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GROUP 3(f) - BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON CERTAIN TROPICAL PRODUCTS MANILOC, FLOUR, AND MEAL OF MANILOC, SALEP AND SAGO, MANILOC STARCH AND TAPIOCA AND SAGO

Note by the Secretariat

1. Manioc, fresh or dried (BTN ex 07.06), flour and meal of manioc (ex 11.06), manioc starch (ex 11.08) and tapioca (ex 19.04) were among the items included in document COM.TD/W/205. The above products, together with flour and meal of sago (ex 11.06) and sago (ex 19.04) which were submitted for consideration in Group 3(f) by the ASEAN group of countries (MTN/3F/W/2), are covered in this note with respect to information on commercial policy and trade flows. The details concerning tariffs and non-tariff measures contained in COM.TD/W/205 have been updated where relevant in the tables annexed hereto. While comprehensive statistical series are unavailable, information concerning imports by value into developed countries during 1970 are shown in order to provide an appreciation of the magnitude and direction of trade. An indication is also given of developing country suppliers to developed country markets in 1970.

2. Manioc (or cassava) is grown in the tropics for its fleshy, edible rootstock which yields a nutritious starch. While Brazil, Indonesia and Nigeria are the major producers, manioc is widely grown in South-East Asia and certain parts of Africa and Latin America. Production surplus to domestic requirements enters international trade in different forms such as sliced dried roots, flour, meal, or as tapioca starch. Dried manioc roots and meal are used as raw materials in compound feeding stuffs, manioc flour and tapioca starch for industrial purposes along with other kinds of starches, and tapioca (a granular preparation), for human consumption. Sago is a starchy substance prepared from the pith of certain species of palm and is utilized both for industrial purposes and human consumption.

3. Exporters of manioc and manioc products include Thailand, Indonesia, Tanzania, Brazil, China, India, Madagascar, Malaysia and the Philippines. Manioc, mainly in its dried form, is the major item of this group of products entering

international trade and the EEC is the major market. According to an International Trade Centre study¹, the Federal Republic of Germany accounts for about 70 per cent of the EEC market for manioc. The Netherlands and Belgium are also important importers of this product.

4. Details of tariffs and non-tariff measures applying to these items are shown in the attached tables. For manioc, fresh or dried, Table 1 indicates that duties are maintained by Australia, Norway, Switzerland and Japan and levies by the EEC, Austria and Sweden. In the case of dried manioc roots, the maximum levy in the EEC is equivalent to 6 per cent ad valorem, a rate bound in the Kennedy Round. Imports into New Zealand are subject to import restriction. Duties are applied to flour and meal of manioc in Canada, Austria, Norway, Switzerland and Japan (Table 2). Finland has an import tax on these items and the EEC and Sweden apply levies. The table also indicates that Denmark and Norway maintain discretionary licensing (except for animal feed in the case of Denmark) and New Zealand, quota restrictions.

5. For manioc starch, duties are applied in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Norway, Switzerland and Japan and levies in the EEC, Austria and Sweden (Table 3). Import restrictions are also applied in New Zealand, Japan and Finland, the last named country maintaining an import tax on this item. Tapioca and sago are subject to most-favoured-nation duties in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Austria, Norway, Switzerland and Japan (Table 4). However, these products are permitted entry into Canada, Australia and Switzerland at reduced or zero rates of duty under the GSP. The EEC maintains a duty (reduced under the GSP) and a levy on tapioca and sago. Levies are also applied by Austria and Sweden and an import tax by Finland. Tapioca and sago are subject to restriction in Norway and Finland, while these items are subject to quota in New Zealand when imported in retail packs.

¹"The Markets for Manioc as a Raw Material for Compound Animal Feeding-stuffs - 1968."

EXPLANATORY NOTES TO TABLES

The tables provide current information on tariff and non-tariff measures applied by the principal importing countries. However, the Australian duties indicated are those applied prior to a general tariff reduction (subject to certain exceptions) of 25 per cent introduced on 18 July 1973. Available details of trade flows in 1970 are also shown. The trade figures are broken down into most-favoured-nation and preferential imports, and separate totals are given for imports from developing countries. In addition, the main developing country suppliers are indicated. Statistical data have been derived from tariff study files and United Nation statistics.

Duty rate

0	= Free
%	= Per cent ad valorem
[..]	= Provisionally applied rate of duty
(B-...)	= British or Commonwealth preferential rate of duty
(A - 0)	= Preferential duty-free treatment accorded to Associated African and Malagasy States
(E - 0)	= Preferential duty-free treatment accorded to East African Community (Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania).

Non-tariff measures

V	= Import levy or tax
Q	= Quota
GQ	= Global quota
DL	= Discretionary licensing
ST	= State trading
R	= Import restriction (unspecified)
P	= Imports are generally prohibited
OM	= Other non-tariff measures
S	= Selective tax, e.g. excise tax or commodity tax.

TABLE I/TABLEAU I

BTN/NDB ex 07.06 - Manioc, fresh or dried/Manioc, frais ou séché

	EEC/ CEE	Canada	Australia/ Australie	New Zealand/ Nouvelle-Zélande	Austria/ Autriche	Norway/ Norvège	Sweden/ Suède	Switzerland/ Suisse	Finland/ Finlande	Japan/ Japon	USA/ Etats-Unis
Duty Rates/ Taux de droits											
- MFN/NPF	-	0	\$A 0.004/kg (B SA 0.002/kg)	0	0	NKR 0.18/kg	0	SwF 0.0075 /kg	0	15%	0
GSP/SGP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-Tariff Measures/ Mesures non tarifaires	V	-	-	Q	V	-	V	-	-	-	-
Trade Flow (US\$'000)/ Echanges ('000 \$EU)											
Total Imports 1970/ Importations totales, 1970	N. A./inc. ^{1/}	-	7	251	27	-	2	W	-	8	1216
Of which from developing countries/Dont en provenance des pays en voie de développement		-	1	251	27	-	1	-	-	1	1195
- at MFN Rates/aux taux NPF		-	1	251	27	-	1	-	-	1	1195
- at Preferential Rates/ à des taux préférentiels		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Main developing country suppliers (\$'000)/Principaux pays en voie de développement fournisseurs(\$000)

Thailand/Thaïlande	57831	Tanzania/Tanzanie	707
Indonesia/Indonésie	20384	Madagascar	223
Brazil/Brésil	4458	Malawi	214
Malaysia/Malaisie	1067		

^{1/} Not available. Details of external trade for the EEC (9) to be supplied later./Chiffres inconnus. Les éléments d'information concernant le commerce extérieur de la Communauté des Neuf seront communiqués ultérieurement.

^{2/} Manioc and arrowroot/Manioc et arrow-root

^{3/} Vegetable products, roots and tubers etc./Légumes, racines et tubercules etc.

TABLE 2/TABLEAU 2

BTN ex 11.06 Flour and meal of manioc, salep and of sago/
NDS ex 11.06 Farines et semoules de manioc, salep et sagou

	EEC ^{5/} CEE ^{6/}	Canada	Australia/ Australie	New Zealand/ Nouvelle-Zélande	Austria/ Autriche	Norway/ Norvège	Sweden/ Suède	Switzerland/ Suisse	Finland/ Finlande	Japan/ Japon	USA/ Etats-Unis
Duty rates/ Taux de droits											
- MFN/NPF	-	1 ct/lb	0	0	10%	Nkr 0.60/kg ^{1/}	0	SwF 0.05/kg ^{2/} SwF 0.2/kg ^{3/}	0	25%	0
GSP/SGP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-tariff measures/ Mesures non tarifaires	DEN-DL ^{4/} V	-	-	Q	-	DL	V	-	V Frk 0.30/kg	-	-

^{1/} Customs authorities may grant duty-free entry to meal of tapioca (manioc) for use as feed./L'Administration des douanes peut admettre en franchise de droits les semoules de tapioca (manioc) destinées à l'alimentation des animaux.

^{2/} In containers of more than 5 kg./En récipients de plus de 5 kg.

^{3/} In containers of 5 kgs or less./En récipients de 5 kg ou moins.

^{4/} Except for animal feed; except salep./Sauf pour l'alimentation des animaux; salep exclu.

TABLE 3/TABLEAU 3

BTM ex 11.08 Manioc starch/
NDB ex 11.08 Fécules de manioc

	EEC/ CEE	Canada	Australia/ Australie	New Zealand/ Nouvelle-Zélande	Austria/ Autriche	Norway/ Norvège	Sweden/ Suède	Switzerland/ Suisse	Finland/ Finlande	Japan/ Japon	USA/ Etats-Unis
Duty rates/ Taux de droits		1¢/lb (B-3/4¢/ /lb)	\$AO.055/kg + Primage 10% (B-\$AO.026/kg +5%)	3.35¢/lb ¹ (B-0.83¢/lb ¹)	S 1.40/kg	NKro.64 /kg	0	SwF 0.10/kg; SwF 0.01/kg ²	0	25%	0
- MFN/NPF	-										
GSP/SGP	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-tariff measures/ Mesures non tarifaires	V	-	-	Q	V	-	V	-	CG ³ ; V- FrM 0.40 /kg	DL	-
Trade flow (US\$'000)/ Echanges (EU\$'000)		2/	6/	7/	8/	9/	9/	8/	10/	11/	
Total imports 1970/ Importations totales, 1970	N.A.	1480	95	7	1	85	13	399	34	5472	333
Of which from developing countries/Dont en provenance des pays en voie de développement		16	16	-	1	-	1	6	-	5472	30
- at MFN rates/aux taux NPF		16	3	-	-	-	1	6	-	5472	30
- at preferential rates/à des taux préférentiels		-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Main developing country suppliers (\$'000)/Principaux pays en voie de développement fournisseurs (\$'000)

Thailand/Thaïlande 4470, Malaysia/Malaisie 1431, Brazil/Brésil 136, Indonésia/Indonésie 106, Singapore/Singapour 100, Togo 91

1. Plus 10 per cent ad. val. when packed for retail sale./Plus 10 pour cent ad val. s'ils sont conditionnés pour la vente au détail.
2. For technical use./Pour usages techniques.
3. Except when imported for use in the mineral, wool, plywood or brewing industries/Sauf les importations destinées aux industries de la laine minérale, du contreplaqué et de la brasserie.
4. Not available. Details of external trade for the EEC(9) to be supplied later./Chiffres inconnus. Les éléments d'information concernant la Communauté des Neuf seront communiqués ultérieurement.
5. Starches other than of potato, n.e.s./Fécules autres que celles de pommes de terre, n.d.a.
6. Starches other than of potato, maize and arrowroot./Fécules autres que celles de pommes de terre, de maïs, et d'arrow-root.
7. Starches other than of arrowroot and cornflour./Fécules autres que celles d'arrow-root et de farine de maïs.
8. Starches other than of maize and potato./Fécules autres que celles de maïs et de pommes de terre.
9. Starches other than of wheat, rice, maize and potato./Fécules autres que celles de blé, de riz, de maïs et de pommes de terre.
10. Manioc and sago starches./Fécules de manioc et de sagou.
11. Starches other than of potato./Fécules autres que celles de pommes de terre.

TABLE 4/TABLEAU 4

BTN/NDB ex 19.04 - Tapioca and sago./Tapioca et sagou

	EEC/ SEE	Canada	Australia/ Australie	New Zealand/ Nouvelle-Zélande	Austria/ Autriche	Norway/ Norvège	Sweden/ Suède	Switzerland/ Suisse	Finland/ Finlande	Japan/ Japon	USA/ Etats-Unis
Duty rates/ Taux de droits											
- MFN/NPF	10% (A-0)	10%	10% (B-0)	62½/ cental/ quintal (B-0)	25%	NKr 0.60/kg	0	SwF 0.025/kg	0	25%	0
GSP/SGP	7%	5%	0	-	-	-	-	0	-	-	-
Non-tariff measures/ Mesures non tarifaires	V	-	-	Q ¹	V	DL	V	-	V- Frnk 0.60/ kg QQ	-	-
Trade flow (US\$'000)/ Echanges (EU\$'000)				W	W	W	W	W		W	
Total imports 1970/ Importations totales, 1970	N.A./inc ²	173	80	77	1	14	1	8	-	4	7259
Of which from developing countries/Dont en provenance des pays en voie de développement		49	77	39	1	-	-	2	-	3	7177
- at MFN rates/aux taux NPF	49	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	3	7177	
- at preferential rates/ à des taux préférentiels	-	77	39	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Main developing country suppliers (\$'000)/Principaux pays en voie de développement fournisseurs (\$'000)

Thailand/Thaïlande	5112
Brazil/Brésil	1550
Madagascar	979
Malaysia/Malaisie	664
Togo	477

¹In retail packages/Conditionné pour la vente au détail

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Not available. Details of external trade for the EEC (a) to be supplied later./Chiffres incennus. Les éléments d'information concernant la Communauté des Neuf seront communiqués ultérieurement.