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GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

Notification by Australia

Addendum

The following communication dated 14 April 1980 has been received from the delegation of Australia.

In accordance with sub-paragraph (c) of the waiver adopted by the CONTRACTING PARTIES under the Decision of 25 June 1971 (L/3545), the following changes in the Australian Generalized System of Preferences are notified for the information of contracting parties:

A. RECENT INITIATIVES

On 26 September 1979, the Minister for Trade and Resources announced a package of initiatives to assist developing countries. Three of these initiatives relate directly to the Australian Generalized System of Preferences.

(a) Modification of procedures under the Australian Generalized System of Preferences

The modified procedures are designed to allow greater flexibility in cases where imports of a particular product from developing countries are causing or threatening injury to Australian industry. In the past, these cases have resulted in either the withdrawal of preference from the product or exclusion of particular beneficiaries from the preference. Under the revised procedures, the Industries Assistance Commission will be asked to determine, in the case of emerging competitive developing countries, whether any change to the preference is necessary and, if so, whether a reduced margin of preference would be appropriate, instead of a complete withdrawal of the preference. In this way, developing countries could retain a margin of preference over developed country suppliers, although at a reduced level, in circumstances where complete exclusion from preference might mean that they could no longer compete in the Australian market.

(b) Elimination of British Preferential Tariff on Items of Interest to Developing Countries

This initiative removed an anomolous situation in respect of some 500 tariff classifications for which the British Preferential duty rate was lower than the DC rate. On 1 January 1980 the British rates for these classifications were raised to the level of the relevant General Tariff rates. Australia's obligation to maintain British preferences ceased in 1973 and the remaining preferences are being progressively eliminated in the course of the tariff review programme.

(c) Expansion of the Australian Generalized System of Preferences

This initiative resulted in a small expansion in the scope of the developing country preference system. New or increased margins of preference on 66 products were introduced on 12 November 1979 and quota levels on 20 DC quota groups were increased for the 1979/80 quota period, in most cases by 50 per cent of the previous quota level.

B. OTHER CHANGES IN THE AUSTRALIAN GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCESI. The following countries have been excluded from DC preference for the products indicated:

Country	Tariff Item	Description	Date of Implementation
Taiwan	71.16.900	Medals and badges	19.12.78
	44.24.000	Frames and covers for umbrellas	16.2.79
	82.05.300	Non adjustable spanners	30.3.79
	73.32.900	Certain nuts, bolts and screws	11.4.79
	39.07.000	Travel goods	12.7.79
	82.03.200	Spanners and wrenches	13.9.79
	48.14.000	Stationery products	27.9.79
	97.06.900	Wooden golf tees and golf club heads	19.10.79
	87.13.000	Baby carriages	15.1.80

Country	Tariff Item	Description	Date of Implementation
Republic of Korea	48.18.100) 48.18.200)	Stationery products	27.9.79
Hong Kong	73.32.900	Certain nuts, bolts and screws	11.4.79
	48.14.000) 48.18.200)	Stationery products	27.9.79
Yugoslavia	85.01.120	Certain electric motors	15.6.79

II. Preference quota arrangements for developing countries on certain types of furniture were introduced on 25 October 1979

For the period 26 October 1979 to 30 June 1980

94.01.910	Chairs, seats etc of wicker, bamboo, cane (Hong Kong excluded from the quota)	\$2.5m.
94.01.990	Chairs, seats for chairs and parts (Hong Kong and Taiwan excluded from the quota)	\$2.4m.
94.03.900	Other furniture (Hong Kong and Taiwan excluded from the quota)	\$3.25m.

III. Australian Handicraft Concession

The concession was amended to allow a tolerance of up to 5 per cent of man-made fibre in textile fabrics and articles made up from textile fabrics, with effect from 20 December 1978. This replaced the previous requirement of 100 per cent natural fibres for all textile fabrics and articles made up from textile fabrics, other than those printed or dyed according to the traditional Batik method.

TARIFF CLASSIFICATION ON WHICH NEW OR IMPROVED
DEVELOPING COUNTRY PREFERENTIAL MARGINS INTRODUCED ON 12.11.79

Pr = Primage duty

Tariff Item	Description of goods	General tariff rate	New DC (GSP) rate
05.02.100	Pigs hair for upholstery purposes; brushmakers mixtures	13%	Free
07.04.200	Herbs put up for household use	17% Pr 3%	10% Pr 3%
08.11.900	Fruit (other than passionfruit pulp, cherries and citrus fruits) provisionally preserved	\$0.07/l	\$0.02/l
08.12.000	Dried fruit (01) Lychee (02) Remainder	\$0.09/kg. \$0.09/kg.	(01) Free; Pr 7% (02) \$0.09/kg.
14.03.100	Broom millet	\$0.014/kg.; Pr 7%	Free; Pr 7%
25.01.100	Salt in packs not exceeding 6.35 kgs.	(01) 9% (02) 9%; Pr 3%	(01) Free (02) Free; Pr 3%
25.08.000	Chalk	12%; Pr 3%	Free; Pr 3%
25.16.900	Monumental and building stone	15%; Pr 3%	Free; Pr 3%
25.27.100	Powdered steatite; talc	7.5%; Pr 3%	Free; Pr 3%
27.06.000	Mineral tars	13%; Pr 3%	Free; Pr 3%
27.08.000	Pitch and pitch coke	13%; Pr 3%	Free; Pr 3%
29.35.300	Coumarin	21%	15%
39.07.210	Bags of ethylene polymers	\$0.17/kg.	\$0.12/kg.
44.27.100	Fans and handscreens of wood	21%	10%
47.01.900	Wood pulp	22.5%	15%
48.01.210	Felt paper	30%, less \$2.96/t if no duty applicable, Free and 2%	Free
48.01.220	Dycline base paper	28%	Free
48.01.230	Ferro prussiate paper	17%	Free
48.01.910	Paper not exceeding 22 gsm.	\$41.25/t.	\$30/t.
48.01.929	Paper between 22 gsm. and 205 gsm.	30%, if lower \$48.23 per t.	10%
48.01.990	Other paper	30%, if lower \$48.23 per t.	15%, or if lower, 48.23/t. less 15%
53.02.200	Curled animal hair suitable for upholstery purposes	13%; Pr 3%	Free; Pr 3%
54.01.100	Slivers or rovings of flax	13%	Free

Tariff item	Description of goods	General tariff rate	New DC (GSP) rate
54.04.100	Sewing yarn of flax or ramie yarn	15%	Free
54.05.200	Woven fabrics of flax or ramie	15%	Free
55.02.000	Cotton linters	22.5%	15%
55.09.210	Tyre cord fabrics	15%	10%
59.01.100	Wadding	11%	Free
59.03.900	Bonded fibre fabrics, other	11%	Free
59.14.000	Wicks of woven, plaited or knitted textile fabrics	19%	10%
59.15.100	Textile hose piping and similar tubing	15%	Free
62.02.800	Blinds	41%	35%
63.01.000	Clothing and clothing accessories, travelling rugs, etc.	17%	10%
66.02.000	Walking sticks, canes, whips and the like	13%	Free
67.01.200	Fans and handscreens	21%	10%
67.02.000	Human hair, wool and other animal hair and textile fibres used in wigs	9% Pr 3%	Free Pr 3%
68.01.000	Road and paving setts, curbs and flagstones of natural stone	22.5%	Free
68.02.900	Worked monumental or building stone, other	24% Pr 3%	15% Pr 3%
68.09.000	Panels, boards, tiles, blocks and similar goods of vegetable fibre, wood fibre, etc.	15%	Free
68.10.000	Goods made of plastering material	15%	Free
68.11.000	Goods made of cement, of concrete, or of artificial stone	9%	Free
68.16.800	Goods made of stone or of other mineral substances, other	15%	Free
69.05.000	Roofing tiles, chimney-pots, cowls and other constructional goods	13%	Free
69.13.100	Statuettes and other ornaments and articles of furniture	21%	10%
76.05.000	Aluminium powders and flakes	15%	Free
76.16.900	Other goods made of aluminium	20%	5%
79.03.100	Zinc dust	7.5%	Free
84.03.000	Gas generators	15%	Free
84.06.300	Internal combustion piston engines	25%	10%

Tariff item	Description of goods	General tariff rate	New DC (GSP) rate
84.06.730	Air-cooled internal combustion piston engines, used principally, with chain saws	26%	10%
84.22.710	Belt conveyors, belt width 450 mm. or more	01) 26% 02) 15%	Free
84.28.000	Agricultural, horticultural, poultry-keeping, bee-keeping machinery, etc.	15%	Free
84.34.300	Machinery for printing	15%	Free
85.18.100	Capacitors used with vehicles and trailers for articulated vehicles	25%	20%
87.03.191	Unassembled special purpose motor lorries and vans (complete vehicle)	25%	10%
87.03.199	Other special purpose motor vehicles and lorries	25%	10%
87.06.100	Track shoe assemblies for motor vehicles	15%	Free
87.12.210	Fuel tanks, exhaust boxes and silencers and parts for motor cycles	21%	10%
87.12.220	Parts for motor cycles and the like	9%	Free
87.14.190	Other vehicles not mechanically propelled and parts therefor	25%	10%
89.05.000	Floating structures other than vessels	19%	10%
92.10.100	Piano keyboards, metal pipes for pipe organs	13%	Free
92.10.300	Piano parts, as prescribed by by-law, parts for pipe organs	9%	Free
92.10.400	Piano parts and accessories, other than strings	21%	Free
97.08.000	Fairground amusements	21%	10%
98.07.000	Date, sealing or numbering stamps and the like	13%	Free

TARIFF CLASSIFICATIONS ON WHICH AN INCREASE
IN ANNUAL QUOTA LEVELS WAS INTRODUCED
FOR THE QUOTA PERIOD 1 JULY 1979 TO 30 JUNE 1980

<u>Tariff item</u>	<u>Brief description</u>	<u>DC quota rate</u>	<u>Annual quota level \$</u>	
			<u>Previous</u>	<u>1979/80</u>
40.11.200)	Rubber tyres, tyre cases	15%)		
40.11.300)	interchangeable tyre treads	15%)	1,000,000	1,500,000
40.11.900)	inner tube and tyre flaps	Free)	Excluding Taiwan, Israel	
42.03.310)	Leather coats, jackets,	27.5%)	100,000	150,000
42.03.390)	overcoats	15%)		
53.11.200)	Woven fabrics of fine animal	20%)		
53.11.911)	hair	20%)		
53.11.912)		20%)		
53.11.913)		20%)		
53.11.919)		20%, and \$2.50/m ²		
53.11.921)		20%)		
53.11.922)		20%)		
53.11.923)		20%)		
53.11.929)		20%, and \$2.50/m ²		
53.11.991)		20%)		
53.11.999)		20%, and \$2.50/m ²		
55.05.100	Sewing cottons, not put up for retail sale	10%	100,000	150,000
55.06.900	Cotton yarn and mercerized sewing cotton put up for retail sale	Free	75,000	112,000
55.09.290	Cotton fabrics of huckaback or honeycomb weaves	Free	20,000	30,000
55.09.690	Hand woven cotton fabrics, hand printed	Free	100,000	150,000
59.04.200	Twine, cordage, etc., of cotton or man-made fibres	5%	50,000	75,000

<u>Tariff item</u>	<u>Brief description</u>	<u>DC quota rate</u>	<u>Annual quota level \$</u>	
			<u>Previous</u>	<u>1979/80</u>
59.04.900	Twine, cordage, etc., other than reaper and binder twine of goods or cotton or man-made fibre	Free	50,000	75,000
59.06.000	Articles of twine, cordage, etc., other than textile fabrics and articles made from such fibres	5%	Included in 50,000 quota for 59.04.200	Included in 75,000 quota for 59.04.200
60.05.190	Neckties	20%	50,000	75,000
61.06.000	Shawls, scarves, mufflers, mantillas, veils and the like	Free	100,000	150,000
61.07.000	Ties, bow-ties and cravats	20%	Included in 50,000 quota for 60.05.190	Included in 75,000 quota for 60.05.190
61.11.100) 61.11.900)	Made up accessories for articles of apparel	20%	50,000	75,000
62.01.900	Travelling rugs and blankets	Free	50,000	75,000
62.04.000	Tarpaulins, tents, sails, etc.	Free	60,000	90,000
62.05.900	Other made up textile articles (including dress patterns) and excluding Taiwan in respect of umbrella and sunshade covers	15%	200,000	300,000
85.01.900	Electric current rectifying assemblies	20%	140,000	200,000
85.19.200	Devices for telephone or telegraphic use, as specified	Free	20,000	30,000
85.23.990	Insulated electric wires, cables, etc.	Free	300,000	450,000
90.09.100	Slide and film strip projectors	20%	80,000	100,000

NOTE: Certain items may attract primage duty, not shown in the above DC rate.

