

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Addendum

The following modifications to the Australian GSP scheme have been communicated by the delegation of Australia.

In accordance with sub-paragraph (c) of the waiver adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES under the decision of 25 June 1971 (L/3545), the following changes in the Australian System of Tariff Preferences for Developing Countries are notified for the information of contracting parties.

1. The changes below relate to the "phasing out" of previously existing arrangements for specified handicrafts products which are referred to in L/3982/Add.1. Certain products as described below are to be excluded from the duty-free arrangements hitherto operating, and which are scheduled to cease after 31 December 1974.

- 61.02.11) Women's and girls' dresses, containing not less than 50 per cent by
- 61.02.12) weight of cotton fibres, calculated by reference to the weight of
- 61.02.19) textile fibres in the dresses.

- 61.02.3 Women's, girls' and infants' blouses, containing not less than 50 per cent by weight of cotton fibres, calculated by reference to the weight of textile fibres in the blouses.

- 61.04.2 Women's, girls' and infants' shirts, containing not less than 50 per cent by weight of cotton fibres, calculated by reference to the weight of textile fibres in the shirts.

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In-Transit Provisions apply in that duty-free entry may be accorded to the above products that are:

- (a) In transit to Australia on 1 October 1974 and are entered for home consumption within twenty-one days after importation,

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- (b) in bond in Australia on 1 October 1974 and are entered for home consumption within twenty-eight days after that date.

Notwithstanding the foregoing exclusions, articles of apparel as described above will continue to be eligible for duty-free entry provided that they meet the criteria of item 36 Customs By-Law No. S2425, details of which are set out in Customs and Excise Notice No. 74/65 which was annexed to L/3982/Add.1.

2. Add Guinea Bissau to the list of eligible countries (L/3982, page 6).