

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

### Notification by Japan

#### Addendum

For the information of contracting parties, the Permanent Delegation of Japan has provided the following information on improvements to Japan's scheme of preferences, which became effective as from 1 April 1974.

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Taking into consideration the important rôle that the generalized system of preferences plays in the economic development of the developing countries and the wishes expressed by these countries, the Government of Japan introduced various improvements to its scheme on 1 April 1974, as described below.

#### 1. Modification of the list of beneficiaries (see Annex 2 to L/3876)

Mongolia has been added to the list of beneficiaries.

As a result of this addition, Japan now grants preferences to 110 countries and twenty-eight territories.

#### 2. Enlargement of the coverage of agricultural products (BTN Chapters 1-24)

With the addition of the five items listed below, the positive list of agricultural products (see Annex 3 to L/3876) now covers seventy-two items at the BTN four-digit level compared to sixty-nine items previously.

BTN No.	Description	Preferential rate of duty
12.07	Plants and parts (including seeds and fruit) of trees, bushes, shrubs or other plants, being goods of a kind used primarily in pharmacy, or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or dried, whole, cut, crushed, ground or powdered: ex (12) Other Sandal woods	free
13.02	Shellac, seed lac, stick lac and other lacs; natural gums, resins, gum-resins and balsams: 2. Seed lac	free
14.05	Vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included: ex 3. Other Of Machilus thunbergii Sieb. et Zucc	free
16.04	Prepared or preserved fish, including caviar and caviar substitutes: ex 2. Other Benito and the like, boiled and dried	9%
22.01	Waters, including spa waters and aerated waters; ice and snow 1. Spa waters and aerated waters	free

3. Reduction of preferential tariff rates

- (1) Agricultural products falling within Chapters 1-24 of the BTN  
(see Annex 3 to L/3876)

Preferential rates of duty have been further reduced for the following three items:

BTN No.	Description	Preferential rate of duty	
		old	new
05.07	Skins and other parts of birds, with their feathers or down, feathers and parts of feathers (whether or not with trimmed edges) and down, not further worked than cleaned, disinfected or treated for preservation; powder and waste of feathers or parts of feathers:		
	2. Other	5%	free
06.04	Foliage, branches and other parts (other than flowers or buds) of trees, shrubs, bushes and other plants and mosses, lichens and grasses, being goods of a kind suitable for bouquets or ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared.	5%	free
15.11	Glycerol and glycerol ly.s:		
	1. Glycerol	6%	free

(2) Selected products falling within Chapter 25-99 of the BTN (see Annex 4 to L/3876)

The following selected products to which fifty per cent. tariff reductions had applied previously, now enjoy duty-free import.

As a result, the number of items designated as selected products has decreased from 51 to 48 at the BTN four-digit level.

BTN No.	Description
33.04	Mixtures of two or more odoriferous substances (natural or artificial) and mixtures (including alcoholic solutions) with a basis of one or more of these substances, of a kind used as raw materials in the perfumery, food, drink or other industries
58.04	Woven pile fabrics and chenille fabrics (other than terry towelling or similar terry fabrics of cotton falling within heading No. 55.08 and fabrics falling within heading No. 58.05) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With pile yarn of wool or fine animal hair</li> <li>3. With pile yarn of man-made fibres</li> <li>4. With pile yarn of silk</li> <li>5. Other</li> </ol>
65.02	Hat shapes, plaited or made from plaited or other strips of any material, neither blocked to shape nor with made brims
85.21	Thermionic, cold cathode and photo-cathode valves and tubes (including vapour or gas filled valves and tubes, cathode-ray tubes, television camera tubes and mercury arc rectifying valves and tubes); photocells; mounted piezo-electric crystals; diodes, transistors and similar semi-conductor devices; electronic microcircuits: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ex 2. Integrated circuits</li> </ol>

4. Improvement in the administration of the ceiling (see Annex 5 to L/3876)(1) Product groups

The number of product groups for the purpose of ceiling administration has been reduced from 189 to 182 (monthly control product group 125, daily control product group 46, prior allotment product group 11).

(2) Product groups qualifying for flexible administration of the ceiling quotas

The number of product groups to which ceiling quotas are flexibly applied has been increased from 110 to 116 items.

(3) Product groups qualifying for non-application of the maximum amount limitation

The number of product groups to which maximum amount limitation for a beneficiary is not applied has been increased from eighty-five to 124 items.

5. Hong Kong exceptions (see Annex 5 to L/3876)

The number of "Hong Kong exceptions" has been reduced from 12 to 7 items with the deletion of items 60.03, 64.02-2(2), 67.04, 67.05, 71.02-2(2), and 95.03.

The following items remain on the list of "Hong Kong exceptions".

BTN No.	Description
42.02	Travel goods, shopping-bags, handbags, satchels, cases, boxes, etc.
64.02-1 -2(1)	Footwear with uppers of leather or with uppers containing furskin; or with outer soles of leather
67.02	Artificial flower, foliage, or fruit and parts thereof etc.

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BTN No.	Description
70.19	Glass beads, imitation pearls etc.
71.12	Articles of jewellery and parts thereof, of precious metal or rolled precious metal
71.16	Imitation jewellery
97.03	Toys; working models of a kind used for recreational purposes

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