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Corrigendum

The following factual, corrective or supplementary information has been received by the secretariat with respect to the background document prepared for the special session of the Council on developments in the trading system (C/W/470).

Page 5, paragraph 13:

Last sentence: delete "1,132 non-agricultural and on 87 agricultural items" and replace by "1,212 non-agricultural and on 119 agricultural tariff items".

Page 5, paragraph 14:

Last sentence: add "effective 1 March 1985".

Page 7, paragraph 27:

This paragraph should be renumbered 62 bis, and transferred to section A.V.

Page 8, paragraph 37:

Delete reference to Norway in first sentence and replace by new paragraph 38 bis as follows: "The Norwegian authorities announced that, following the termination of the International Sugar Agreement of 1977, imports of sugar into Norway would no longer be subject to a licensing requirement, as of 1 January 1985."

Page 10, paragraph 45:

First sentence should end after "31 March 1985", and be followed by a new sentence: "The US President stated that their renewal would not be requested".

First part of last sentence, ending "export restraints", should be replaced by a new separate sentence: "The Japanese authorities have noted concern that the expiration of the measures could lead to a sharp and disruptive increase in Japanese passenger car exports to the United States. In order to prevent this, they have stated that, while they fully recognize the importance of expanding the scope of effective competition and promoting consumer interests, they will on their initiative "ask the individual Japanese automobile manufacturers to conduct their passenger car exports to the United States in a prudent manner for fiscal year 1985 as a transitional, temporary and exceptional step toward free trade"."

Page 11, paragraph 49:

Delete second sentence.

Amend third sentence to read: "While non-leather footwear and boots will continue to be subject to quotas if their value is below C\$40 and C\$65 a pair respectively, restrictions on leather footwear and boots will apply only if their values are below C\$35 and C\$60 a pair respectively. Canada will also reduce".

Page 11, new paragraph 54:

"The Japanese Ministry of International Trade and Industry announced, in November 1984, that Japan would maintain its floorprice system for exports of machine tools to the United States and Western Europe in 1985, under the authority of the Export and Import Transaction Law. This measure, which was first put into operation in 1978 with respect to the United States and Canadian markets, was subsequently followed by a similar restraint in 1981 with effect in fifteen West European markets."

Page 13, paragraph 62:

Add: "Turkish exports of acrylic spun yarn have also been made subject to a unilaterally imposed restraint by the United States for the period 1 November 1984 to 31 October 1985. The matter has been the subject of prolonged consultations".

Page 16, paragraph 77:

In the item on Ghana, amend the date in the last sentence to "18 April", and insert the words "to 53 to the dollar" after "cedi".

Page 19:

Insert new paragraph 83 bis: "Under a series of Supreme Decrees, the Peruvian Government has reduced or suspended import duties on products falling within 20 tariff headings. (L/5798)"

Page 20, paragraph 101:

Replace by the following: "The Republic of Korea applies emergency tariff rates and adjustment tariff rates to 7 and 10 items, respectively, in 1985. The adjustment tariff system was first introduced in 1984 in order to facilitate the trade liberalization policy. The number of items for research and development purposes entitled to customs duty exemption and reduced tariff rates under the Tax Exemption and Reduction Control Law will increase from 127 to 177 items in 1985."

Page 21, paragraph 106:

Replace the words "motor vehicles" by "passenger and other motor vehicles having a gross laden weight not exceeding 3,500 kg."

Page 21, paragraph 109:

First line, replace: "authorities" by "Government".

Page 21, paragraph 110:

Delete last sentence and replace by: "The measure does not apply to inputs intended for the pharmaceutical industry, goods intended for reconditioning and modernization of the industrial fishing fleet, goods intended for public transport and goods the import of which is subject to an ad valorem duty of less than 10 per cent under the customs tariff and legal provisions in force."

Page 24, paragraph 132:

Delete remainder of paragraph after "Brazil", and replace by: "excluded about 2,000 products from the list of imports temporarily suspended for balance-of-payments reasons".

Page 26, paragraph 139:

Replace the second and third sentences by: "From 3 September to 1 October 1984, the allocation of special licences was suspended by the Ministry of Trade to facilitate the solution of problems posed by illegal importation and the accumulation of imports at Ghanaian ports".

Page 28, paragraph 156:

End second sentence after "non-leather footwear", and add new sentence: "Further, with effect from 30 April 1985, leather footwear and boots valued at C\$35 and C\$60 or more, respectively, per pair have been exempted from the quota (L/5351/Add.20 and 23, and L/5263/Add.19)."

Page 30:

Add new paragraph 162 bis: "Since the end of the period covered by this report, the President of the United States has imposed a trade embargo and other economic sanctions against Nicaragua with effect from 7 May 1985 (L/5802, L/5803)."

Page 31, paragraph 172:

Amend the first sentence to read: "By Law No. 24.030, the Government of Peru has suspended, for the year 1985, imports of certain products contained in about twenty import tariff chapters."

Page 35, last paragraph:

Second line, delete the words: "In December 1984".

Page 37:

Replace third sub-paragraph by: "Japan: It has been reported that Japanese machine tool builders agreed, in November 1984, to continue to unilaterally curb their shipments to the United Kingdom market for a further six months. The unofficial arrangement was reached by the British Machine Tool Trades Association and the Japanese industry. The arrangement covers computer-controlled lathes and machining centres; by the first half of 1984, the Japanese shares of the markets for the two types of product were 28 per cent and 55 per cent respectively."

Page 38, paragraph 185:

Insert new penultimate sentence (after "Europe"): "Brazil is reported to have indicated willingness to ease import procedures on products counter-purchased from countries that are export markets for Brazilian automotive products".

Page 38, paragraph 188:

Insert after sub-paragraph on Colombia new sub-paragraph as follows: "Nigeria's policy of ready adoption of countertrade, exchanging oil for imports or using it to repay debts, was further reinforced."

Delete fourth sub-paragraph and replace by: "Exports were made by Peru in 1984 as part payment in kind for debt servicing charges in pursuance of the changes which had been renegotiated in a number of existing commercial agreements, notably with the Soviet Union and Romania."

Page 39:

Delete sub-paragraph beginning: "The Brazilian Government".

Page 49, third sub-paragraph:

Replace by: "During the period under consideration, the Committee had a preliminary discussion on the matter of testing and inspection. The United States authorities are of the view that the question of test data acceptance is currently the single most important standards-related trade issue. The GATT Standards Code does not require, but only encourages, signatories to enter into arrangements for the mutual acceptance of test data. The US accordingly proposed that some sort of an arrangement needs to be established whereby signatories to the GATT Code would be obliged to accept test data for particular products on a mutually-agreed basis."

Add to fourth sub-paragraph: "The third meeting of persons responsible for information exchange will also be held in May 1985, in conjunction with the regular meeting of the Committee."

Appendix II, section (g)(3) (page 50):

In the final paragraph of this section, dealing with New Zealand, replace "accession" by "acceptance".

Appendix IV (page 57):

Delete the entries "Australia, New Zealand-Algeria^e" and "Finland-Yugoslavia^a" from the listing.