

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES

### Notification by Australia

#### Addendum

In a communication dated 28 May 1982, the delegation of Australia notified the following changes in the GSP scheme of Australia for the information of contracting parties.

The Australian system of tariff preferences for developing countries (ASTP) was extended on 1 January 1981 to include most textile, clothing and footwear (TCF) items, as notified in L/3982/Add.15 of 6 July 1981. As foreshadowed in that notification, these new arrangements were carried forward and applied to the new General Tariff structure for TCF products, which took effect from 1 January 1982.

Exclusions under the new TCF arrangements are based on the share of imports held by individual countries and are reviewed annually. Exclusions for calendar year 1983 are to be announced shortly.

In respect of general exclusions under the ASTP, the following modifications have been made since July 1981:

#### REINSTATEMENTS:

<u>Country</u>	<u>CCCN</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Operative Date</u>
Hong Kong	85.09	Electric warning devices	19 August 1981

#### PREFERENCE REDUCED:

<u>Country</u>	<u>CCCN</u>	<u>Brief Description</u>	<u>Operative Date</u>
Brazil	84.09	Vibratory road rollers	18 February 1982

- Margin reduced from 20 to 10 percentage points.

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EXCLUSIONS :

Country	CCCN	Brief Description	Operative Date
Taiwan Province	82.04	Vices	26.2.82
Brazil	98.05	Pencils	22.4.82
Taiwan Province	29.04	Ethythlene glycol	
	29.08	Diethylene glycol and ) Triethylene glycol )	7.5.82

OTHER CHANGES :

The developing country preference quota has been removed on item 20.04.9 (fruit, fruit peel, etc., preserved by sugar).

In addition, Australia has offered improved tariff treatment under the Australian System of Tariff Preferences for the following products :

CCCN	Brief Description	MFN rate	GSP (DC) rate	
			Previous	New
82.05	Rock drill bit, integral steels for rock drills, etc.	15 %	10 %	Free
82.14	Spoons, forks, ladles, etc.	30 %	20 %	10 %
85.19	Surge diverters	15 %	10 %	Free
87.07	Battery operated fork-lifts and mechanically propelled pallet trucks	25 %	22.5 %	5 %
98.03	Pen and pencil sets for school use	20 %	10 %	5 %
98.08	Certain typewriter ribbons	20 %	10 %	Free

