

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Special Distribution

Multilateral Trade Negotiations

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

Psyllium Seed, Pyrethrum, Gum Arabic, Rattan, Kapok and Crin, and Carnauba Wax

Note by the Secretariat

1. The information available on the above products which were listed in document COM.TD/W/205 indicates that gum arabic is not subject to duty in developed countries and carnauba wax, which attracted n.f.n. duties in two developed countries, has been included in the GSP schemes of those countries free of duty.
2. For the other items mentioned above imports into most developed countries are exempt from duty. In those cases where tariffs continue to apply, details are shown in the annex. It may be noted that there are a number of instances where certain items are subject to zero or reduced rates of duty under the GSP.

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ANNEX

Countries	Psyllium seed; pyrethrum (BTN ex 12.07)	Rattan (BTN ex 14.01)	Kapok and crin (BTN ex 14.C2)
EEC	3% (pyrethrum) 0 (psyllium seed)	0	0
Australia	22.5%(B-10%) (put up for Retail sale) 7.5%(B-0)(other)	0	0
Austria	0 (unprocessed); Sw FO.075/kg (processed) GSP - 0	0	12% (put upon a layer or between two layers of other materials, GSP - 6% 0 (kapok, raw); Sw FO.10/kg (kapok, cleaned etc.), GSP - 0; 0 (crin, in the mass, not curled) Sw FO.0075/kg (crin, curled or in hanks), GSP - 0; Sw FO.30/kg (crin, in sheets for stuffing etc.); GSP - 0 (Other than Spain; Greece) Sw FO.21/kg (Spain and Greece)
Switzerland	Sw FO.002/kg (unprocessed) GSP - 0; Sw FO.015/kg (processed) GSP - 0		
Japan	20% <sup>1</sup> (pyrethrum); 0 (psyllium seed)	0	0
US	0	0	0 (kapok, raw); 4% (kapok, processed); 0.5¢/1lb (crin)

<sup>1</sup> Pyrethrum is subject to a temporary zero tariff quota determined on the basis of prospective domestic production, the market situation and other relevant factors.