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Multilateral Trade Negotiations

GROUP 3(f) - BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CERTAIN TROPICAL PRODUCTS

COCONUTS, BRAZIL NUTS, CASHEW NUTS, KERNELS AND CASHEW SHELL LIQUID

Note by the Secretariat

1. Coconuts, fresh or dried, brazil nuts and cashew nuts are among the items included in document COM.TD/W/205. In accordance with the programme of work adopted by Group 3(f), the secretariat has collected information, to the extent available, on trade flows and commercial policy measures affecting these products as well as for cashew kernels and cashew shell liquid which were suggested for consideration at the April meeting of Group 3(f).
2. On the basis of available statistical information, world exports of coconuts, fresh or dried, have been valued at about \$40 million annually in recent years, of which about \$36 million was accounted for by desiccated coconut. Details of exports by quantity for the period 1970-1972 are shown in Tables 1 and 2 which indicate that the Dominican Republic, Sri Lanka, Honduras, Kenya, Ivory Coast and Singapore are the main exporters of coconuts. With regard to desiccated coconut, two countries - Sri Lanka and the Philippines - have accounted for over 95 per cent of exports by quantity in recent years. Table 3 provides an indication of developed country import markets for coconuts, fresh or dried.
3. Only limited information is available on trade in brazil nuts and cashew nuts and kernels. While Brazil dominates trade in the former item, India is the major exporter of cashew kernels, which are derived from cashew nuts domestically produced or imported. Other exporters of brazil nuts include Bolivia and Peru and other exporters of cashew nuts include Mozambique, Tanzania, Brazil and Kenya.
4. As indicated in Table 3, fresh coconuts enter duty free into most developed country markets either on an MFN basis or under the GSP, the exception being the EEC where this item is subject to a small duty of 2 per cent. On the same basis, desiccated coconut is duty free in all developed country markets shown, other than Australia and the United States, where the tariffs are \$40.037 per kg. and 1 cent per lb. respectively. Desiccated coconut is included free of duty in the indicative GSP list of the United States.
5. Brazil nuts are duty free in all developed country markets shown in Table 4 either on an MFN basis or under the GSP, with the exception of Australia where the duty is \$40.055 per kg. New Zealand maintains discretionary licensing on this item when in retail packages.

6. With regard to cashew nuts and kernels, imports are dutiable in the EEC, Australia and Japan (Table 6). This product is also subject to discretionary licensing in New Zealand when imported in retail packages. Table 7 shows that prepared or preserved brazil nuts and cashew nuts (salted, packed, etc.), which fall within BTN heading 20.06 together with certain processed fruit, are granted duty-free entry in Norway, Sweden and the United States either on an MFN basis or under the GSP, while in other countries there is a degree of tariff escalation between fresh or dried nuts and the prepared or preserved product. In Finland, the prepared or preserved products falling within BTN 20.06 are subject to an import tax. These nuts imported in packages of 1 kg or less are subject to higher duties than those of larger packages in the EEC. The EEC, Canada, Austria and Japan apply reduced rates under the GSP on imports of these products from developing countries. There could be instances where the separate sub-classification of these items in certain national tariff schedules might facilitate duty reductions. Imports into Ireland and New Zealand are subject to discretionary licensing.

7. Cashew nut shell liquid (ex 13.03) is extracted from broken shells of cashew nuts and is used in paint, chemical, plastic and allied industries for its polymerizing and friction-modifying properties. Norway and Switzerland maintain MFN duties on this product, but both countries grant duty-free entry to imports from developing countries under the GSP.

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO ANNEXED TABLES

The tables provide current information on tariff and non-tariff measures applied by the principal importing countries. However, the Australian duties indicated are those applied prior to a general tariff reduction (subject to certain exceptions) of 25 per cent introduced on 18 July 1973. Details of trade flows in 1970 are also shown. The trade figures for imports are broken down into most-favoured-nation and preferential categories, and where possible separate totals are given for imports from developing countries. In addition, the main developing country suppliers are indicated on the basis of available information. Statistical data have been derived from a number of sources including the tariff study files and United Nations statistics.

Duty rate

0	:	Free
%	:	Per cent ad valorem
[...]	:	Provisionally applied rate of duty
(B - ...)	:	British or Commonwealth preferential rate of duty
(A - 0)	:	Preferential duty-free treatment accorded to Associated African and Malagasy States
(E - 0)	:	Preferential duty-free treatment accorded to East African Community (Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania).

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[...]	:	Indicative GSP rate for the United States.
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Non-tariff measures

V	:	Import levy or tax
Q	:	Quota
GQ	:	Global quota
DL	:	Discretionary licensing
ST	:	State trading
R	:	Import restriction (unspecified)
P	:	Imports are generally prohibited
OM	:	Other non-tariff measures
S	:	Selective tax, e.g. excise tax or commodity tax.

Exports

*	:	Provisional
F	:	FAO estimates

TABLE 1/TABLEAU 1Exports/ExportationsCoconuts ex 051.7(1)/Noix de coco ex 051.7(1)Quántity MT/
Quantité TM

	1970	1971	1972
World/Monde	30,635	37,283	33,596
Africa/Afrique	4,294	5,853	3,757
Cameroon/Cameroun			
Dahomey	268 F	248	250 F
Ghana			
Ivory coast/Côte d'Ivoire	427	3,348	1,000 F
Kenya	1,952	1,282	1,500 F
Madagascar	34	39	39 F
Nigeria	619	535	550 F
Tanzania/Tanzanie	196	383	400 F
Togo	13	6	6 F
N C America/Amérique du Nord et Centrale	11,225	16,952	15,542
Br Honduras/Honduras britannique	265 F	280 F	300 F
Costa Rica	54		
Dominica/Dominique			
Dominican RP/Rép. Dominicaine	7,553	12,224	10,000 F
El Salvador	209	298	324 F
Honduras	3,023	3,471	4,000 F
Jamaica/Jamaique	25*	50 F	50 F
Mexico/Mexique	25	221	423
Nicaragua	71	408	445 F
Virgin IS UK/Iles Vierges R.U.			
South America/Amérique du Sud	376	982	1,006
Brazil/Brésil	67	245	245 F
Chile/Chili	5 F	5 F	5 F
Peru/Pérou	188	444	468 F
Surinam			
Venezuela	116	288	288 F

TABLE 1 (cont'd)/TABLEAU 1 (suite)

		1970	1971	1972
Asia/Asie		11,077	8,214	9,342
Hong Kong/Hong-kong		29	24	31 F
India/Inde		464	232	200 F
Kuwait/Koweït		801	1,023	1,000 F
Mal: Sabah/Malaisie: Sabah		436	299	299 F
Mal: Sarawak				
Mal: Malays/Malaisie occ.		4,128	2	2 F
Philippines		40	18	10 F
Singapore/Singapour		618	1,274	1,300 F
Sri Lanka		4,488*	5,000 F	6,000 F
Thailand/Thaïlande		73	342	500
Europe		198	276	422
EEC(9)/CEE(9)		198	264	412
Sweden/Suède		-	12	10
Oceania/Océanie		1,967	2,172	2,500
Cook Islands/Iles Cook				
Fiji/Iles Fidji		728	700*	700 F
New Hebrides/Nouvelles-Hébrides		258	247	250 F
Papua N Guin/Papua-Nlle-Guinée		210	220	250
Tonga		500 F	705	1,000 F
West Samoa/Samoa occ.		271	300 F	300 F

Source: FAO Trade Yearbook 1972./FAO, Annuaire du commerce, 1972.

TABLE 2/TABLEAU 2

Exports/Exportations

Coconuts Desicc. ex 05.7(1)/Noix de coco dess. ex 051.7(1)

			Quantity MT/ Quantité TM
	1970	1971	1972
World/Monde	114,510	131,529	114,792
Afrique/Afrique	1,526	1,610	1,610
Dahomey			
Ivory Coast/Côte d'Ivoire	1,510	1,600 F	1,600 F
South Africa/Afrique du Sud	16	10	10 F
N C America/Amérique du Nord et Centrale	700	956	711
Costa Rica	9	3	3 F
Honduras			
Jamaica/Jamaïque	239	370	370 F
Mexico/Mexique	452	583	338
South America/Amérique du Sud	243	826	500
Brazil/Brésil	243	826	500 F
Asia/Asie	110,264	121,951	110,141
China/Chine	245 F	250 F	250 F
Hong Kong/Hong-kong	22	37	14 F
India/Inde	13	12	10 F
Lebanon/Liban		9	9 F
Mal: W Malays/Malaisie Occ.	11	10	11 F
Philippines	60,241	75,586	59,500
Singapore/Singapour	43	47	47 F
Sri Lanka	49,689	50,000 F	50,300 F
Europe	527	322	456
EEC(9)/CEE (9)	480	284	417
Sweden/Suède	47	38	39
Oceania/Océanie	1,182	1,205	1,200
Fiji/Iles Fidji	182	190 F	200 F
Fr. Polynesia/Polynésie fr.			
Tonga	1,000 F	1,015	1,000 F

Source: FAO Trade Yearbook 1972/FAO, Annuaire du Commerce, 1972

TABLE 3/TABLEAU 3

BTN ex 08.01 - Coconuts, fresh or dried/
NDB ex 08.01 - Noix de coco, fraîches ou séchées

I - Whole/ II - Other/ a. Fresh/ b. Dried or desiccated/
Entières Autres Fraîches Séchées ou déshydratées

	EEC/CEE	Canada	Australia/ Australie	New Zealand/ Nouvelle-Zélande	Austria/ Autriche	Norway/ Norvège	Sweden/ Suède	Switzerland/ Suisse	Finland/ Finlande	Japan/ Japon	USA/ Etats-Unis
Duty rates/ Taux de droits											
- MFN/NPF	2% (A,E-0)	a. 0; b. \$ 0.01/ lb (B-0)	I.0; II. \$AO.037/kg	0	3%	0	0	Sw F. 0.075/kg	0	10%	a. 0; 1/ b. 1¢/lb
GSP/SGP	b. 0	b. 0	-	-	0	-	-	0	-	0	b. 1¢/lb
Non tariff measures/ Mesures non tarifaires											
Trade flow (US\$'000)/ Echanges (000 \$EU)											
Total imports 1970/ Importations totales 1970	NA ^{2/} /inc. ^{2/}	2187	68	691	82	29	741	157	69	834	13262
Of which from developing countries/Dont en provenance des pays en voie de développement		1476	68	691	79	29	737	157	54	834	13240
- at MFN rates/ aux taux NPF		1125	27	691	79	29	737	157	54	834	874
- at preferential rates/ à des taux préférentiels		351	41	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12366 ^{3//}

Main developing country suppliers (\$'000)/Principaux pays en voie de développement fournisseurs (\$'000)

Philippines 1630¹
Sri Lanka 13495
Honduras 571

Ivory Coast/Côte d'Ivoire 504
Dominican Rep./République Dominicaine 273

^{1/} Shredded and desiccated/râpées et déshydratées

^{2/} Not available. Details for the EEC(9) will be supplied later./ Chiffres inconnus. Les éléments d'information concernant la Communauté des Neuf seront communiqués ultérieurement.

^{3/} Preference to the Philippines is scheduled to be terminated in 1974/Il est prévu de mettre fin en 1974 à la préférence accordée aux Philippines.

TABLE 4 / TABLEAU 4

BTN ex 08.01 - Brazil nuts, fresh or dried/
NDB ex 08.01 - Noix du Brésil, fraîches ou séchées

I. Whole, with or without shell/
Entières, avec ou sans coques II. Other/Autres

	EEC/ CEE	Canada	Australia/ Australie	New Zealand/ Nouvelle-Zélande	Austria/ Autriche	Norway/ Norvège	Sweden/ Suède	Switzerland/ Suisse	Finland/ Finlande	Japan/ Japon	USA/ Etats-Unis
Duty rates/ Taux de droits											
- MFN/NPF	0	0	\$AO.055/kg	0	1.5%	0	0	Sw F 0.075/ kg	0	10%	0
GSP/SGP	*	*	-	1/	0	-	-	0	-	0	-
Non-tariff measures/ Mesures non tarifaires				DL							
Trade flow (US\$'000)/ Echanges (\$'000)			3/								
Total imports 1970/ Importations totales, 1970	N.A. 2/ / inc. 2/	4952	440	150	8	192	270	125	neg./nég.	34	9188
Of which from developing countries/Dont en provenance des pays en voie de développement		4719	440	150	6	192	270	125	neg./nég.	34	9017
- at MFN rates/aux taux NPF		4719	440	150	6	192	270	125	neg./nég.	34	9017
- at preferential rates/ à des taux préférentiels	*	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Main developing country suppliers (\$'000)/Principaux pays en voie de développement fournisseurs (\$'000)

Brazil/Brésil 17302
Bolivia/Bolivie 1113
Peru/Pérou 624

1/ In retail packages/Conditionnées pour la vente au détail

2/ Not available. Details for the EEC(9) will be supplied later./chiffres inconnus. Les éléments d'information concernant la Communauté des Neuf seront communiqués ultérieurement.

3/ Brazil nuts and cashew nuts/Noix du Brésil et noix de cajou

TABLE 5/TABLEAU 5

Cashew nuts: Exports (kernel basis) 1967-72/
Noix de cajou: Exportations (amandes) 1967-72
('000 tons)/(Milliers de tonnes)

Exporting country/ Pays exportateur	Average/Moyenne 1967-1971	1971	1972
Mozambique	13.3	20.4	27.2
Tanzania/Tanzanie	2.4	4.0	2.9
India/Inde	58.0	60.2	61.2
Brazil/Brésil	1.9	4.3	7.2
Kenya	0.2	0.2	0.1
Total	71.8	89.1	98.6

Source: Gill and Duffus, Edible Nut Statistics 1974.

TABLE 6 / TABLEAU 6

BTN ex 08.01 - Cashew nuts and kernels, fresh or dried/
NDB ex 08.01 - Noix de cajou, fraîches ou séchées

I - In the shell/Avec leurs coques

II - Not in the shell/Sans coque

	EEC/ CEE	Canada	Australia/ Australie	New Zealand/ Nouvelle-Zélande	Austria/ Autriche	Norway/ Norvège	Sweden/ Suède	Switzerland/ Suisse	Finland/ Finlande	Japan/ Japon	USA/ Etats-Unis
Duty rates/ Taux de droits											
- MFN/NPF	2.5% (A-E-O)	0	I. \$AO.055/kg; II. \$AO.081/kg (B-\$A 0.055/kg)	0	0	0	0	Sw FO.075/ kg	0	5%	0
GSP/SGP											
Non tariff measures/ Mesures non tarifaires				1/ DL							
Trade flow (US\$'000)/ Echanges (000 \$EU)											
Total imports 1970/ Importations totales, 1970	N.A.2/ inc.2/	3/	4952	3229	3781	17	50	205	182	1810	56687
Of which from developing countries/Dont en provenance des pays en voie de développement			4719	3229	372	17	50	195	182	1810	56385
- at MFN rates/aux taux NPF			4719	692	372	17	50	195	182	1810	56385
- at preferential rates/ à des taux préférentiels			-	2537	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Main developing country suppliers (US\$ 000) /Principaux pays en voie de développement fournisseurs (\$000)

India/Inde	45691
Mozambique	14588
Brazil/Brésil	6154
Tanzania/Tanzanie	2256

1/
In retail packages/Conditionnées pour la vente au détail

2/
Not available. Details for the EEC(9) will be supplied later./Chiffres inconnus. Les éléments d'information concernant la Communauté des Neuf seront communiqués ultérieurement.

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Cashew nuts and Brazil nuts/Noix de cajou et noix du Brésil

TABLE 7/TABLEAU 7

ex 20.06 Brazil nuts and cashew nuts, prepared or preserved/
ex 20.06 Noix du Brésil et noix de cajou, préparées ou conservées

	REC/ CES	Canada	Australia/ Australie	New Zealand/ Nouvelle- Zélande	Austria/ Autriche	Norway/ Norvège	Sweden/ Suède	Switzerland/ Suisse	Finland/ Finlande	Japan/ Japon	US/ Etats-Unis
Duty rates/ Taux de droits - NMF/NPF	15% 17%	17.5% \$A 0.11/kg (B-\$A 0.055/kg)	\$A 0.11/kg (B-\$A 0.055/kg)	55% (B-32.5%)	8% + S 2.60/kg ³	NKR 0.20/kg ³ NKR 1.20/kg	0	Sw F 0.30/kg	0	20%	0
GSP/SGP	12% 14%	12.5% -	-	-	4% + S 1.40/kg	0	-	-	-	10%	-
Non-tariff measures/ Mesures non tarifaires	Ireland/ Irlande DL2	-	-	DL	-	-	-	-	V= FrK 0.39/ kg	-	-

1. In immediate packages of a net capacity of 1 kg or less/En emballages immédiats d'un contenu net de 1 kg ou moins.
2. Canned nuts/noix en boîtes
3. Cashew nuts/noix de cajou