

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON  
TARIFFS AND TRADE

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Multilateral Trade Negotiations

GROUP 3(e) - BASIC DOCUMENTATION

Inventory of Various Non-Tariff Barriers

UNITED STATES

Supplement

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Product: (BTN)	Country or group maintaining measure:	Countries indicating an interest:
Tomato paste (20.02)	United States	Romania

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(a) Description:

Customs and administrative procedures.

(b) Comments by other countries:

(c) Comments by country maintaining the measures:

Imports from Romania, as is the case with other Communist countries, are assessed at the so-called "column 2" rate as shown in the Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (1975). The column 2 rates are generally those that prevailed at the time of the passage of the Tariff Act of 1930. The rates shown in column 1 are either equal to or lower than the column 2 rates. Any rates that have been negotiated by trade agreements under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade are shown in column 1 and are extended to countries enjoying most-favoured-nation treatment (MFN) with the United States.

Tomato paste, like all other processed food items, is subject to inspection by the Food and Drug Administration of the United States Department of Health, Education, and Welfare at the time of entry through United States customs. The purpose of this inspection is to determine compliance with the health, sanitary and labelling requirement of the United States Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act as well as the Fair Packaging and Labeling Act. Such inspections are applied on a non-discriminatory basis, i.e., they are applicable to all countries, including the United States.