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CANADIAN TARIFF TREATMENT FOR COMMONWEALTH CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES

First Report of the Government of Canada on the Trade-Related Provisions of CARIBCAN

Introduction

The Government of Canada introduced CARIBCAN as an economic and trade development assistance program for the Commonwealth Caribbean countries and territories. The legislation enacting CARIBCAN entered into force as of 15 June 1986. Copies of the legislation were circulated in the Annex to document L/6008.

The basic objectives of CARIBCAN are to enhance existing trade and export earnings, improve the trade and economic development prospects of the region, promote new investment opportunities, and encourage enhanced economic integration and cooperation within the region. The principal feature of CARIBCAN is the extension of unilateral preferential duty-free treatment to all eligible imports, with certain exceptions (textiles, clothing, footwear, luggage, handbags, leather garments, lubricating oils and methanol), originating in

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a country that is designated as a beneficiary of the Commonwealth Caribbean Countries tariff treatment.

On November 28, 1986, the CONTRACTING PARTIES to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), acting pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXV of the General Agreement and in accordance with footnote 2 of paragraph 2 of the Framework Agreement, decided, *inter alia*, to waive until June 15, 1998, the provisions of paragraph 1 of Article I of the General Agreement. This obligation was waived "only to the extent necessary to permit the Government of Canada to provide duty-free treatment to eligible imports of Commonwealth Caribbean countries benefitting from the provisions of CARIBCAN, without being required to extend the same duty-free treatment to like products of any other contracting party"¹. In accordance with paragraph 7 of that Decision, Canada is providing its first annual report to the GATT CONTRACTING PARTIES on the implementation of the trade-related provisions of CARIBCAN. This report includes data for calendar years 1985 to 1987. Data cannot be obtained separately for the part of year 1986 when CARIBCAN was in operation and the data collection lags associated with the implementation of a reduction in tariffs make the analysis of meaningful statistics difficult for this period.

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Tariff Preferences for CARIBCAN Beneficiaries

The substance of the trade-related aspects of CARIBCAN were provided in GATT document L/5948 with regard to product, trade and beneficiary country coverage. In December 1987, the Customs Tariff which contained the CARIBCAN legislation was amended in order for Canada to adopt and implement the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS), effective January 1, 1988. For the information of Contracting Parties, the revised legislation has been included as Annex 6 to this report and future reports will be based on the Harmonized System.

There are 18 countries or dependent territories which are eligible to receive the benefits of the duty-free provisions of CARIBCAN. These are: Anguilla, Antigua and Barbuda, The Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bermuda, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Dominica, Grenada, Guyana, Jamaica, Montserrat, St. Christopher-Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Trinidad and Tobago, and the Turks and Caicos Islands. There have been no additions to or deletions from the number of eligible beneficiaries since CARIBCAN was enacted on June 15, 1986.

The CARIBCAN legislation also makes provision for the Government to suspend or withdraw the benefit of duty-free treatment in whole or in part from any beneficiary country. Under the procedures which are to be followed in a review of any safeguard petition, there is opportunity for all interested parties, including representatives of beneficiary governments and exporters, to present their views. For the period under review, no safeguard petitions for the withdrawal of preferences under CARIBCAN were received.

Canadian Trade with CARIBCAN Countries

In the first full calendar year during which the duty-free provisions of CARIBCAN have been in effect (1987), total Canadian imports from the beneficiary countries increased by 0.6 percent over 1985, the last full calendar year before CARIBCAN was implemented. However, imports of products now eligible for duty-free treatment as a result of the implementation of CARIBCAN more than tripled from \$1.2 million in 1985 to \$4 million in 1987.

Annex 1 contains a table showing the Canadian trade balance with CARIBCAN beneficiaries on a country-by-country basis and in total for the period 1985 to 1987. Annex 2 indicates the main imports by commodity groupings from CARIBCAN beneficiaries

on a country-by-country basis. Annex 3 shows those imports which were reduced to free under CARIBCAN (at the tariff item level) for each CARIBCAN beneficiary. Finally, Annex 4 gives the tariff treatment for principal imports from CARIBCAN beneficiaries in 1987 and Annex 5 presents a summary of these data.

ANNEX 1

CANADA/CARIBCAN TRADE BALANCE

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1987/85</u>
	- \$'000 -			% change
Bahamas				
Exports ¹	28,170	28,935	33,188	17.8%
Imports ²	38,876	29,808	42,178	8.5%
Trade turnover ³	67,046	58,743	75,366	12.4%
Trade balance ⁴	-10,706	-873	-8,990	
Barbados				
Exports	34,180	43,803	44,454	30.1%
Imports	6,994	21,278	21,127	202.1%
Trade turnover	41,174	65,081	65,581	59.3%
Trade balance	27,186	22,525	23,327	
Belize				
Exports	4,409	4,026	6,180	40.2%
Imports	4,958	1,211	5,849	18.0%
Trade turnover	9,367	5,237	12,029	28.4%
Trade balance	-549	2,815	331	
Bermuda				
Exports	34,330	32,566	39,354	14.6%
Imports	1,654	27,091	5,454	229.7%
Trade turnover	35,984	59,657	44,808	24.5%
Trade balance	32,676	5,475	33,900	

¹Exports are Canadian exports.

²Imports are Canadian merchandise imports for consumption, customs basis

³Trade turnover is exports plus imports

⁴Trade balance is exports minus imports

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CANADA/CARIBCAN TRADE BALANCE

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1987/85</u>
	- \$'000 -			% change
Guyana				
Exports	4,471	4,669	5,808	29.9%
Imports	23,323	27,161	33,777	44.8%
Trade turnover	27,794	31,830	39,585	42.4%
Trade balance	-18,852	-22,492	-27,969	
Jamaica				
Exports	54,755	73,347	99,338	81.4%
Imports	155,169	149,903	113,774	-26.7%
Trade turnover	209,924	223,250	213,112	1.5%
Trade balance	-100,414	-76,556	-14,436	
Leeward-Windward Islands				
Exports	43,151	81,215	48,990	13.5%
Imports	2,446	5,386	5,525	125.9%
Trade turnover	45,597	86,601	54,515	19.6%
Trade balance	40,705	75,829	43,465	
Trinidad-Tobago				
Exports	100,672	91,041	75,280	-25.2%
Imports	29,558	53,736	36,875	24.8%
Trade turnover	130,230	144,777	112,155	-13.9%
Trade balance	71,114	37,305	38,405	
Total Caribcan				
Exports	304,138	359,602	352,592	15.9%
Imports	262,978	315,574	264,559	0.6%
Trade turnover	567,116	675,176	617,151	8.8%
Trade balance	41,160	44,028	88,033	

MAIN IMPORTS BY COMMODITY GROUPINGS

CARIBBEAN BENEFICIARIES

1985-87

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>MAIN COMMODITY GROUPINGS</u>	<u>IMPORTS</u>		
		<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
		- \$'000 -		
Bahamas				
	Distilled alcoholic beverages	4,063	4,916	1,296
	Crude petroleum			19,958
	Other crude non-metallic minerals	828	246	498
	Organic chemicals	22,220	19,872	12,959
	Fuel oil	9,623		
	Other basic hardware	151	1,480	2,060
	Hand tools and cutlery	257	748	1,488
	Stationery and office supplies	104	327	152
	Other products	1,630	2,219	3,767
	Total Bahamas	38,876	29,808	42,178
Barbados				
	Refined sugar, molasses and syrups	4,211	2,818	2,938
	Distilled alcoholic beverages	781	1,059	389
	Fuel oil		5,031	11,759
	Electronic tubes & semi-conductors	289	484	498
	Other telecommunications & rel equip.	538	10,745	4,166
	Other products	1,175	1,141	1,377
	Total Barbados	6,994	21,278	21,127
Belize				
	Raw sugar	3,698		5,089
	Other fruit juices and concentrates		37	248
	Refined sugar, molasses and syrups	701	713	
	Coffee	224		260
	Other products	335	461	252
	Total Belize	4,958	1,211	5,849

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<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>MAIN COMMODITY GROUPINGS</u>	<u>IMPORTS</u>		
		<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
		- \$'000 -		
Bermuda				
	Organic chemicals	245	161	1,390
	Fuel oil		24,047	
	Other petroleum and coal products			948
	Misc equipment and tools			105
	Medicinal & pharm. prod., in dosage		177	255
	Other end products, inedible	215	1,102	1
	Special transactions, trade	922	1,375	1,970
	Other products	272	229	785
	Total Bermuda	1,654	27,091	5,454
Guyana				
	Raw sugar	1,280	3,844	4,742
	Refined sugar, molasses and syrups	205	1,339	1,099
	Fish and marine animals	12	37	309
	Distilled alcoholic beverages	1,338	1,372	1,326
	Aluminum ores, concentrates & scrap	18,793	13,436	14,893
	Precious metal, including alloys	512	358	11,325
	Other products	1,183	6,775	83
	Total Guyana	23,323	27,161	33,777
Jamaica				
	Oranges, mandarins, tangerines	195	178	133
	Other fresh fruit and berries	485	315	265
	Fruits and products, canned	2,117	1,720	1,375
	Other fresh vegetables	2,636	2,727	2,999
	Other foods and materials for foods	422	469	476
	Distilled alcoholic beverages	6,331	6,390	6,019
	Aluminum ores, concentrates, & scrap	137,333	124,470	92,214
	Ships, boats and parts, except eng.		6,836	
	Aircraft parts except engines	758	1,546	1,891
	Outerwear, except knitted	184	629	2,114
	Outerwear, knitted			502
	Sporting and recreation equipment	18	8	1,110
	Other products	4,690	4,615	4,676
	Total Jamaica	155,169	149,903	113,774

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		<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>
		- \$'000 -		
Leeward-Windward Islands.				
	Other fresh fruits and berries	650	824	627
	Other fresh vegetables	76	187	316
	Coffee	570	2,065	1,571
	Other foods and materials for foods	402	1,188	1,785
	Other telecommunication & rel equip	36	345	339
	Other products	712	777	887
	Total Leeward-Windward Islands	2,446	5,386	5,525
Trinidad-Tobago				
	Fish and marine animals	15	88	591
	Other fresh vegetables	166	197	107
	Refined sugar, molasses and syrups		7	1,283
	Other vegetables & vegetable prep.	25	95	201
	Distilled alcoholic beverages	2,918	3,458	320
	Other metals in ores, conc and scrap	1,482	1,979	1,400
	Fertilizers & fertilizer materials	3,854	7,392	2,170
	Fuel oil	9,641	22,480	12,349
	Bars and rods, steel		14,161	13,177
	Aircraft engines and parts	8,000		
	Aircraft parts except engines	479	544	622
	Medical, ophthalmic & ortho, supplies	236	222	187
	Other products	2,742	3,113	4,468
	Total Trinidad-Tobago	29,558	53,736	36,875

ANNEX 3

IMPORTS REDUCED TO FREE UNDER CARIBCAN

1985-87

<u>TARIFF ITEM</u>	<u>COMMODITY DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>IMPORTS</u>			<u>% Change</u>	
		<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986/85</u>	<u>1987/86</u>
		- \$'000 -				
BARBADOS						
9022-1	Vegetable sauces	18	10	27	-44.4	170.0
43120-1	Non-powered tools	0	0	33		
44508-1	Telephone apparatus	12	0	31	-100.0	
44508-3	Telephone parts	4	27	52	575.0	92.6
44524-1	Electrical apparatus	52	3	14	-94.2	366.7
	Total	86	40	157	-53.5	292.5
BERMUDA						
44508-3	Telephone parts	43	17	25	-60.5	47.1
JAMAICA						
2200-1	Cocoa or chocolate	207	189	230	-8.7	21.7
6500-1	Biscuits	7	0	2	-100.0	
8740-1	Squash	165	148	159	-10.3	7.4
9020-1	Pickled vegetables	0	34	55		61.8
9022-1	Vegetable sauces	85	102	107	20.0	4.9
9031-1	Vegetable juice	10	14	6	40.0	-57.1
0530-1	Jams, marmalades	100	128	58	28.0	-54.7
10663-1	Fruit juices	0	2	17		750.0
10664-1	Fruit syrups	17	64	81	276.5	26.6
13900-1	Syrups	2	0	20	-100.0	
14100-1	Confectionery	3	1	23	-66.7	2200.0
14305-1	Cigars			26		
14400-1	Cut tobacco			52		
15900-1	Spirits	0	0	10		
23400-1	Toilet preparations	0	4	6		50.0
32603-1	Glass jars	149	133	2	-10.7	-98.5
44508-3	Telephone parts	0	1	15		1400.0
65300-1	Brushes	0	0	184		
71100-1	N.o.p.	0	14	2		-85.7
71100-7	Foods & beverages	39	106	109	171.8	2.8
	Total	784	940	1,164	19.9	23.3

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<u>TARIFF ITEM</u>	<u>COMMODITY DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>IMPORTS</u>			<u>% Change</u>	
		<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	<u>1986/85</u>	<u>1987/86</u>
		- \$'000 -				
LEEWARD-WINDWARD ISLANDS						
8740-1	Squash	0	8	12		50.0
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO						
8740-1	Squash	0	81	14		-82.7
9022-1	Vegetable sauces	25	66	157	164.0	137.9
9031-1	Vegetable juice	0	0	14		
10524-1	Preserved fruit, n.o.p.	0	1	5		400.0
10530-1	Jams, marmalades	0	1	9		800.0
14100-1	Confectionery	0	0	2		
18100-1	Printed matter	14	1	1	-92.9	0.0
22001-1	Drugs	0	0	1		
37900-2	Steel bars & rods	0	2,421	110		-95.5
40101-1	Wire of iron or steel	0	0	1,921		
42700-1	Machinery	277	29	33	-89.5	13.8
44508-3	Parts of telephones	9	75	94	733.3	25.3
50600-1	Wood products	0	0	2		
71100-7	Foods & beverages	6	27	240	350.0	788.9
93902-82	Plastic products	0	0	5		
	Total	331	2,702	2,608	716.3	-3.5
Total of all tariff items listed		1,244	3,707	3,967	198.0	7.0

ANNEX 4

TARIFF TREATMENT FOR PRINCIPAL CARIBCAN IMPORTS

<u>Country</u>	<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>1987 Imports \$'000</u>
BAHAMAS			
<u>MFN AND GPT FREE</u>			
	26715-1	Crude petroleum	19,958
	92916-1	Alcohol-acids, aldehyde-acids	6,795
	92939-1	Hormones	3,095
	92926-1	Imide-function compounds	2,740
	15615-1	Rum	1,221
	36000-1	Gold coins	848
	10653-1	Unsweetened orange juice concentrate	436
	92501-1	Salt	427
		Miscellaneous	1618
		TOTAL	<u>37,138</u>
<u>ELIGIBLE BUT DID NOT QUALIFY UNDER CARIBCAN AT TIME OF ENTRY</u>			
	42615-1	Wire stitchers and staplers	2,540
	44603-1	Iron or steel products	2,124
		Miscellaneous	376
		TOTAL	<u>5,040</u>

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>1987 Imports \$'000</u>
BARBADOS			
<u>MFN AND GPT FREE</u>			
	26902-1	Petroleum products	8,428
	44533-1	Radio and television apparatus and parts	3,822
	26906-1	Fuel oil	3,331
	13435-1	Fancy molasses	2,386
	15615-1	Rum	343
		Miscellaneous	2,523
		TOTAL	<u>20,833</u>
<u>CARIBCAN FREE</u>			
	9022-1	Vegetable sauces	27
	43120-1	Non-powered, hand operated tools	33
	44508-1	Telephone apparatus	31
	44508-3	Telephone parts	52
	44524-1	Electrical apparatus	14
		TOTAL	<u>157</u>
BELIZE			
<u>MFN AND GPT FREE</u>			
	13400-1	Sugar	5,089
	2700-1	Green coffee	260
	10653-1	Unsweetened orange juice concentrate	248
		Miscellaneous	250
		TOTAL	<u>5,847</u>

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>1987 Imports \$'000</u>
BERMUDA			
<u>MFN AND GPT FREE</u>			
	70905-1	Cdn. goods returned	1,865
	26901-1	Petroleum products	948
	15615-1	Rum	306
	50040-1	Timber or lumber	113
	17100-1	Books	24
		Miscellaneous	210
		TOTAL	<u>3,466</u>
<u>CARIBCAN FREE</u>			
	44508-3	Telephone parts	25
		TOTAL	<u>25</u>
<u>ELIGIBLE BUT DID NOT QUALIFY UNDER CARIBCAN AT TIME OF ENTRY</u>			
	92944-1	Antibiotics	1,390
	22001-1	Medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations	255
	44603-1	Iron or steel products	49
	35400-1	Aluminum products	103
		Miscellaneous	237
		TOTAL	<u>2,034</u>
GUYANA			
<u>MFN AND GPT FREE</u>			
	32910-1	Bauxite	14,443
	35900-1	Gold and silver	11,024
	13400-1	Sugar	4,742
	15615-1	Rum	1,270
	13425-1	Syrups	1,099
	39210-1	Forgings, over 40 tons	441
		Miscellaneous	695
		TOTAL	<u>33,714</u>

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>1987 Imports \$'000</u>
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JAMAICA

MFN AND GPT FREE

92819-1	Zinc oxide and zinc peroxide	91,990
15625-1	Liqueurs	4,980
8741-1	Sweet potatoes and yams	2,203
44063-1	Goods for repair of aircraft	1,730
7915-1	Flowers and foliage	1,179
15615-1	Rum	1,100
14700-1	Ale, beer	185
	Miscellaneous	4,162

TOTAL 107,529

CARIBCAN FREE

2200-1	Cocoa or chocolate	230
6500-1	Biscuits	2
8740-1	Squash	159
9020-1	Pickled vegetables	55
9022-1	Vegetable sauces	107
9031-1	Vegetable juice	6
10530-1	Jams, marmalades	58
10663-1	Fruit juices	17
10664-1	Fruit syrups	81
13900-1	Syrups containing an admixture	20
14100-1	Confectionery	23
14305-1	Cigars	26
14400-1	Cut tobacco	52
15900-1	Spirits	10
23400-1	Toilet preparations	6
32603-1	Glass jars	2
44508-3	Telephone parts	15
55300-1	Brushes	184
71100-1	N.o.p.	2
71100-7	Prepared foods & beverages	109

TOTAL 1,164

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>1987 Imports \$'000</u>
JAMAICA			
<u>EXCLUDED FROM CARIBCAN</u>			
	56300-1	Man-made fibre clothing	2,023
	52305-1	Cotton fibre clothing	201
	56805-1	Knitted garments	358
		Miscellaneous	34
		TOTAL	<u>2,616</u>
<u>ELIGIBLE BUT DID NOT QUALIFY UNDER CARIBCAN AT TIME OF ENTRY</u>			
	51100-1	Racquets and racquet frames	1,110
	65300-1	Brushes	218
	32603-1	Glass products	146
		Miscellaneous	991
		TOTAL	<u>2,465</u>
LEEWARD-WINDWARD ISLANDS			
<u>MFN AND GPT FREE</u>			
	3200-1	Ground nutmeg and mace	1,749
	2700-1	Green coffee	1,571
	9600-1	Fresh fruits	595
	70905-1	Cdn. goods returned	426
	8748-1	Vegetables of kind not grown in Canada	209
		Miscellaneous	590
		TOTAL	<u>5,140</u>
<u>CARIBCAN FREE</u>			
	8740-1	Squash	12
		TOTAL CARIBCAN FREE	<u>12</u>
<u>ELIGIBLE BUT DID NOT QUALIFY UNDER CARIBCAN AT TIME OF ENTRY</u>			
	44524-1	Electrical apparatus	260
	61105-1	Boots, shoes and slippers	18
		Miscellaneous	95
		TOTAL	<u>373</u>

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<u>Country</u>	<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>1987 Imports \$'000</u>
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO			
<u>MFN AND GPT FREE</u>			
	26901-1	Petroleum products	12,349
	37915-1	Rods of iron or steel	10,284
	93102-7	Urea	2,170
	44045-1	Aircraft	2,031
	70905-1	Cdn. goods returned	1,434
	35900-1	Gold and silver	1,206
	13425-1	Syrups	1,283
	15615-1	Rum	142
		Miscellaneous	2,240
		TOTAL	33,139
<u>CARIBCAN FREE</u>			
	8740-1	Squash	14
	9022-1	Vegetable sauces	157
	9031-1	Vegetable juice	14
	10524-1	Preserved fruit, n.o.p.	5
	10530-1	Jams, marmalades	9
	14100-1	Confectionery	2
	18100-1	Printed matter	1
	22001-1	Drugs	1
	37900-2	Bars or rods of iron or steel	110
	40101-1	Wire of iron or steel	1,921
	42700-1	Machinery	33
	44508-3	Parts of telephone apparatus	94
	50600-1	Wood products	2
	71100-7	Prepared foods & beverages	240
	93902-82	Plastic products	5
		TOTAL	2,608
<u>ELIGIBLE BUT DID NOT QUALIFY UNDER CARIBCAN AT TIME OF ENTRY</u>			
	37915-1	Rods of iron or steel	863
	42700-1	Machinery	60
	32603-1	Glass products	35
		Miscellaneous	173
		TOTAL	1,131

SUMMARY OF CARIBGAN TARIFF TREATMENT, 1987

BENEFICIARY COUNTRY	TARIFF TREATMENT										
	TOTAL IMPORTS - \$'000 -	ENTERED AT FREE RATES				FREE AS A % OF TOTAL IMPORTS %	DUTIABLE			EXCLUDED AS A % OF TOTAL IMPORTS %	TOTAL DUTIABLE AS A % OF TOTAL IMPORTS %
		UNDER			TOTAL FREE - \$'000 -		EXCLUDED UNDER CARIBGAN - \$'000 -	DID NOT QUALIFY UNDER CARIBGAN ² - \$'000 -	TOTAL DUTIABLE - \$'000 -		
		MFN ¹ - \$'000 -	GPT	CARIBGAN							
BAHAMAS	42,178	22,686	14,452	-	37,138	88.1	-	5,040	5,040	-	11.9
BARBADOS	21,127	16,649	4,184	157	20,990	99.4	-	137	137	-	0.6
BELIZE	5,849	5,798	49	-	5,847	100.0	-	-	-	-	-
BERMUDA	5,454	3,125	341	25	3,491	64.0	-	2,034	2,034	-	37.3
GUYANA	33,777	32,003	1,711	-	33,714	99.8	-	61	61	-	0.2
JAMAICA	113,774	100,416	7,113	1,164	108,693	95.5	2,616	2,465	5,081	2.3	4.5
LEEWARD-WINDWARD IS.	5,525	5,082	58	12	5,152	93.2	-	373	373	-	6.8
TRINIDAD-TOBAGO	36,875	22,682	10,457	2,608	35,747	96.9	-	1,131	1,131	-	3.1
TOTAL CARIBGAN	264,559	208,441	38,365	3,967	250,772	94.8	2,616	11,241	13,857	1.0	5.2

¹Includes imports accorded duty-free treatment under the British Preferential Tariff.

²Eligible for duty-free treatment but not granted at time of entry.

Commonwealth Caribbean Countries

Application of tariff treatment	53. Subject to sections 54 to 57, the rates of customs duty under Schedule I shall be free in respect of goods that originate in a country that is listed in Schedule III as a beneficiary of the Commonwealth Caribbean Countries tariff treatment.
Withdrawal of benefit	54. (1) The Governor in Council may, on the recommendation of the Minister of Finance, by order, (a) withdraw the benefit of free rates of customs duty provided for by section 53 from any or all goods that originate in a country that is listed in Schedule III as a beneficiary of the Commonwealth Caribbean Countries tariff treatment and make those goods subject to the tariff treatment that would be applicable to those goods if they were not entitled to free rates of customs duty; and (b) amend Schedule III to the extent required to indicate the tariff treatment of the country to which the order applies.
Contents of order	(2) An order made pursuant to subsection (1) shall (a) specify the date on which the order becomes effective; and (b) where the order withdraws in part the benefit of free rates of customs duty, indicate the goods to which the order applies.
No other Act to apply	55. Notwithstanding any other Act of Parliament or any regulation or order made thereunder, the benefit of free rates of customs duty provided for by section 53 does not apply, either generally or specifically or directly or indirectly, to goods that originate in any country to which that benefit does not specifically extend under that section.
Exceptions	56. The following goods are not entitled to the benefit of free rates of customs duty provided for by section 53: (a) goods of Chapters 50 to 65; (b) goods of heading No. 42.02 or 46.02; (c) goods of tariff item No. 2710.00.20, 2905.11.00, 3403.11.10, 3403.19.10 or 4203.10.00.
Conditions	57. Goods are entitled to the benefit of free rates of customs duty provided for by section 53 only if the following conditions are met: (a) proof of origin of the goods is given and the origin is determined in accordance with this Act and the regulations; and (b) the goods are shipped directly to Canada, with or without transshipment, from the country in which the goods originate.
Exemption	58. The Governor in Council may, by order, exempt goods from the condition set out in paragraph 57(a) requiring proof of origin of goods or from the condition set out in paragraph 57(b) on such terms and conditions as may be specified therein.