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Addendum

For the information of contracting parties the delegation of Japan has notified the following improvements and modifications made in its GSP scheme for the 1985 fiscal year starting 1 April.

Improvements and modifications in the 1985 fiscal year

1. Increases in ceilings for GSP imports of industrial products

It may be recalled that for the last fiscal year GSP ceilings for industrial products were increased by as much as 55 per cent. For the 1985 fiscal year these ceilings have been further increased by approximately 100 billion yen (about 8 per cent). The total amount of ceilings for the year now exceeds 1,300 billion yen.

- (1) with regard to items in respect of which imports are considered to present no particular difficulties to the domestic industries concerned, ceilings for respective product groups have been increased by 6 per cent, over and above the increase resulting from applications of the ceiling formulae notified last year (Cf. L/4531/Add.6). It may be noted that the extra increase of 6 per cent is a one-time action for the FY 1985.

Ceiling for the FY 1985 = (total imports from preference-receiving countries in the FY 1982 plus 10 per cent of total imports from other sources in the FY 1983) multiplied by 1.06

- (2) For three categories of sensitive items, to which the above formula is not to be applied, ceilings for respective product groups have been increased by 3 per cent as a one-time action, over and above the increase resulting from the application of the ceiling formulae notified last year.

Ceiling for the FY 1985

Category (i) (Ceiling quota of the previous FY plus ceiling quota of the previous FY multiplied by 0.06*) multiplied by 1.03

Category (ii) (Ceiling quota of the previous FY plus ceiling quota of the previous FY multiplied by one-half of 0.06*) multiplied by 1.03

Category (iii) Ceiling quota of the previous FY multiplied by 1.03

*The specified coefficient to be stipulated by a cabinet order. The maximum of this coefficient is set at 0.06 or 6 per cent.

2. Reduction of GSP rates to zero for six SP items

The following 6 industrial products have been excluded from the SP** list, resulting in the elimination of positive GSP rates on these items.

**Items whose GSP tariff rates are one-half of MFN rates.

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| 51.01-1(1)
(110) | Yarn of man-made fibres (containing more than 50 per cent by weight of synthetic fibres or acetate fibres) |
| 51.01-2(1)
(210) | Yarn of man-made fibres (containing not more than 50 per cent by weight of synthetic fibres or acetate fibres); containing more than 10 per cent by weight of silk |
| 57.10 | Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres |
| 67.03-3
(300) | Textile materials prepared for use in making wigs and the like |
| 67.04 | Wigs, false beards and the like etc. (of human or animal hair or of textiles) |
| 97.02 | Dolls |

3. Revision of the special treatment for Least-Developed Countries

Ceiling limitations on duty-free treatment for least-developed countries on CCCN 57.10 (Woven fabrics of jute or of other textile bast fibres) have been eliminated. Thus, least-developed countries now can enjoy unlimited duty-free treatment on this item.

4. Reduction of GSP Tariff Rates

		FY 1984	FY 1985
16.02-02(2)ex (237.239)	Prepared or preserved meat or meat offal (other than of bovine animals or pigs)	15.6%	10%
16.05-2ex	Shrimps, Prawns and Lobsters (other than chilled or frozen, salted, in brine or dried, after simply boiled in water or in brine)	9%	7.5%
	Crab (in airtight containers)	9%	8.1%
20.07-2(2)ex (222ex)	Mixtures of vegetable juice (not containing added sugar) (in airtight containers)	9%	7%
20.07-2(2)ex (229ex)	Vegetable juices other than mixtures of vegetable juice (not containing added sugar) (in airtight containers)	12%	9.5%
21.07-2(1)ex (212)	Peanut butter (containing added sugar)	20%	12%
21.07-2(2)B (b)ex (226)	Peanut butter (not containing added sugar)	20%	10%
22.05-1 (100)	Champagne and other sparkling wines	325 yen/l	260 yen/l
22.05-2ex (210)	Wine of grapes in containers of a capacity exceeding 150 litre	40 yen/l	30 yen/l

5. Increase of beneficiaries

Upon their requests, Sultanate of Oman and Greenland Home Rule have been included in the beneficiaries of Japan's GSP, which has raised the total number of the beneficiaries to 146.

6. Modifications of the Ceiling Control

(1) Application of ceiling formulae referred to in paragraph 1 above.

	<u>Number of product groups under the formula</u>
Formula for sub-paragraph (1) items	105 (112 in FY 1984)
Formula for sub-paragraph (2) items (i)	14 (22 in FY 1984)
(ii)	19 (21 in FY 1984)
(iii)	67 (46 in FY 1984)

(2) Administration of Ceilings:

- (a) Monthly control: 140 product groups
(141 in FY 1984)
- (b) Daily control: 46 product groups
(41 in FY 1984)
- (c) Prior allotment: 19 product groups
(19 in FY 1984)

(3) Flexible Administration of Ceilings:

112 product groups
(110 in FY 1984)

(4) Flexible Administration of Maximum Country Amounts:

137 product groups
(134 in FY 1984)

The details of the above modifications are given in the attachment.

ATTACHMENT

Modification of the ceiling control (FY 1985)

(1): Product group number; (2): Tariff item number; (3): Control of ceiling (m=monthly control, D=daily control, Q=prior allotment); (4): "0"=flexible administration of ceiling; (5): "0"=flexible administration of maximum country quantity:

FY 1984					FY 1985					Increase or Decrease					
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(1)	M	D	O	(4)	(5)
6	28.17-1	M			6	28.17-1	M	0							+1
ex15		M	0	0	8-2	29.01-3-(5)	M		0	+1	+1				+1
					8-3	29.04-3-(1)& 29.08-1	M	0	0	+1	+1			+1	+1
					10-2	29.15 ex ^{1/}	M		0	+1	+1				+1
35	41.02-2	M			35	41.02-2	D				-1	+1			
57	44.23	M			57	44.23	M	0							+1
57-2	44.24	M			57-2	44.24	D				-1	+1			
69	ch50	M	0	0	69	ch50	M		0						-1
74	53.06	M	0		74	53.06	D	0			-1	+1			
75	53.07	M	0		75	53.07	D	0			-1	+1			
93	58.10	D			93	58.10	M				+1	-1			
ex98		M	0	0	97-2	59.13	M		0	+1	+1				+1
142-3	73.14	M	0	0	142-3	73.14	M	0	0						-1
	73.25					73.25									
	73.31					73.31									
152	76.01-1-(2)	M		0	152	76.01-1-(2)	D		0		-1	+1			
155	78.01-1-(1)B	D	0	0	155	78.01-1-(1)B	D								-1 -1
157	79.01-1	M			157	79.01-1	D				-1	+1			
ex160		M	0		159-2	81.04-2-(3) ^{ex 2/}	M	0	0	+1	+1			+1	+1
167	85.18	M		0	167	85.18	M	0	0						+1
168	85.19-2	M		0	168	85.19-2	M	0	0						+1
170	85.21-2	M	0	0						-1	-1			-1	-1

Increase or decrease	+4	-1	+5	0	+2	+3
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1/ Dioctyl orthophthalates

2/ Antimony

FY 1984	201	141	41	19	110	134
FY 1985	205	140	46	19	112	137