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Summary of tariff and non-tariff measures situation, including requests and trade liberalization measures

Note by the secretariat

Addendum

With reference to document COM.TD/W/409, the delegation of Japan has provided the following information on trade liberalization measures taken on 1 April 1985 with respect to certain tropical products.

Having regard to the consultations held on tropical products in accordance with the relevant Ministerial Decision in 1982 and the consultations held with certain least-developed countries since 1983, Japan has put into force the following tariff actions.

CCCN 5710: Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres

It may be recalled that with effect from 1 April 1984 Japan had extended to this item a special duty-free treatment for least-developed countries while maintaining ceiling limitations for this treatment (cf. Spec(84)27/Rev.1 - jute and hard fibres).

With effect from 1 April 1985 two tariff actions have been taken on this item. First, ceiling limitations on duty-free treatment for least-developed countries have been eliminated. Thus, least-developed countries, including notably Bangladesh, now enjoy an unlimited duty-free treatment in the Japanese market. Secondly, GSP rate on this item has been reduced from 8 per cent to zero. Thus, GSP beneficiary countries are in a position to enjoy GSP duty-free treatment on this item although ceiling limitations remain for this treatment.

Advance implementation of Tokyo Round concessions on a number of tropical products

By way of an advance implementation of Tokyo Round tariff concessions by two years, Japan has fully implemented its concessions on the following tropical products with effect from 1 April 1985.

0904-2(2)	"Piper", "Capsicum" and "Pimenta" varieties of pepper and pimento, ground or mixed, not put up in containers for retail sale.
0910-1	Curry

- 2104-2(1) Instant curry and other curry preparations
- 0910-3(2)B(b) Miscellaneous spices, ground or mixed, not put up in containers for retail sale.
- 0603 Cut flowers, fresh, dried, dyed or otherwise prepared.
3301 Essential oils
- ex 1507-8 Palm oil
- 0801-1(2) Dried bananas
- ex 0801-4 Coconuts, brazil nuts and cashew nuts, fresh or dried.
- 0801-2 Dried pineapples
- ex 0810 Specified tropical fruits (i.e. papaya, papaw, avocados, guavas, durian, bilimbi, champeder, jackfruit, breadfruit, rambutan, rose-apple jambo, jambosa, diambo-kaget, choco-maney, cherimoya, kehapi, sugar-apple, mangoes, bullock's heart, passion fruit, dookoo kokosan, mangosteens, soursop and litchi) frozen, and not containing added sugar.
- ex 2001-1 Specified tropical fruits, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, containing added sugar.
- ex 2001-2 Mangoes and mangosteens, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, not containing added sugar.
- ex 2006-1(1) Pineapples, prepared or preserved, containing added sugar, in can, bottle or pot, not more than 10 kgs. each including container.
- Chaper 40 Rubber and rubber products
- 4414-1 Wood sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled but not further prepared, of a thickness not exceeding 5 mm; veneer sheets and sheets for plywood, of a thickness not exceeding 5 mm of Kwarin, Tsuge or Boxwood, Tagayasan (Cassia siamea Lem.), red sandalwood, rosewood or ebony wood excluding ebony wood with white streaks.
- ex 4415 Plywood, not surface worked, other than those with face plies on both sides of coniferous species, not less than 6 mm in thickness.

- 44.19 Wooden beadings and mouldings, including moulded skirting and other moulded boards
- 44.20 Wooden picture frames, photograph frames, mirror frames and the like
- 44.21 Complete wooden packing cases, boxes, crates, drums and similar packings
- ex 44.22 Casks, barrels, vats, tubs, buckets and other coopers' products and parts thereof, of wood, other than riven or sawn staves (not used)
- 44.23 Builders' carpentry and joinery (including prefabricated and sectional buildings and assembled parquet flooring panels, other than tatagu (door, window sash and the like) and tokobashira
- 44.24 Household utensils of wood
- 44.25 Wooden tools, tool bodies, tool handles, broom and brush bodies and handles; boot and shoe lasts and trees, of wood:
- ex 44.28 Other articles of wood, other than fans and hand screens, match splints, etc. of Kvarin, Tsuge or Boxwood, Tagayasan (Cassia siamea Lem.), red sandalwood, rosewood or ebony wood, excluding ebony wood with white streaks, other than kushi of bamboo
- 58.02 Other carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats and matting, and "Kelom", "Schumacks" and "Karamanie" rugs and the like (made up or not), of coir
- ex 62.03 Sacks and bags, of a kind used for the packing of goods, of jute, sisal hemp and other, other than those of cotton
- ex 94.01- Chairs and other seats (other than those falling within heading No. 94.02), whether or not convertible into beds, and parts thereof, other than those of rattan.
- ex 94.03 Other furniture and parts thereof, other than those of Kvarin, Tsuge or Boxwood, Tagayasan (Cassia siamea Lem.), red sandalwood, rosewood or ebony wood (excluding ebony wood with white streaks) or rattan

Japan has also implemented Tokyo Round tariff concessions in advance by one year on the following tropical products with effect from 1 April 1985.

- ex 07.06 Manioc for feeding purpose, used as materials for fodder and feeds under the supervision of the Customs
- ex 09.04 Pepper, put up in containers for retail
- 09.07-1 Cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems), put up in containers for retail sale
- ex 09.07-2(2) Cloves (whole fruit, cloves and stems), not put up in containers for retail sale, ground
- 09.08-2(1) Nutmeg, mace and cardamons, other than Shukusha and Yakuchi, put up in containers for retail sale
- 09.08-2(2)B Nutmeg, mace and cardamons, other than Shukusha and Yakuchi, not put up in containers for retail sale, ground or mixed
- ex 09.10-3(1) Thyme, saffron and bay leaves; other spices, other than curry and ginger put up in containers for retail sale
- ex 11.04-2. Flour of bananas, for feeding purposes, used as materials for fodder and feeds under the supervision of the Customs
- ex 11.04-3 Flour of manioc for feeding purposes, used as materials for fodder and feeds under the supervision of the Customs

- ex 20.01-2 Specified tropical fruits, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid, without sugar
- ex 44.09-1 Wooden sticks, roughly trimmed but not turned, bent or otherwise worked, suitable for the manufacture of walking-sticks, umbrella handles, tool handles or the like
- ex 44.15 Plywood, varnished, printed, grooved, overlaid or similarly surface-worked