

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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## Multilateral Trade Negotiations

### GROUP 3(f) - PROVISIONAL AGENDA AND CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS

To facilitate discussions at the meeting of Group 3(f) scheduled for 11 July, the following notes have been prepared on the agenda and relevant documentation indicated.

#### 1. Products examined<sup>1</sup> at April meeting of Group 3(f)

In April, Group 3(f) agreed that at its next meeting it would take up any further points members may wish to submit in respect of the items examined in MTN/3F/W/3 and addenda. In response to requests for additional information concerning certain of these products, the following documents are being circulated:

Additional information on tea	MTN/3F/W/3/Add.8
Details of exports and re-exports of certain semi-processed and processed tropical products from developed countries	MTN/3F/W/3/Add.9
Additional information on exports of pepper from developing countries (variety, quantity and value)	MTN/3F/W/3/Add.10
Index of prices for cottonseed oilcake	MTN/3F/W/3/Add.11

#### 2. Products listed in document COM.TD/W/205

The secretariat was requested, inter alia, to collect information, where available in the necessary breakdown and detail, for products covered in document COM.TD/W/205 along the lines mentioned in paragraph 5 of MTN/3F/2. To enable the Group to review and analyze trade flows and commercial policy affecting these items with a view to diagnosing the problems they face, the secretariat has prepared the following background documentation.

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<sup>1</sup>Coffee, cocon, tea, bananas and pepper in their raw and processed forms and certain vegetable oilseeds, oils and oilcake. A record of the discussion at the April meeting is contained in MTN/3F/3 and addendum 1.

Background information on certain tropical products:

Spices	MTN/3F/W/5
Manioc, flour and meal of manioc, salep and sago, manioc starch, tapioca and sago	MTN/3F/W/6
Coconuts, brazil nuts, cashew nuts and kernels and cashew shell liquid	MTN/3F/W/7
Share of Selected Products in Exports of Developing Countries or Territories in 1970	MTN/3F/W/9
Tung, babassu, tobacco and oiticica (nuts, seeds and oil)	MTN/3F/W/10
Psyllium seed, pyrethrum, gum arabic, rattan, kapok and crin, carnauba wax	MTN/3F/W/11
Tropical fruit and fruit products	MTN/3F/W/12

### 3. Marketing and distribution systems

The secretariat was asked to provide information on studies carried out on marketing and distribution systems relating to tropical products. To the extent that details were available, the secretariat has in document MTN/3F/W/8 summarized information compiled in other international organizations with respect to cocoa, tea, spices, bananas and certain coconut products.

### 4. Work of Group 3(f)

The Group may wish to take stock of the work undertaken so far. In general terms, the Group will have examined those items listed in Annex 1 of MTN/3F/1 falling within BTN Chapters 1-24. Items not so far considered include those listed in MTN/3F/1 and falling within BTN Chapters 25-99. Additional lists of products submitted by delegations for consideration have been circulated in documents MTN/3F/W/2 and MTN/3F/W/4. Certain other suggestions have been included in the notes on the discussions at the last meeting of Group 3(f) (MTN/3F/3 and Add.1).

### 5. Ministerial Declaration

Recalling that the Programme of Work states that each group shall in the course of its work be guided by the Ministerial Declaration as it relates to developing countries, the Group agreed in April to take up this aspect in its work at its next meeting.

### 6. Report of Group 3(f)

The Group will adopt its report to the Trade Negotiations Committee.