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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Consolidated List of Offers by Australia

The attached list sets out the Australian offers in respect of requests received from -

Benelux
Sweden
United States of America

Also included are offers to India. No requests have been received from India, but Australia has asked that country for concessions.

Requests have been received from Austria, Denmark, Finland and Norway. No offers are made to these countries at this stage, but it is intended to open informal talks to see whether a basis for negotiation exists.

No responses can be made at present to the German requests on Australia as the request list was not received in time for processing before the departure of the Australian Delegation. A further offer list will therefore be presented later to cover these requests.

Advice has been received from the United States of America that it would not be prepared to consider concessions on the main products included in the original Australian request list. This has necessarily restricted the scope for negotiation and limited the concessions which Australia offers to the United States.

G.A.T.T. document TN 56/2 was received on the day of the departure of the Australian Delegation from Australia and consequently time has not permitted the preparation of a Consolidated List of Offers in the manner suggested in paragraph 6 of that document. Preparation of a list in the desired form is proceeding.

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Tariff Item Numbers I	Description of Products II	Present Rates of Duty (D = Customs duty; P = Primage duty) (1) P.P.T. M.F.N. III	Concessions Requested IV	Offers Concessions Offered V	Countries to which offers are made VI
117(A)(2)	Blankets and blanketing, woven from yarn wholly of cotton, viz.: Other	D. 5% 22½% (2) P. Ex. Ex.	-	Binding of preferential margin at 12½% (resultant M.F.N. rate of 17½% ad val. to be unbound)	IN
118(C)(2)	Linoleums; floor coverings (other than those having a felt base) having a similar surface to linoleums	D. 17½% 32½% P. Ex. 10%	-	Elimination of primage	IN
141	Lead sheet, and lead piping	D. 7½% 17½% NEW ZEALAND - Lead piping - per cwt 4/6d. or 17½% whichever lower D. 5% 10%	M.F.N. duty of 8% (BX)	Binding of pref- erential margin at 10% (resul- tant m.f.n. rate of 17½% to be unbound) and elimination of primage	BX

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		(1)			Concessions Offered	Countries to which offers are made
		B.P.F. III	M.F.N.			
I	II	III		IV	V	VI
Ex 145	Iron and steel plate and sheet, viz.: - Corrugated galvanized, galvanized not corrugated	D. per ton 90/- P. 10%	130/- 10%	M.F.N. duty of 24.10s. per ton (BX)	Elimination of primage	BX
Ex 170(B)(3)	Mining & metallurgical machinery n.e.i., except ore crushing, pulverising and screening, and dressing machinery and smelting, leaching and metal refining machinery (Stat. Item 5722)	D. 7½% P. For use in the mining industry - Ex. Ex. Otherwise - 5%	30% Ex. Ex. 10%	M.F.N. Duty of 20%, with max- imum preference of 12½% and elimination of primage (US)	Elimination of primage	US
Ex 176(D)(1)	Road making machines, n.e.i., viz.: - Complete units and detachable appliances for tractors (Stat. Items 5705, 5706)	D. 17½% P. Ex.	42½% 5%	M.F.N. duty of 25%, with maximum pre- ference of 10% and elimination of primage (US)	Elimination of primage	US

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		(1)			Concessions Offered	Countries to which offer are made
		B.P.T.	M.F.N.			
I	II	III		IV	V	VI
180(E)(8)	Wireless receivers, parts thereof, and accessories therefor, viz:- Combined power transformers and chokes or any device for eliminating "AB", "BC" or "ABC" batteries, such as power packs and similar devices, whether imported separately or incorporated in a wireless receiving set	D. each 15/- or ad val. 27½% whichever rate returns the higher duty	26/6d. or 50% NEW ZEALAND: D. When forming part of a complete wireless receiving set - If set not mounted in cabinet - Free If set mounted in cabinet - 10%	M.F.N. duty of 30% and elimina- tion of specific rates (US)	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 25/- each or 45%, whichever rate returns the higher duty, and exemption from primage duty.	US
180(E)(9)	Wireless receivers, parts thereof, and accessories therefor, viz:- Choke coils suitable for use in connexion with battery eliminating devices	D. each 3/9d. or ad val. 27½% whichever rate returns the higher duty	10/- or 52½% NEW ZEALAND: D. As for Item 180(E)(8)	M.F.N. duty of 30% and elimin- ation of specific rates (US)	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 10/- each or 45%, which- ever rate returns the higher duty, and exemption from primage duty	US
206(I)	Lamps and lanterns, pressure, incandescent, and parts n.e.i. therefor	D. 15% P. Ex.	35% Ex.	M.F.N. duty of 12½% on "incandescent lamps for liquid fuel of pressure type" (SW)	Binding of preferential margin at 17½% (resul- tant M.F.N. rate of 32½% to be unbound)	SW

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		(1)		Concessions Offered		Countries to which offers are made	
		B.P.T.	M.F.N.				
I	II				IV	V	VI
Ex 219(C)(2)(b)	Hand tools - Carpenters' chisels, viz.: - wood turning chisels, patternmakers' (bevelled edge, long thin paring) chisels; wood carving chisels; coopers' chisels	D. P.	10% Ex.	17½% Ex.	M.F.N. duty of 10% under Item 219(C)(2)(b) (SW)	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 7½% (with free entry under B.P.T.)	SW
225(A)	French chalk and other prepara- tions of steatite, n.e.i.	D. P.	10% 5%	27½% 10%	-	Binding of preferential margin at 17½% (resul- tant M.F.N. duty of 27½% ad val. to be unbound), and exemption from primage duty	IN
Ex 254(A)	Shellac	D. P.	Free Ex.	Free Ex.	-	Binding of free entry	IN
Ex 281(I)(1)	Drugs and chemicals, n.e.i. - When not packed for retail sale, viz.: - Monochloroacetic acid Cobalt oxide and salts	D. P.	Free Ex.	12½% Ex.	Free Entry (BX)	Binding of preferential margin at 12½% (3)	BX
305(F)	Spring rollers for blinds	D. P.	27½% Ex.	47½% Ex.	M.F.N. duty of 27½% (SW)	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 45%	SW

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		<u>B.P.T.</u>	<u>M.F.N.</u>				
I	II	III			IV	V	VI
Ex 319(B)(1)	Magnetaphones, sound recording, and reproduction apparatus on magnetic tape.	D. P.	27½% Ex.	55% 5%	M.F.N. duty of 18% (BX)	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 50%, and exemption from primage duty	BX
Ex 326	Rubber, canvas and composition belting (Stat. Item 6219)	D. P.	17½% Ex.	37½% 5%	M.F.N. duty of 25% and exemption from primage duty (US)	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 37½% and exemption from primage duty	US
334(Q)(3)	Paper, viz.:— Strawpaper, strawboard other than corrugated, and boards n.e.i. — Other	D. per ton P.	£9 Ex.	£14 Ex.	M.F.N. duty of £10 per ton (SW) M.F.N. duty of £9 per ton (BX)	Binding of preferential margin at £5 per ton ⁽⁴⁾	SW BX

Notes

- (1) Unless shown otherwise the above goods, when of New Zealand or Canadian origin, are dutiable at B.P.T. rates of duty. In addition, goods of New Zealand origin are exempt from primage duty.
- (2) "Ex." indicates exemption from primage duty.
- (3) G.A.T.T. presently allows a preference of 17½% on these goods.
- (4) G.A.T.T. presently allows a preference of 36. 3. 9 per ton on these goods.

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Consolidated List of Offers by Australia - Supplementary List

The attached list, which is supplementary to the original consolidated list of offers by Australia, sets out the Australian offers in respect of requests received from the Federal Republic of Germany.

In view of the non-participation of India in the present round of negotiations the offers to that country included in the original consolidated list of offers by Australia are withdrawn.

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Tariff Item Numbers	Description of Products	Present Rates of Duty (D = Customs Duty; P = Primage Duty) B.P.T. ⁽¹⁾ M.F.N.			Offers		Countries to which offers are made
		III			IV	V	
I	II						VI
Ex 1 (A)	Ale and other beer, porter, spirituous:- In containers not exceeding one gallon	D. per gallon P.	8/5 Ex. (2)	10/7 Ex.	M.F.N. duty of 8/4d. per gallon. (GY)	Under consid- eration	GY
Ex 1 (B)	Ale and other beer, porter, spirituous:- Otherwise	D. per gallon P.	7/11 Ex.	10/2 Ex.	M.F.N. duty of 8/4d. per gallon. (GY)	Under consid- eration	GY
148 (A)	Leaf and foil of any shape, with or without printed or embossed lettering - Gold leaf	D. P.	7½% 5%	35% 10%	M.F.N. duty of 20% and elimination of primage (GY)	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 35% and elimination of primage.	GY
173 (A)	Weighing machines n.e.i., including computing weighing machines; weighbridges; scales and balances, n.e.i., including computing scales and balances; chemists' counter scales; spring balances and steel- yards; weights n.e.i.; combined bagging weighing and sewing machines	D. P.	17½% 5%	40% 10%	M.F.N. duty of 20% and elimination of primage (GY)	Under consid- eration	GY

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				Concessions offered	Countries to which offers are made
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
176 (F)(1)	Machines and machinery, n.e.i.	D. 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ % 55% New Zealand - Various special rates P. Wool presses; hand pumps; power pumps of recipro- cating and centrifugal types - Ex. Ex. Remainder - Ex. 5%	M.F.N. duty of 30% and elimination or primage (GY)	Elimination of primage	GY
Ex 317	Microscopes	D. Free 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % P. Ex. Ex.	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ % (GY)	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	GY
Ex 321 (A)(1)	Spectacle frames, wholly or partly of gold or silver (not being included in Item 321(A)(2))	D. 20% 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ % P. Ex. Ex.	M.F.N. duty of 25% (GY)	Binding of preferential margin at 15% (resul- tant M.F.N. rate of 35% to be unbound)	GY
Ex 321 (A)(2)	Spectacle frames, rolled-gold, gold-filled, gold-cased, gold- plated or gilt, including such frames when fitted with pads, bridges or knuckles of gold	D. 20% 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ % P. Ex. Ex.	M.F.N. duty of 25% (GY)	Binding of preferential margin at 15% (resul- tant M.F.N. rate of 35% to be unbound)	GY

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				Concessions offered	Countries to which offers are made
I	II	III	IV	V	VI
176 (F)(1)	Machines and machinery, n.e.i.	D. 27½% 55% New Zealand - Various special rates P. Wool presses; hand pumps; power pumps of recipro- cating and centrifugal types - Ex. Ex. Remainder - Ex. 5%	M.F.N. duty of 30% and elimination or primage (GY)	Elimination of primage	GY
Ex 317	Microscopes	D. Free 12½% P. Ex. Ex.	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 12½% (GY)	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 12½%	GY
Ex 321 (A)(1)	Spectacle frames, wholly or partly of gold or silver (not being included in Item 321(A)(2))	D. 20% 47½% P. Ex. Ex.	M.F.N. duty of 25% (GY)	Binding of preferential margin at 15% (resul- tant M.F.N. rate of 35% to be unbound)	GY
Ex 321 (A)(2)	Spectacle frames, rolled-gold, gold-filled, gold-cased, gold- plated or gilt, including such frames when fitted with pads, bridges or knuckles of gold	D. 20% 37½% P. Ex. Ex.	M.F.N. duty of 25% (GY)	Binding of preferential margin at 15% (resul- tant M.F.N. rate of 35% to be unbound)	GY

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I	II	III		IV	V	VI	
Ex 321(A)(3)	Spectacle frames, n.e.i., viz.: All metal or combination (metal-cum-plastic)	D.	20%	37½%	M.F.N. duty of 25% (GY)	Binding of preferen- tial margin at 15% (resultant M.F.N. rate of 35% to be unbound)	GY
Ex 376 (C)	Companions n.e.i.; boxes and cases, collar, fancy, pin, puff, glove, handkerchief, soap, work, and the like, n.e.i.	D.	10%	22½%	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 22½% and elimination of primage (GY)	Binding of preferenti- al margin at 12½% (resultant M.F.N. rate of 22½% to be unbound) and elimination of primage	GY
376 (D)	Fancy boxes containing free goods or goods subject to a specific rate	D.	22½%	47½%	M.F.N. duty of 30% and elimination of primage (GY)	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 42½% and elimination of primage	GY
		P.	5%	10%			

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I	II	III		VI	V	VI
376 (F)	Fancy boxes, imported empty, which are ordinarily used as containers for jewellery and for hair or cloth brushes; fancy boxes, cabinets, canteens or fancy cases, containing goods mentioned in item 197, and fancy boxes, cabinets, canteens or fancy cases, imported empty, which are ordinarily used as containers for goods mentioned in item 197.	D. P.	22½% 5% 47½% 10%	M.F.N. duty of 30% and elimination of primage (GY)	Binding of M.F.N. duty at 42½% and elimination of primage	GY

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CHANGES IN AUSTRALIA'S CONSOLIDATED OFFER LISTS (TN56/C/2)

NOTIFICATION NO. 1 OF 12TH MARCH, 1956.

The references "Under consideration" appearing in Column V - Concessions offered, opposite Tariff Item Numbers ex 1(A) and ex 1(B), are to be amended to read "Binding of M.F.N. duty at 9/6d. per gallon" and "Binding of M.F.N. duty at 9/1d. per gallon" respectively.

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Changes in Australia's Consolidated Offer Lists (TN56/C/2)

Notification No. 2 of 26th March 1956

Offers made by Australia on the following Tariff

Items have been withdrawn:-

14-1, Ex 14-5, 206(I), Ex 219(C)(2)(b), Ex 281(L)(1),
305(F), Ex 319(B)(1) and 334(Q)(3).
