

**GENERAL AGREEMENT ON
TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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COMMUNICATION FROM COLOMBIA

The secretariat has received from Colombia, following its recent consultation in the Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions, the following communication made pursuant to paragraph 12 of the Declaration on Trade Measures Taken for Balance-of-Payments Purposes.¹ The delegation of Colombia suggests that the matters raised in this communication could be taken up in an appropriate GATT forum, such as the Committee on Trade and Development.

As my delegation had occasion to explain at the full consultations in the Committee on Balance-of-Payments Restrictions, one of the factors which have seriously affected our balance-of-payments situation is the restrictions to which our exports are being subjected in some of the markets of our principal trading partners.

My delegation believes that it is essential for contracting parties to pay due attention to those difficulties and to adopt the necessary measures to improve access to their markets of countries which have recourse to consultation in the Committee.

In view of the above and pursuant to Article 12 of the Declaration on Trade Measures Taken for Balance-of-Payments Purposes of 28 November 1979, my delegation wishes to transmit, for distribution to the contracting parties, a list of the products for which it requests better conditions of access, in the expectation that these requests will be accommodated by the contracting parties mentioned therein.

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PRODUCTS FOR WHICH COLOMBIA HAS REQUESTED BETTER CONDITIONS OF ACCESS

Country	Nabandina heading	Country heading	Product	Request
Austria	06.03.00.00	06.03.A	Cut flowers, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP
	21.02.01.01	21.02.A	Extracts of coffee	Improvement in GSP preference rate
Canada	06.03.00.00	79.15-1	Flowers, cut	Inclusion in the GSP
	07.01.89.04	87.42-1	Tomatoes, fresh or chilled	Duty-free entry under the GSP
	08.04.01.00	92.10-1	Table grapes	Inclusion in the GSP
	17.04.00.01	14.100-1	All other confections not containing cocoa	Improvement in GSP preference rate
	21.02.01.01	25.05-1	Coffee, extracts or essences of	Inclusion in the GSP
EEC	06.03.00.01	06.03.A.1	Cut flowers, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP
	08.01.00.02	08.01.B	Bananas, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP
	08.01.00.04	08.01.C	Pineapples	Inclusion in the GSP
	08.01.00.03	08.01. ex. 4	Mangoes	Improvement in GSP preference rate
	08.04.01.00	08.02.C	Lemons	Inclusion in the GSP
	08.09.00.01	08.04.A.I.(a)	Fresh table grapes	Inclusion in the GSP
	08.09.00.01	ex. 08.09	Other fruits, fresh: melons	Inclusion in the GSP
	09.01.01.01	09.01.A.I.(a)	Coffee, unroasted, not freed of caffeine	Elimination or reduction of specific duty
	09.01.13.00	09.01.A.I.(b)	Coffee, unroasted, freed of caffeine	Elimination of domestic taxes
	17.04.00.01	17.04.D	Sugar confectionery, not containing cocoa	Improvement in GSP preference rate
	18.06.00.00	18.06.C	Chocolate and chocolate goods	Improvement in GSP preference rate
	20.07.09.01	20.07.B.II(a)	Other fruit juices not containing added sugar	Improvement in GSP preference rate
	20.07.09.02	20.07.B.II.(a).4.(bb)	Pineapple juice	Improvement in GSP preference rate
	20.07.09.99	20.07.B.II.(a).6.(bb)	Other	Improvement in GSP preference rate
	21.02.01.01	21.02. ex. A	Extracts of coffee	Improvement in preference rate and increase in quota
	24.01.01.99	24.01. ex. B	Air-cured non-Virginia-type tobacco	
	35.03.01.00	35.03. ex. B	Gelatins	Higher ceiling
	41.02.01.99	41.02. ex. C	Bovine cattle leather further prepared than tanned, except leather falling within heading No. 41.06 or 41.08	Higher ceiling

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Country	Nabandina heading	Country heading	Product	Request
United States	06.03.00.00	192.21	Other (cut flowers, fresh)	Split up heading No. 192.21 as follows: TSUSA 192.21-1 standard carnations 192.21-2 pompons 192.21-3 chrysanthemums 192.21-4 other
	07.01.89.04	137.60	Tomatoes, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP, from 1 March to 14 July
		137.62	Tomatoes, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP, from 1 September to 14 November
	08.01.00.02	148.96	Pineapples, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP
	08.02.00.03	147.19	Lemons, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP
	08.01.00.04	148.06	Mangoes, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP, from June to 31 August
	08.04.01.00	147.61	Grapes, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP from 15 February to 31 March
		147.64	Grapes, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP, from 1 July to 14 February
	08.09.00.01	148.10	Melons, fresh: cantaloupes	Inclusion in the GSP, from 1 August to 15 September
	08.09.00.99	148.60	Papayas, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP
	11.04.00.01	131.45	Banana meal	Inclusion in the GSP
	17.01.01.02	155.20	Sugar	Revision of the sugar quota assigned to Colombia
	20.02.04.00	137.95	Asparagus, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP
		138.46	" " cut	Inclusion in the GSP
	20.06.01.01	148.98	Pineapples, preserved	Inclusion in the GSP
	20.07.09.01	165.46	Pineapple juice, not sweetened	Inclusion in the GSP
		170.	Leaf tobacco	Inclusion in the GSP
		20	Not stemmed	Inclusion in the GSP
		25	Stemmed	Inclusion in the GSP
		40	Other, not stemmed	Inclusion in the GSP
		55	Cut, ground, or pulverized	Inclusion in the GSP
		60	Scrap tobacco	Inclusion in the GSP
	70.05.89.01	542.	Flat window-glass, manufactured by the "fourcault" process (sheet glass)	Inclusion in the GSP of items 542.31, 33, 35, 37
	70.13.89.00	546.52	Glass tumblers	Inclusion in the GSP
	98.02.01.00	745.72	Slide fastners	Inclusion in the GSP

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Country	Nabandina heading	Country heading	Product	Request
Finland	06.03.00.00	06.03	Cut flowers, fresh	Duty-free entry under the GSP for standard-type carnations, from 1 October to 31 May; elimination of quantitative restrictions
	08.01.00.01	08.01.B.II.b.	Bananas, fresh	Duty-free entry under the GSP, from 1 June to 31 December
	08.04.01.00	08.04	Grapes, fresh	Duty-free entry under the GSP
	09.01.01.01	09.01	Coffee, not roasted	Duty-free entry under the GSP
	21.02.01.01	21.02.B	Extracts of coffee	Duty-free entry under the GSP
Norway	55.05.03.00	55.05.600.C	Cotton yarn measuring, per single yarn, more than 40,000 m. but not more than 80,000 m. per kg.	Duty-free entry under the GSP
Sweden	06.03.00.00	06.03.	Cut flowers, fresh	Duty-free entry under the GSP
		002	Carnations	From 1 March to 30 November
		003	Carnations	From 1 December to 28 February
		011	Roses	From 1 March to 30 November
		017	Other flowers	From 1 March to 30 November
		018	Other flowers	From 1 December to 28 February
Japan	06.03.00.00	06.03	Cut flowers	Greater flexibility in plant-health standards
	03.01.02.00	03.01.2(2)B	Dead fish, frozen	Duty-free entry under the GSP
	03.03.02.99	03.03.1(1)	Shrimps, prawns and lobsters, frozen	Inclusion in the GSP
	08.01.00.01	08.01.1(1)	Bananas, fresh rate	Improvement in the GSP preference
	08.01.00.02	08.01.2	Pineapples, fresh	Duty-free entry under the GSP
	08.02.00.03	08.02.1	Lemons, fresh	Inclusion in the GSP
	08.09.00.01	08.09	Melons, fresh	Duty-free entry under the GSP
	09.01.01.01	09.01.1(1)	Coffee, not roasted	Elimination or reduction of domestic consumer taxes
	17.01.01.02	17.01.2(1).B	Raw sugar	Duty-free entry under the GSP
	18.03.00.00	18.03	Cocoa paste	Duty-free entry under the GSP
	18.06.00.00	18.06.1	Chocolate and other food preparations containing cocoa	Inclusion in the GSP
	20.07.09.01 and	20.07.1(2)	Other fruit juices	Inclusion in the GSP
	20.07.99.99		Instant coffee	Inclusion in the GSP; reduction or elimination of domestic consumer taxes
	21.02.01.01	21.02.1 ex. A	Silk-worm cocoons suitable for reeling	Improvement in GSP preference rate
	50.01.00.0	50.01		