of cotton
- 56.05 Yarn of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste) not put up for retail sale
- 56.06 Yarn of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste) put up for retail sale
- 56.07 Woven fabrics of man-made fibres (discontinuous or waste)
- 58.02 Other carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats and matting, and "Kelem", "Schumacks" and "Karamanie" rugs and the like (made up or not)
- 58.05 Narrow woven fabrics, and narrow fabrics (bolduc) consisting of warp without weft assembled by means of an adhesive, other than goods falling within heading No. 58.06
- 60.01 Knitted or crocheted fabrics, not elastic nor rubberised
- 60.02 Gloves, mittens and mitts, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised
- 60.03 Stockings, under stockings, socks, ankle socks, socket and the like, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised
- 60.04 Undergarments, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised
- 60.05 Outergarments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised
- 61.01 Men's and boys' outergarments
- 61.02 Women's, girls' and infants outergarments
- 61.03 Men's and boys' undergarments, including collars, shirt fronts and cuffs
- 61.04 Women's, girls' and infants undergarments

- 61.09 Corsets, corset-belts, suspender-belts, brassieres, braces, suspenders, garters and the like (including such articles of knitted or crocheted fabrics) whether or not elastic
- 62.01 Travelling rugs and blankets
- 62.02 Bed linen, table linen, toilet linen and kitchen linen; curtains and other furnishing articles
- 64.01 Footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or artificial plastic material
- 64.02 Footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather; footwear (other than footwear falling within heading No. 64.01) with outer soles of rubber or artificial plastic material
- 69.11 Tableware and other articles of a kind commonly used for domestic or toilet purposes, of porcelain or China
- 69.12 Tableware and other articles of a kind commonly used for domestic or toilet purposes, of other kinds of pottery
- 70.13 Glassware (other than articles falling within heading No. 70.19) of a kind commonly used for table, kitchen, toilet or office purposes, for indoor decoration, or for similar uses
- 87.09 Motor-cycles, auto-cycles and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor
- 87.10 Cycles, not motorised