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Delegation of the Kingdom of Tonga  
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11 May 1978.

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Dear Sir,

As Resident Representative of the Kingdom of Tonga to the Multilateral Trade Negotiations, I have the honour to send to you copies of the request lists submitted by the Kingdom of Tonga to the Governments of Australia, Japan, New Zealand and the United States.

2. At Tonga's present stage of development, it has been very difficult to fully take into account, in the request lists, items of future export interests to Tonga. Products other than raw agricultural ones which Tonga would export at some point in the future will depend on its ability to attract foreign entrepreneurs, foreign investments and technical expertise. Thus, the investment decision relating to such production will be determined externally to a large extent. Since Tonga's population of just under 100,000 is too small to support production on a solely import substitution basis, any future investor will want to be assured as well of the availability of export markets. Given the fact that Tonga's resources and population are so limited, its production of any item will also be limited, especially in comparison to the level of imports of the above four countries. As a result, in addition to the attached specifically itemised request lists the Government of Tonga has requested that arrangements be made during the negotiations to ensure market access in the above four countries to products of future export interest to Tonga without having them specifically listed now.

3. Accept Sir the assurances of my highest consideration.

*J.S. Gero*

(J.S. Gero)  
Resident Representative.

## Request List

## Concessions which TONGA requests from AUSTRALIA

Tariff item No.	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	Remarks
05.12	000	Coral and similar substances (02) other (coral)	MFN FREE	GSP	Elimination of Primage	(7)	
07.04	100	Dried, dehydrated or evaporated vegetables	Pr <sup>+</sup> 7 %	-	-		
07.06	400	- tomatoes	\$1.06/kg	-	-		
08.01	200	- mushrooms	25%	-	-		
06.10	100	Manioc, arrowroot, etc and other similar roots and tubers with high starch or irulin content, fresh or dried whole or sliced	\$ .003/kg	-	-		
06.10	200	Dates, bananas, coconuts etc - bananas, mangoes, guavas, avocados	-\$ .19/l -\$ .103/l	*\$ .14/l \$ .059/l	Elimination of duty "	Relaxation of import prohibition.	Health and Sanitary Regulations

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Tariff item No.	Description of Product	Existing Rate of Duty	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
09.10	Other spices	MFN	GSP			
100	- green ginger, not in liquid	\$.055/kg	-			
300	- dry ginger, nsa	7.5% of value	-	Elimination of duty		
400	- ginger in packs in liquid	complex	*complex	"		
11.04	Flours of fruit falling with- in chepter 8 (banana)	\$.29/kg less 37.5% of value	-	"		
15.07	Fixed vegetable oil	\$.06/kg	-	"		
16.04	- peanut oil	+ Pr 3%	-	"		
20.02	Prepared or preserved fish	\$70.13/t	-	"		
100	- tuna	\$.22/kg	-	"		
100	Vegetables, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetia acid		-	"		
100	- tomato paste, pulp, pures or juice	\$1.06/kg	*\$.42/kg	"		

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	Description of Product	Existing Rate of duty, or offer.	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks	
20.03	Fruit preserved by freezing, containing added sugar.	MFN	GSP				
100	- passion fruit pulp	\$ .19/1	*\$ .14/1	Elimination of duty			
200	- pulp, nsa	\$ .103/1	\$ .039/1	"			
100	Fruit, otherwise prepared or preserved	\$ .29/kg less 37.5% of value	-	"			
300	- ginger in syrup	\$ .19/1	*\$ .14/1	"			
910	- passionfruit pulp	\$ .111/1	*\$ .041/1	"			
990	- other	\$ .07/1	*\$ .026/1	"			
20.07	Fruit juices	\$ .14/1	*\$ .13/1	"			
300	- passionfruit juice	\$ .041/1	\$ .028/1	"			
400	- juices in packs of less than 4.5L, nsa (mangoe, guava)	+ Pr 7%		"			
500	- juices in packs of not less than 4.5L, nsa,	\$ .026/1	\$ .017/1	"			
		+ Pr 7%					

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
42.02 900	Travel goods of leather - other (handbags)	MFN GSP 34% 15%	Elimination of duty			
42.03 900	Articles of apparel of leather - other (belts)	39% + Pr 3% 20% + Pr 3%	"			
46.03 200	Basketwork - baskets, panniers hampers	24%	"			
48.09	Building board of wood, pulp or of vegetable fibres		"			
100 900	- hardboards - other	30% 22.5%	"			
58.02	Other carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats	- 15%	"			
64.02 900	- other (of coir) Footwear with outer soles of leather	22.5% 15%	"			
990	- other	34%	"			

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
71.15 000	Articles consisting of precious or semi-precious stones	MFN 34% GSP 24%	Elimination of duty.			
71.16 000	Imitation jewellery	34%	"			
95.01 000	Worked tortoise shell	34%	"			
95.02 000	Worked mother of pearl	34%	"			
96.01 000	Brooms and brushes consisting of twigs or other vegetable materials simply bound together and not mounted in a head or without handles	34% + Pr 7%	Elimination of primage			
96.02	Other brooms and brushes	26%	Elimination of duty			
600	- brushes, nsa	15%	"			
900	- other (brooms)	34% + Pr 7%	"			



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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
97.06	900 - Footballs, basketballs, etc	MFN 41% + Pr 3%	GSP 10% + Pr 3%			
98.01	120 Buttons - of vegetable ivory, animal shell, etc.	17%	7%			
			Elimination of duty			
			"			

\* preferential rate; not GSP

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Concessions which TOMCA requests from JAPAN

Tariff item No.	Description of Product	Existing Rate of Duty or offer	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
05.12	Coral and similar substances, unworked	MFN	GSP			
1	Coral	20%	5%			
07.04 000	Dried, dehydrated on evaporated vegetables	15%	10%			
07.06 000	Manioc, arrowroot, etc and other similar roots and tubers with high starch content, fresh or dried, whole or sliced	15%	-			
08.01	Dates, bananas, coconut etc.					
	- Bananas					
11	- Fresh, entered 1/4 to 30/9	40%	-			
	1/10 to 31/3	50%	45%			
09.10	Other spices					
2	- ginger, provisionally preserved in brine	15%	-			

## Concessions which TUNCA requests from JAPAN

Tariff item No.	Description of Product	Existing Rate of Duty or offer	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
12.02 000	Flours and meals of oil seeds or oleaginous fruit	MFN 7%	GSP -			
15.07 7	Fixed vegetable oils - Coconut oil	10% or ¥10/kg	-			
16.04 23	Prepared or preserved fish - Other (tuna)	15%	8%			
19.04 000	Tapioca, fresh or dried	25%	-			
20.02	Vegetables, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid					
22	- other - tomatoes	15%	9.5%			
20.06	Fruit, otherwise prepared or preserved - containing added sugar or spirit - bananas	28%	-			

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
20.06 22	- other - bananas - coconuts	MFN 20% 20%	GSP - 10%			
42.02 21	Travel goods - handbags of leather	10%	5%	Elimination of duty "		
42.03 22	Articles of apparel of leather - other (belts)	12.5%	-	"		

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Concessions which TONGA requests from NEW ZEALAND

Tariff item No.	Description of product	Existing Rate of Duty or offer	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
07.01	Vegetables, fresh or chilled	MFN	GSP	Licensing	Exemption from licensing provisions	
011	- tomatoes				"	
049	- other (capsicum, cucumber)				"	
07.04	Dried, dehydrated or evaporated vegetables				"	
002	- tomatoes	35%	15%		"	
005	- mushrooms	20%	12.5%		"	
09.10	Other spices				"	
- Unground ginger in retail packages			Elimination of duty		"	
011	- green		"		"	
021	- dry				"	

Concessions which FORMER requests from NEW ZEALAND

Tariff item No.	Description of product	Existing Rate of Duty or offer	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
09.10	031 - ground ginger	MFN 20%	GSP 10%			
11.04	Flours of fruit falling within chapter 8. - other (banana)		Elimination of duty	Licensing	Exemption from licensing provisions	
12.01	000 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruit. (copra)			"	"	
12.02	Flours or meals of oil seeds or oleaginous fruit - other (copra)	\$ .0065/kg	Elimination of duty		"	
15.07	Fixed vegetable oil - Ground nut oil - coconut oil	\$ .0055/kg	Elimination of duty		"	
19.03	Pastry, biscuits, cakes, etc. - biscuits	22.5% 35%	10% 25%	Elimination of duty "	"	

Concessions which TONGA requests from NEW ZEALAND

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
20.02	Vegetables, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid	MFN				
041	- tomatoes	GSP				
051	- juice, puree concentrate			Licensing	Exemption from licensing provision	
20.06	- other			"	"	
021	Fruit, otherwise prepared or preserved			"	"	
089	- Ground nuts, roasted			"	"	
	- other (banana, guava, passionfruit, mango)			"	"	
20.07	Fruit juices					
	- in bulk containers					
001	- containing added sugar	25%	15%	Elimination of duty	"	"
011	- not containing added sugar	20%	10%	"	"	"

Concessions which TOUZA requests from the UK

Tariff item No.	Description of product	Existing Rate of Duty or offer	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
20.07	- in other containers	MFN	GSP			
021	- containing added sugar	35%	25%			
029	- not containing added sugar	30%	25%		Exemption from licensing provision	
24.01	Unmanufactured tobacco					
005	- for tobacco, cigarettes and snuff	\$ .75/kg	-			
34.01	Soap	35%	25%			
39.07	Articles of materials of the kinds described in headings No. 39.01 to 39.06 (plastic)					
051	- protective articles for wear suited for industrial or similar purposes					



Articles which have been classified as MFN

Tariff item No.	Description of product	Existing Rate of Duty or offer	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
42.02	Travel Goods of leather	MFN 40%	GSP 30%	Elimination of duty	Exemption from licensing provision	
42.03	Articles of apparel of leather	65%	45%	"	"	
46.03	Basketwork, etc	30%	20%	"	"	
58.01	Carpets, carpeting and rugs, knotted	45%	35%	"	"	
58.02	Other carpets, carpeting, rugs, mats	37.5%	17.5%	"	"	
011	- of coir					

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Concessions which touch Tariffs from DTI Ministry

Tariff item No.	Description of product	Existing Rate of Duty or offer	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
64.02  009	Footwear with outer soles of leather  - children's size 0 to 8½ - other	MFN  GSP				
71.15  019	Articles consisting of or incorporating pearls, precious or semi-precious stones  - other	47.5%	Elimination of duty	Licensing	Exemption from licensing provision	
71.16  009	Imitation jewellery  - other	47.5%	"	"	"	
87.10  001	Cycles  - bicycles	20%	"	"	"	
95.05  009	Worked tortoise shells, Mother of pearl, etc  - other	42.5%	22.5%	"	"	"

Concessions which TOUGA requests from HEM EBAL/MD

Tariff item No.	Description of product	Existing Rate of Duty or offer	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
96.01	Brooms and brushes, etc	MFN GSP				
039	- other	40%	25%	Licensing	Exemption from licensing provision	
97.06	Appliances, apparatus, etc for sports	40%	"	"	"	
009	- other (footballs etc)	40%	"	"	"	
98.01	Buttons	40%	"	"	"	
011	- of other material	40% or \$.50/100	"	"	"	

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## Concessions which TONGA requests from UNITED STATES

Tariff item No.	Description of product	Existing Rate of Duty or offer	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
112.30	Tuna, white meat, no oil, in airtight containers not over 15 lbs	MFN 6%	Elimination of duty			
112.34	Tuna, prepared or preserved, not in oil in containers over 15 lbs	- 12.5%	"			
112.90	Tuna, prepared or preserved in oil in airtight containers	- 35%	"			
113.56	Tuna, prepared or preserved, nspf, not in oil, in containers over 15 lbs	- .5¢/lb	"			
137.10	Poppers, fresh, chilled or frozen	- 2.5¢/lb	"	Licensing	Exception from licensing provisions	"
137.60	Tomatoes, fresh, chilled or frozen, entered 1/3 to 14/7 and 1/9 to 14/11	- 2.1¢/lb	"	"	"	"

## Concessions which TOMGA requests from UNITED STATES

Tariff item No.	Description of product	Existing Rate of Duty of offer	Requested rate of duty	Non-tariff measures affecting product	Non-tariff concessions requested	Remarks
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
137.62	Tomatoes, fresh, chilled or frozen, entered 15/7 to 31/8	MFN 1.5¢/lb	Elimination of duty		Exemption from licensing provisions	
137.63	Tomatoes, fresh, chilled or frozen, entered 15/11 to end of February	- 1.5¢/lb	"	"	"	
137.86	Other vegetables, fresh, chilled or frozen, nes	-	"	"	"	
141.66	Tomatoes, prepared or preserved except paste and sauce	-	"	"	"	
141.81	Other vegetables, not packed in salt, brine or pickled	-	"	"	"	
146.40	Bananas, fresh	-	"	Licensing	Exemption from licensing provisions	

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
148.20	Watermelons, fresh ontored, 1/12 to 31/3 and 1/4 to 30/11	MFN 8% 20%	-	Elimination of duty	Exemption from licensing provisions	
152.76	Fruit paste and pulps, nes, (passion fruit)	15%	"	"		
360.10	Floor coverings, pile hand inserted not over 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ ¢ per sq. ft.	3¢/sq.ft.	"	"		
360.15	Floor coverings, pile hand inserted, over 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ ¢ per sq.ft.	6.2%	"	"		
706.08	Luggage and handbags of leather, nes	8%	"	"		