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# Tropical Beverage Items (Coffee, Tea and Cocoa)

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#### Introduction

- 1. At the first meeting of the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products held on 26 February 1987, there was general agreement that the work in the initial phase should start on the basis of the seven product groups selected for the purpose of the consultations on tropical products held in the Committee on Trade and Development in 1982-84, in the understanding that this would not constitute a definition of tropical products nor an exhaustive listing and that other products might be included as negotiations proceed. As a first step in compiling background material for negotiations the Group agreed that the secretariat should be invited to update and revise the background documentation prepared for the 1982-84 consultations, including as appropriate data on the new Harmonized System of tariffs, so as to provide the Group with a summary of current trade flows and the tariff and non-tariff measures relating to the seven individual product groups covered by the consultations.
- 2. This document provides background material for negotiations with respect to one of the seven product groups covered by the 1982-84 consultations tropical beverage items, i.e. coffee, tea and cocoa in unprocessed and processed forms. This document covers the eleven developed country markets as in the background documentation prepared for the consultations. As far as tropical beverage items are concerned, any additional information that the Group might wish to have included as background material will be circulated as addenda to this document.
- 3. Section I includes tables which show the current tariff situation according to the new Harmonized System classifications. This section also includes an overview of the tariff situation and trade flows. Section II provides information on non-tariff measures and Section III documents the activities of other international organizations relevant to this product group.
- the 4. eleven markets referred to With respect to MTN.GNG/NG6/W/2/Add.1/Rev.1 provides tariff and trade flow data extracted from the 1984 Tariff Study files. These data are presented according to tariff classifications used before the adoption of the Harmonized System. With respect to pre-HS tariff items the secretariat has added corresponding new HS-based tariff item numbers and tariff rates. It is expected that these data will help identify broadly, if not precisely, major suppliers and the amount of trade involved with respect to new HS-based tariff items.

A number of participants in the Uruguay Round including developed countries have adopted new tariff schedules based on the Harmonized System The United States and Canada have adopted an internationally standardized tariff nomenclature for the first time. However, it may be noted that import data according to HS-based tariff items will not be available before 1989 or 1990. Thus, there is no other choice but to use the latest available import data for 1984, which are presented according to pre-HS tariff classifications, i.e. CCCN, TSUS or CTS.

#### SECTION I: Tariff situation, trade flows and consumption

5. Tables 1, 2 and 3 show the current tariff situation of eleven developed country markets with respect to coffee, tea and cocoa, respectively. The MFN and GSP rates indicated in these tables are new rates based on the Harmonized System. Tariff data in the tables are presented in a way to show the tariff escalation as clearly as possible. Tariff rates other than MFN and GSP rates are indicated in MTN.GNG/NG6/W/2/Add.1.

#### A. Coffee and processed coffee

#### (1) An overview of the tariff situation

- 6. With respect to all coffee and processed coffee items, the United States, Canada, Norway and Sweden provide developing countries duty-free treatment on an MFN basis or under the GSP. Australia provides developing countries duty-free treatment except for coffee extracts and preparations. With respect to unroasted coffee, Japan, Austria and New Zealand provide developing countries duty-free treatment, but they maintain tariffs on processed coffee. The EEC, Finland and Switzerland maintain duties on raw coffee for revenue purposes or for certain other reasons. These countries and markets also apply higher tariffs on processed coffee for the protection of their processing industries.
- 7. Portugal and Spain have been members of the EEC since 1986. As a result, these countries are aligning, step-by-step, their MFN duties to the EEC common external duties. Thus, these countries' MFN duties on coffee and processed coffee are being reduced except for some cases where their duty rates were the same as EEC rates or lower than EEC rates. Portugal's duty on decaffeinated unroasted coffee is being increased. These two countries have also adopted the EEC's GSP scheme and special preferences with certain transitional arrangements.
- 8. The EEC, under its GSP scheme for 1987, has reduced its duties on unroasted and roasted coffee by 0.5 percentage point. In adopting the Harmonized System, Australia has eliminated its duties on "coffee other than that imported under by-law".

#### (2) An overview of the trade flow situation and consumption

9. Table 4 shows imports and exports of coffee in 1983, 1984 and 1985. World Coffee imports increased moderately in the period due mainly to increasing imports by the United States, Japan, Republic of Korea, Hong Kong, Sinagpore, Poland, Switzerland and some EEC member countries. Imports into other markets stagnated. According to the FAO Trade Yearbook, the developed countries were responsible for 91 per cent of world coffee

The expression "provide developing countries duty-free treatment" is used throughout this section to provide a succinct picture of the tariff situation affecting exports from developing countries. Details of such treatment, i.e. whether "duty-free" is on an MFN basis or under the GSP, are shown in Tables 1-3.

# Explanatory Notes to Tables 1-3

#### Symbols used in the tables

\* = MFN tariff reductions and GSP improvements after the 1982-84 consultations on tropical products (to the extent that information is available at the secretariat)

MFN rate (under the HS-based tariff - effective 1 January 1988, except the United States having delayed its adoption)

B = MFN rate fully bound

P = MFN rate partially bound

U = MFN rate not bound

A = MFN rate applied actually on a temporary basis or otherwise

Examples: (a) 0%B,) Two bound rates at ero and 10 per cent on 10%B) the HS item.

(b) 10%B,) MFN rate is bound at 10 per cent, but a rate of 8%A) 8 per cent is actually applied on the HS item.

GSP rate (under the HS-based tariff - effective 1 January 1988, except the United States having delayed its adoption)

Blank space means that as the MFN rate is already zero, GSP is irrelevant.

= no GSP treatment for MFN dutiable item

(...%) = GSP rate whose application is subject to quantitative limitations (i.e. ceiling or quota)

Notes: 1. Information on country limitations for the GSP application is given in footnotes.

- 2. fariff rates other than MFN and GSP rates have been made available in MTN.GNG/NG6/W/2/Add.1.
- 3. "No GSP treatment" includes the cases where the GSP rate, though it remains on domestic legislation or regulation, no longer offers a preferential margin as a result of the reduction of the relevant MFN rate to or below the GSP rate.
- 4. Unless otherwise qualified, a single GSP rate indicated against two or more MFN rates means that all indicated dutiable MFN rates have been covered by the GSP rate indicated.

Table 1

Coffee and Processed Coffee

Sweden OX (all items)

H.S. Code No. (CCCN)	Harmonized commodity description		United States	Canada	Japan .	EEC	Aus- tria	Fin- land	Nor-	Svit- zer- land	Aust- ralia	New Zea- land
0901 0901.il (0901)	Coffee: Coffee, not rossted: - not decaffeinsted	HFN	0 <b>2</b> B	OXB	ОХВ	5 <b>%</b> B	1228	3.828	OZB	Sw F 0.50/ kg.B	210	OZB
		GSP				4.5%	οz	-		-	02	
0901.12 (0901)	- decaffeinsted	MFN	0 <b>%</b> B	OZB	OZB	13 <b>2</b> B	12 <b>7</b> 8	3.8XB	OZB	Sw F 0.76/ kg.B	220	QΣB
	···	GSP		·	·	8.52	02	-		Sv F 0.63/ kg.	OZ	
0901.21 (0901)	Coffee, rossted: - not decaffeinated	KFN	0 <b>2</b> B	4.41d/ kg.B	201B	15 <b>2</b> B	1518 <sub>4</sub> 19.518 <sup>4</sup>	162B	NOK 0.50/ kg.B	Sv F 0.90/ kg.B	220	25 <b>1</b> B
		GSP		02	-	11,52	12% 15.6%	-	0.7	Sw F 0.63/ kg.	02	10%
0961.22 (0901)	- deceffeinated	MFN	028	4.41¢/ kg.B	20 <b>2</b> B	18 <b>Z</b> B	15%B 19.5%B	16 <b>7</b> B	NOK 0.50/ kg.B	Sv F 0.90/ kg.8	220	25 <b>2</b> 8
	·.	GSP		oz	-	12.52*	127 15.67	-	02	Sv F 0.63/ kg.	02	101
ex2101.10 (2102)	Extracts, essences and concentrates of coffee	ИТН	OZP <sup>1</sup>	15.434/ kg.U	2/	18 <b>Ž</b> B	12XB, 15.62B <sup>5</sup> <u>6</u> /	9 <b>%</b> B	NOK 0.20/ kg.B	Sv F 2.60/ kg.B	\$0.66 /kg.B	3020
		GSP		ΟŻ	2/	923/	62 7.8\$	01	02	Su F 1.70/ kg.	\$0.66 /kg.B less 5%	
ex2101.10 (2102)	Preparations with a basis of these extracts,	МЕК	102B	15.43¢/ kg.U	<u>2</u> /	182B	524.5/ kg.U (16.8%) 7/	9 <b>7</b> B	15 <b>2</b> B	Sv F 2.60/ kg.B	As above	30 <b>%</b> U
	essences and concentrates or with a basis of coffee	GSP	OZ	02	2/		512/kg. (8.21) 7/	0%	ox	Sw F 1.70/ kg.	As above	24 to

# Footnotes to Table 1

- Duty-free treatment has not been bound for soluble or instant coffee, containing no mixture.
- <sup>2</sup> (a) Extracts, essences and concentrates of coffee and preparations with a basis of these extracts, essences and concentrates:
  - (1) with added sugar 30%B, 24%A, GSP 15%
  - (2) Other:
    - (a) instant coffee 17.5%B, 14%A\*,
    - (b) Other 25%B, 16%A\*, GSP 0%
  - (b) Preparations with a basis of coffee:
    - (1) with added sugar
      - (a) with sugar less than one-half in weight:
        - (i) with sugar being the most important ingredient 35%B, 28%A
        - (ii) Other 35%U, 28%A
      - (b) Other 35%B
    - (2) Other 25%U
- Within a Community tariff quota of 19,200 tonnes for soluble coffee in 1987 (see EC Official Journal L373, page 130 for details). Different rates apply to GSP imports into Portugal and Spain. There is no quota limitation for GSP imports of essences and concentrates of coffee.
  - In immediate packings of a content of 5 kg. or less
- $^5 \mbox{Solid}$  coffee extracts in immediate packings with a content of 1 kg. or less.
- $^6$ Liquid coffee extracts; essences and concentrates of coffee \$24.5/Kg.U, GSP \$12/Kg. .
  - $^{7}$ Preparations with a basis of coffee 32%, minimum \$3/Kg U, no GSP.
  - <sup>8</sup>These GSP rates are not applicable to Brazil,
  - 9 Bound at 35 per cent.
- $^{10} \mbox{{\sc ''}}$  Coffee pastes" consisting of mixtures of ground, roasted coffee, with vegetable fats and sometimes other ingredients.

Table 2 Tea and Processed Tea

#### Finland and Sweden OZB (all items)

H.S. Code No. (CCCN)	Harmonized commodity description		United States	Canada	Japan	EEC	Aus- tria	Nor- way	Swit- zer- land	Aust- ralia	New Zea- land
0902.40 (0902)	Black tea (fermented) and partly fermented tea	HFN	OZB	13.232/ kg.B 0%A	5%A, 1/	0%B	охв	02в	ОХВ	0 <b>2</b> B	OXB
	in immediate packings of a content exceeding 3 kg.	GSP			2.5% Black tea						
0902.30 (0902)	Black tea (fermented) and other partly ferm-	MFN	Ω%B	13.23d/ kg.B 0%A	2028	5%B	102B	ОХВ	0%в	0%в	0%*υ <sup>4</sup>
	ented tea in immediate packings of a content not exceeding 3 kg.	GSP			]4% Black tea	0%	02			-	
	Extracts, ess- ences and concentrates of tea	нгк	028	13.23é/ kg.B 0%A	<u>2</u> /	122B	247B	ОХВ	Sw F 2.70/ kg.B	2%U	0%*11
2101.20		GSP			2/	0%	QZ		0%	02	٠.
(2102)	Preparations with a basis of these extracts,	MFN	102B	13.23¢/ kg.B 0%A	2}	12%B	242B <u>3</u> /	15%B	Sw F 2.70/ kg.B	2%U	0%*U 30%U
	essences or concentrates or with a hasis of tea	GSP	0%		2)	0%	02 <u>3</u> /	οx	oz	02	2076

 $<sup>\</sup>frac{1}{w_{\text{BSR}}}$  unfit for beverage OVB; other than black tea 20%B.

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$ (c) Extracts, essences and concentrates, and preparations with a basis of these extracts, essences or concentrates

<sup>(1)</sup> instant tea - 20%B, 16%A\*, GSP 8%
(2) other - 16%B, 12.8%A\*, GSP 8%

<sup>(2)</sup> other - 10%B, 12.8%A\*, GSP 8%\*

(b) Preparations with a basis of tea

(l) with added sugar - 35%P 28%A (with sugar less than one-half in weight)

(2) other - 25%U

 $<sup>^3\</sup>mathrm{Preparations}$  with a basis of ten 32% minimum S 3/Kg U, no GSP

Ablack ten in packages of 2.26 kg. not weight or less - bound at 10 per cent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>Bound at 25 per cent.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Preparations consisting of a mixture of tea, milk powder and sugar.

Table 3
Cocoa and Cocoa Products

H.S. Code No. (CCCN)	Rarmonized commodity description		United States	Canada	Japan	EEC	Aus- tria	Fin- land-	Nor- way	Swe- den	Swit- zer- land	Aust- ralia	New- Zea- land
1801. 00 (1801)	Cocoa beans, whole or broken, raw or roasted	MFN	0 <b>%</b> B	0 <b>%</b> B	0%B	3%B	raw 4ZB other 6ZB	raw 0%B other 5%B	0 <b>2</b> B	OXB	0 <b>%</b> B	220	ОХВ
		GSP				-	0%	0%				02	
00	Cocoa shells, husks,skins and other cocoa waste	MFN	0%8	0%B	OZB	3 <b>%</b> B	S1.25/ kg.U	ОХВ	0%B	0%B	Sw F 0.01/ kg.U	2%U	ОХВ
		GSP				-	0%				0%	0%	
1803. 10 (1803)	Cocoa paste, whether or not defatted:	MFN	0 <b>%</b> B	ОХВ	10%B	15%3	15%B	3.8%B	0 <b>%</b> B -	0 <b>%</b> B	Sw F 0.40/ kg.B	028	25.5 <b>%</b> B
	defatted	GSP			5%	112	οż	υχ			oz		15%
1803. 20 (1803)	- wholly or partly defatted	MFN	0.82¢/ kg.B	0%B	20%U	15%B	15%B	3.8%B	0 <b>%</b> B	0 <b>%</b> B	Sw F 0.40/ kg.B	028	25.5%*L
·		GSP	02		10%	112	0%	οż			02		152
1804. 00 (1804)	Cocoa butter, fat and oil	MFN	028	0%B	2.5%	12%B	528	278	ОХН	SEK 0.1/ kg.B	Sw F 0.025/ kg.B	ОХВ	0 <b>2</b> B
		GSP			0%	82*1/	0%	0%		0%	0%		
00	Cocoa powder not contain- ing added sugar or	MFN	0.82∉/ kg.B	10%B	21.5%8	16%B	27%B	10%B	NOK 0.40/ kg.B	SEK 0.1/ kg.B	Sw F 0.28/ kg.B	0%B	25.5%
	other sweetening matter	GSP	02	5%	15%	9%	7%	0%	0%	02	Sw F 0.14/ kg.		15%

EEC quota limitation on GSP application was removed in 1987

CAFE VERDE+TOSTADO

Table 4
Imports and Exports of Coffee in 1983, 1984 and 1985

CAFE VERT+TORREFIE

COFFEE GREEN+ROAST

Table 4 (continued)

	IMPORTS IMPORTATIO		į	IMPORTS IMPORTATION IMPORTACION		00\$	EXPORTS EXPORTATION			EXPORTS EXPORTACIO		O\$ 
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
1.4					.,.			404007	202185	51067	62875	76227
UROPE	2236750	2185143	2299951	603976	644325	672391	141906	164867				
JUSTRIA IELGIUM-LUX IULGARIA	56604 104354 8402	57009 105743 8130	64365 128090 11981	16278 30900 1700 F	16995 34151 1800 F	18438 39997 2550 F	3192 23400	3504 26059	10761 39089	1045 9405	-1062 11208	3405 15881
ZECHOSLOVAK DENMARK	31556 58667	29266 55980	31864 56026	4574 18304	4457 17290	6695 16873	3908	2867	2732	1269	990	974
FAEROE IS FINLAND FRANCE	195 63048 332319	248 68565 306062	260° 53256 312791	85 18195 87986	67 21613 92164	97 · 17307 92460	1611 18726	805 17237	1414 23885	481 5773	249 5909	424 7854
SERMAN DR SERMANY FR SREECE	74225 522880 20724	66018 515926 22395	72300 F 525068 20516	21550 F 147243 5430	19810 F 157751 4949	21690 F 159273 4626	62943 240	75425 288	80795 292	23199 124	29052 138	31907 158
HUNGARY CELAND RELAND	31782 2232 744	37271 2292 1035	35189 2641 971	4013 556 227	4880 531 346	6196 668 372	47		5621	10 1556	2410	2918
TALY MALTA	245697 55	224664 90	284215 51	65047 0	65698 11	8282 <del>5</del> 10	3367	5093		4243	7375	8536
NETHERLANDS HORWAY POLAND	152394 42645 17322	162926 42097 34403	173928 40605 35657	43822 11949 2020	50405 13019 4703	52212 11996 5145	13355 360	21448 391	27129 87	119	117	42
PORTUGAL ROMANIA	17605 12000 °	19445 12000	22360 15000 F	4334 3200 F	4894 3400 F	5503 4100 F		13	14	7	5	
SPAIN SWEDEN	139452 94438	123508 93174	129000° 91054	36293 26487	36851 29236 18373	35900 ° 27757 21407	801 1883 4434	531 2846 4073	300 ° 1564 5517	615 1833	178 1025 1720	100 66- 235
SWITZERLAND JK YUGOSLAVIA	61206 100432 34571	60190 116218 20488	67926 111160 13557	17900 28146 7709	36139 4864	34003 3291	3510 104	4235 52	2932 53	1072 89	1403 39	280
OCEANIA	39383	37691	37819	9804	10406	10732	52811	50942	40690	11517	12762	1175
AUSTRALIA	31961	30652	30344	7810	5346	8573	162	107	235	135	69	6
NEW ZEALAND PAPUA N GUIN	6840	6685	7051	1811	1927	2018	5 52518	22 50771	16 40606	11350	14 12689	11670
USSR	38660	49047	58104	9349	10190	12055		•				
DEV.PED M E	3430907	3469780	3633554	928556	1032895	1057682	185503	228243	254758	67686	84713	9452
N AMERICA W EUROPE	1089075 2081463	1177561 1998055	1232597 2097960	290447 566919	343926 605275	348355 625014	42736 141906	62673 164867	51895 202185	16160 51067	21485 62875 83	1804 7622 7
OCEANIA OTH DEV.PED	38801 241568	37337 256827	37395 265602	9620 61570	10273 73421	10590 73724	167 694	129 574	251 427	139 319	271	18
DEV.PING M E	330555	327608	332756	86839	61811	63409	3839214	3968999	4138100	891218	1009460	104064
AFRICA LAT AMERICA NEAR EAST	113824 66758 77183	97650 69536 63113	101828 68489 67714	23116 11132 18276	18821 10868 14948	16569 10525 16941		899842 2523934	1009711 2567212	585178	230951 651202	25378 66773
FAR EAST DTH DV.PING ,	71662 1128	96447 862	93749 977	13568 448	19164 411	18966 409	5531 408789 52644	6548 487884 50613	1732 518808 40639	80331	1117 103511 12679	40 10702 1168
ENTR PLANND	244174	251701	271076	49727	51310	61114	14200	13200	10912	2700	2680	191
AS AN CPE E FUR+USSR	30227 213947	15566 236135	10981 260095	3320 46406	2070 49240	1682 59432	14200	13200	10012	2700	2680	191
EV PED ALL	3644854	3705915	3893649	974963	1082134	1117114	185503	228243	254758	67686	84713	9452
EV PING ALL	360782	343174	343737	69959	63882	65091	3853414	3982199	4149012	893918	1012140	10/255

Source: FAO Trade Yearbook, 1985

imports by quantity in 1985. The EEC (12) was the largest market, accounting for 42 per cent of world imports, followed by the United States - 27 per cent, other Western European countries - 7 per cent, Eastern European countries - 6 per cent, Japan 5 per cent, and Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa - 4 per cent. The developing countries were responsible for 9 per cent of world imports. A large number of developing countries import coffee: in descending order of market size, these are Algeria, Argentina, Singapore, Yugoslavia, Saudi Arabia, China, Morocco, Israel, Republic of Korea and Cuba.

- 10. Table 5 shows the per capita consumption of coffee by importing members of the International Coffee Agreement in 1981-1986. The per capita coffee consumption has been stagnant in all developed country markets except Japan.
- 11. The tariff-related trade flow data show the following trade flow situations:
  - (i) all the markets under study have imported raw coffee primarily from coffee-producing countries;
  - (ii) imports of such processed coffees as roasted coffee and instant coffee are relatively small in the markets maintaining tariff escalation on these products;
  - (iii) in non-EEC European countries, the principal supplier of processed coffee was the EEC in most cases or Switzerland in some cases in 1984. These suppliers have enjoyed EEC/EFTA free-trade arrangements on coffee extracts in some non-EEC European countries which maintain m.f.n. duties on the item. The principal supplier of processed coffees to Canada was the United States. It appears that the proximity to large markets is among the factors which have influenced the direction of trade flows to these relatively small markets;
  - For the EEC (excluding Portugal and Spain), Brazil and (iv) Colombia were the first and second suppliers of raw coffee in 1984. Other major suppliers included Côte d'Ivoire and Uganda. The share of special preferential suppliers in the EEC's imports increased from 38 per cent in 1980 to 41 per cent in 1984. Brazil was the principal supplier of coffee extracts. Other major suppliers included Côte d'Ivoire, Colombia and Switzerland. Special preferential suppliers increased their share in the EEC market for coffee extracts from 7 per cent in 1980 to 19 per cent in 1984. For the EEC, Switzerland was the principal supplier of roasted coffee (both regular and decaffeinated) among MFN and GSP sources. Table 6 shows EEC imports of coffee and processed coffee in 1980 and 1984 according to major tariff treatments.

<sup>1</sup> Of which about 4 per cent is intra-EEC trade.

Table 5 Per capita consumption (disappearance) of coffee (kg.)

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
тотал	4.40	4.37	4.42	4.31	4,33	4.34
U.B.A. 1/	4.80	4.77	4.63	4.71	4.65	4.41
e.e.s.	4.68	4.89	5.03	4.74	4.88	4.93
Belgium/Luxembourg	8.58	7.15	8.84	7.25	7.60	7.14
Denmark	11.79	11.46	11.15	11.05	11.04	11.00
France	6.05	5.91	5.94	5.39	5.47	5.49
Germany, F.R. of	7-06	7.34	7.29	7.03	6.84	7.38
Greeck	2.63	2.65	2.81	3.00	2.96	2.18
Ireleĥd	1.10	1.00	1.16	1.47	1.59	1.81
Itely	3.98	4.33	4.34	3.89	4.93	4.37
Vetherlands .	9.09	8.97	9.58	9.46	9.41	9.65
Portuga I	1.48	1.42	1.90	1.96	2.19	1.64
Spain	2.75	2.76	3.19	2.92	2.74	3.44
Inited Kingdom	2.55	2.43	2.41	2.51	2.44	2.42
ther importing Members	3.27	3.18	3.32	3.26	3.17	3.44
ustralia	2.51	2.62	2.31	2.44	2.11	2.24
ustria	6.55	7.92	8.53	7.73	7.34	7.75
anada	4.79	4.33	4.25	4.27	4.41	4.15
yprus	2.95	2.63	6.55	2/	2.87	1.34
iji	0.37	0.18	0.18	0.17	0.09	0.09
inland	13.52	12.78	12.93	14.59	10.09	12.09
apan	1.68	1.85	1.94	2.01	2.14	2.23
ew Zeal and	2.09	1.96	2.25	2.01	1.94	1.88
orway	10.26	10.31	11.36	10.39	10.47	10.09
ingapore	2/	2/	2/	2.36	2/	2/
veden	12.91	11.73	12.14	11.29	11.55	.11,64
vitearland	6.57	5.58	6.00	6.04	6.17	6.59
ugoslavi <b>)</b>	2.01	1.05	1.51	0.89	0.58	2.31

<sup>\*</sup> Preliminary

1/ Based on estimates of civilian population by the United States Department of Commerce

2/ Re-exports exceeded imports in these years

Source: International Coffee Organization

EEC's Imports of Coffee and Processed Coffee According to Major Tariff Trestments

(Unit: US\$'000)

	T	1	T	T -	1	
	Special pref.	1,560,621 (412)	(33Z) 780	5,457 (572)	(22)	23,978 (19%)
1984	GSP sources	2,247,615 (59 <b>%</b> )	279 (20 <b>2</b> )	636 (7%)	8 (77)	97,855 (78%)
19	RFN	2,247	258 (18 <b>7</b> )	3,008 (32%)	99 (\$12)	2,873 (2%)
	Total	3,808,236 (100%)	1,469 <sup>1</sup> (1002)	9,497 (100%)	109 (100%)	124,707 (100Z)
	Special pref.	1,860,514 (38%)	3,644 (21%)	8,345 (67%)	35 (23 <b>%</b> )	12,280 (7%)
1980	GSP	, 982, 374 (62 <b>X</b> )	13,341 (782)	2,246 (182)	47 (31%)	151,867
	MFN	2,98:	85 (0.5%)	1,662 (13%)	( <b>29</b> 7)	1,496 (12)
	Total	4,842,888 (100%)	17,070 (100%)	12,476 (100%)	151 (100%)	165,643 (100%)
رمووه	V 1 1 1 0 0	Raw	Decaf.	Roasted	Roasted decaf.	Extracts

Including unspecified sources 452 (31%).

Source: COM.TD/W/328/Add.2 and Annex to this document

(v) for Japan the principal supplier of roasted coffee was the EEC. Japan is a sizeable market for instant coffee. Major suppliers of instant coffee to this market included the EEC, Colombia, Brazil and the United State. As far as other coffee extracts and concentrates are concerned, Brazil, which has enjoyed GSP treatment, was the only supplier in 1984.

#### B. Tea (black tea) and processed tea

#### (1) An overview of the tariff situation

- 12. With respect to tea in bulk and packed tea, most markets under study have granted developing countries duty-free treatment on an MFN basis or under the GSP. The MFN duty-free treatment of Canada and New Zealand has yet to be bound. Japan applies to developing countries GSP rates of 2.5 per cent, 14 per cent and 8 per cent on bulk tea, packed tea and instant tea respectively. Japan is a significant producer of green tea, but depends entirely on imports for the supply of black tea in unprocessed form. Austria and New Zealand provide developing countries duty-free treatment except for certain tea preparations.
- 13. Japan reduced MFN and GSP rates on tea extracts and tea preparations by 20 per cent (e.g. from 10 per cent ad valorem to 8 per cent ad valorem) under GSP in 1986.

#### (2) An overview of the trade flow situation

- 14. Table 7 indicates net imports of tea (or approximately tea consumption) in 1980-84 and in 1985 (preliminary). World net imports of tea increased by 11 per cent by quantity between 1980 and 1984 owing to a rising demand for tea by developing countries; tea imports by developed countries stagnated in this period. While developed countries decreased their share of the world market from 60 per cent to 53 per cent between these two years, developing countries increased their share from 40 per cent to 47 per cent.
- 15. Among developed country markets, the EEC (12) was the largest market, responsible for about one quarter of world net imports in 1984, followed by the United States 9 per cent, the USSR 7 per cent, other Eastern European countries 3.5 per cent, Canada and Australia 2 per cent each, South Africa, Japan and other Western European Countries 1 per cent each. In 1985 net imports of Eastern Europe and Japan increased significantly. Net imports have tended to decline in such traditional black tea drinking countries as the United Kingdom, Ireland, Australia, Canada, South Africa and New Zealand. Among developing countries Pakistan and Egypt were by far the largest markets for tea, accounting for 9 per cent and 8 per cent of world net imports in 1984, respectively.
- 16. For Japan, the EEC and the United States were the first and second suppliers of packed tea in 1984 while Sri Lanka was the principal supplier of both tea in bulk and instant tea. Imports of other tea products into Japan were negligible. For New Zealand the EEC was the principal supplier of packed tea and tea extracts. The principal supplier of tea in all forms to Canada was also the EEC.

Table 7
Net Imports of Tea

('000 metric tons)

	1980	1982	. 1982	1983	1984	1985
World Trade	344.5	802.6	823.0	833.3	936.3	933.3
Developed countries	504.7	456.4	486.9	448.9	510.6	508.1
Western Europe	254.6	199.1	245.3	215.3	250.1	222.7
EEC United Kingdom Lreiand Netherlands Germany, F.R. France Italy Denmark Belgium Greece Portugal Spain	246.2 186.7 15.2 10.0 14.7 8.9 3.5 2.4 1.1 0.3 0.4 3.0	188.2 135.3 11.3 10.1 15.1 8.3 3.2 2.2 1.3 0.5 0.2	234.8 183.6 8.9 10.3 15.5 7.7 3.5 2.3 1.4 0.3 0.3	205.7 155.2 10.8 8.0 14.0 8.9 3.3 2.6 1.3 0.3 0.2	239.5 184.2 10.4 11.1 17.1 8.4 3.1 2.4 1.4 0.3 0.2 0.9	212.3 155.4 10.6 10.8 17.0 9.1 3.8 2.3 1.3 0.4 0.3
Other Western Europe Sweden Switzerland Others	8.4 2.9 1.7 3.8	10.9 2.8 1.9 6.2	10.5 2.9 2.0 5.6	9.6 2.9 1.7 5.0	10.6 3.1 2.0 5.5	10.4 2.8 2.1 5.5
United States	81.8	84.0	80.9	75.2	85.9	77.1
Canada	20.3	18.8	17.7	19.8	20.5	15.7
Oceania Australia New Zealand	31.5 23.6 7.9	27.8 21.7 6.1	29.6 23.3 6.3	27.8 21.4 6.4	27.8 21.8 6.0	26.3 20.6 5.7
Others Japan Israel South Africa	34.6 13.8 2.9 17.9	28.4 11.2 2.1 15.1	24.1 9.0 2.0 13.1	27.5 9.9 2.2 15.4	28.6 12.8 1.9 13.9	34.3 21.2 2.2 10.9
Centrally Planned Countries  Eastern Europe  USSR	81.9 30.1 51.8	98.3 31.1 67.2	89.3 32.5 56.8	83.3 32.2 51.1	97.7 32.8 64.9	132.0 41.8 90.2
Developing Countries	339.8	346.2	336.1	384.4	425.7	425.2
Latin America Chile Others	15.0 11.3 3.7	13.5 10.5 3.0	12.9 10.5 2.4	$\frac{13.9}{11.6}$ 2.3	12.7 10.0 2.7	14.8 12.5 2.3
Near East	194.4	180.1	183.5	205.1	252.8	243.9
In Asia Afghanistan Iran Iraq Saudi Arabia Syria Others	117.8 15.0 21.0 30.0 15.2 9,3 27.3	107.7 13.3 14.5 29.7 16.3 7.8 26.1	107.0 10.7 12.4 36.5 15.1 11.0 21.3	119.7 11.8 15.8 37.3 17.9 11.8 25.1	156.9 18.6 33.4 45.7 20.5 13.0 25.7	148.7 7.0 31.0 40.0 21.0 21.9 27.8
In Africa Egypt Libya Sudan	76.6 54.4 13.0 9.2	72.4 53.0 6.1 13.3	76.5 57.3 7.4 11.8	85.4 65.0 7.5 12.9	95.9 76.1 8.7 11.1	95.2 73.1 10.1 12.0
Other Africa	48.2	58.8	48.4	55.2	50.2	54.2
Far East and Oceania Pakistan Hong Kong Others	77.6 60.8 8.3 8.5	89.3 72.4 7.7 9.2	87.1 69.4 8.7 9.0	105.4 86.3 8.8 10.3	104.2 85.3 10.1 8.8	106.6 89.0 9.1 8.5
Centrally Flanned Countries	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.8	5.8	5.7

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Source: FAO document ESC: TE87/1.

### C. Cocoa and cocoa products

#### (1) An overview of the tariff situation

- 17. With respect to cocoa beans and all cocoa products under study, the United States, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Australia provide developing countries duty-free treatment on an MFN basis or under the GSP. Canada, Austria and Switzerland provide such treatment except for cocoa powder. Japan and New Zealand provide such treatment except for cocoa paste and powder.
- 18. The EEC maintains an MFN rate of 3 per cent on cocoa beans and higher duties on cocoa products (see Table 3). Portugal and Spain have been EEC members since 1986. As a result, these countries are in the process of aligning their MFN duties to EEC common external duties. Thus, these countries' MFN duties on cocoa and cocoa products are being reduced except for some cases where their duty rates were the same as EEC rates or lower than EEC rates. Portugal's duties on cocoa paste and butter are being increased. These two countries have also adopted the EEC's GSP scheme and special preferences with some transitional arrangements. In 1987 the EEC removed a quota for the application of its GSP rate of 8 per cent on cocoa butter.

#### (2) An overview of the trade flow situation and consumption

19. The following table indicates that world trade of cocoa beans and cocoa products increased steadily between 1980 and 1985, but that cocoa exporting countries were not able to increase the share of cocoa products in their total exports of cocoa beans and products. About one-third of the cocoa beans are now ground in cocoa producing countries mainly for the export of semi-finished products, which are shipped to processors in developed countries.

	World Im	ports (thou	sand metr	ic tons)		
	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985
Cocoa beans Cocoa paste Cocoa butter Cocoa powder	1,067.9 146.9 182.7	1,242.2 151.6 186.6	1,269.5 130.1 195.2	1,261.7 142.3 220.0	1,324.0 148.0 234.8	1,458.3 162.8 264.3
and cake	170.3	189.2	180.3	213.1	227.8	232.7

Source: FAO Trade Year Book 1982-85.

20. With respect to cocoa beans and products, developed countries account for more than 90 per cent of world imports because the consumption of chocolate and other cocoa products is concentrated in these countries. The EEC is the largest market for cocoa, consuming about one-third of world cocoa production in 1984/85, followed by the United States which consumed about one-quarter and the USSR which consumed about 13 per cent. Other major consuming countries included Japan - 4.5 per cent, Canada - 3 per cent, German Democratic Republic - 2 per cent, Australia, Austria and

- Switzerland 1.5 per cent each, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia and Argentina 1 per cent each. Such cocoa producing countries as Brazil, Colombia and Mexico were also significant consumers, each accounting for 2 to 3 per cent of world cocoa consumption. Yugoslavia's imports of cocoa beans and products have increased in recent years. Singapore is a significant importer of cocoa beans and an exporter of cocoa products. The cocoa consumption in a number of Asian markets is low due to dietary habits and for other reasons.
- 21. Tables 8-11 show imports and exports in 1983-85 of cocoa bean, cocoa paste, cocoa butter, and cocoa powder and cake, respectively. Table 12 shows cocoa consumption and the per capita consumption of cocoa in major consuming countries in the period 1981/82 1985/86. In most traditional markets for cocoa, per capita cocoa consumption was stagnant in the period, although it was still increasing moderately in a few such markets.
- 22. The tariff-related trade flow data and previous background documents on tropical products show that in the EEC market (not including Portugal and Spain), the countries enjoying special preferences increased their share of trade in cocoa and cocoa products significantly in the period 1980-1984. With respect to cocoa beans, their share in EEC imports increased from 87 per cent in 1980 to 95 per cent in 1984, for cocoa paste from 65 per cent to 95 per cent, for cocoa butter from 71 per cent to 75 per cent and, for cocoa powder from 10 per cent to 80 per cent. A dramatic increase in the ACP share for cocoa powder reflected the displacement of imports from Malaysia and Singapore by those from Côte d'Ivoire.
- 23. The separate data available for Portugal and Spain show that in 1984 Brazil was the principal supplier of cocoa beans to Spain, of cocoa paste to Portugal and Spain, and of cocoa butter to Portugal. Côte d'Ivoire was the principal supplier of cocoa beans to Portugal. Indonesia was the principal supplier of cocoa butter to Spain. Switzerland and Nigeria were the principal suppliers of cocoa powder to Portugal and Spain, respectively.
- 24. In 1984 the EEC (10) was the principal supplier of cocoa powder to Japan, Austria, Switzerland and New Zealand. For Norway the principal supplier of all cocoa products was the EEC. Canadian tariff item No. 2200-1 covers both cocoa powder and chocolate preparations. The principal supplier of this item was also the EEC.
- 25. For Japan the principal supplier of undefatted cocoa paste was Ecuador and the first and second suppliers of defatted cocoa paste were Brazil and Côte d'Ivoire. For New Zealand the principal supplier of cocoa paste was Japan.

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Table 8
Imports and Exports of Cocoa Beans in 1983-85

	IMPOR	TS	MT	IMPORT	8	1000\$	EXPORT	8	MT	EXPORT	8	1000\$
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
WORLD	1261714	1334022	1458907	2284178	2976863	3391838	1205366	1349035	1444038	1874028	2836626	3070651
AFRICA	2509	5918	6658	16418	13672	14961	786441	889568	876008	1217281	1822487	1880428
BENIN CAMERDON			297			600 F	2900 ° 80052	7029 69030	16076 88496	5000 °	15865 160540	31500 191801
CONGO COTE-IVOIRE EGYPT	1574	1300	2500	3311	3300 F	6000 F	1800° 286382	2192 449070	2000 ° 445000 F	2500 F 422299	3024 910612	2900 i 990000 i
EO GUINEA GABON GHANA							9500 ° 2569 153397	6810° 1543 148875	7270 * 1540 172397	17163 4500 F 242000	13800 F 3903 346956	13300 ( 3700 ( 329800 )
GUINEA LIBERIA MADAGASCAR	1	7	1		6 7		4000 F 5708 2315	4000 F 6149 2495	4000 F 4977 2000	11482 3280	6500 F 15297 4594	6300 11177 3800
NIGERIA SAO TOME PRN SIERRA LEONE	3150			4107			206024 4414	130608 3800	100000° 3600°	321191 9260	251905 8700 F	230000 7600
SOUTH ÁFRICA TANZANIA TOGO	3810	3351	2550	6209	7091	5360	12278 1300 °	9765 1200 °	10500 ° 1460	17367 2300 F	23108 2300 F	2400U 2550
TUNISIA UGANDA	998	1010	1051	2105	2660	2341	92 <b>00</b>	21301	12500 F	14571	48300 650 F	26000 400
ZAIRE	22.4205	200012	*****				4451	4274	4000	8000.	6600 F	5800
N C AMERICA CANADA COSTA RICA	234395 15989	220818 24477	293145 21562	383513 315 <b>3</b> 2	474060 58356	616517 49654	75000	59202	57515	128504	131436	114714
DOMINICAN RP	454	774	356	904	1350	640 F	735 34199	843 32260	1300 31171	1034 55021	1546 70064	2300 57917
EL SALVADOR GRENADA GUATEMALA	343	601	4001	614	1279	860 F	2234 2234	20 2065	220 ° 2179	32 4057	47 4284	440 ! 4998
HAITI HONDURAS							1252 3917 982	1200 ° 2404 900 °	600° 3400° 2000°	1902 4732 1840	2100 F 4553	1050 6100
JAMAICA MEXICO	72			195		İ	1964 11532	1910 3603	1926 1588	4952 19589	1800 F 3888 8605	3900   3800   3358
TRINIDAD TOB USA	17 217119	193942	27037:3	33 349338	411190	564213	1699 16270	1500 12115	1330 11284	2919 32017	3184 30705	3068 26738
SOUTH AMERIC	2125	3955	7263	4298	11222	17810	167686	164092	249830	314304	369820	513026
ARGENTINA BRAZIL	1585	2820	2600	3622	8503	7800 F	152773	107289	171609	263773	249122	359723
COLOMBIA ECUADOR PERU	200 63	748 215	4163 150 F	299 42	1685 541	9200 F 380 F	20 5556 794	3654 46910 - 347	2923 68899 480 F	40 8385 1292	8241 95991 809	6100 131834 960
URUGUAY VENEZUELA	177	172	150 *	335	493	430 F	8634	5892	5019	20834	15657	14409
ASIA	110956	99830	104195	204342	224572	243189	89414	120238	148653	151783	261399	311823
CHINA NDONESIA	9584 8495	12372 2112	2000	18470 5572	24640 1632	16861	15885	24299	30000	26350	50000	
RAN SRAEL JAPAN	100 ° 1535 34891	100 ° 1062 33899	100 F 1042 35540	250 F 3806 72137	250 F 3848 86613	260 F 4200 · 93521	13000	24239		20030	50282	58700
COREA REP	1619	2114 150 F	1905 150 F	3071 409	5589 450 F	5085 450 F	77			193		
Malaysia Pakistan Philippines	1891 15	177 27	150 F	3505 16	458 26	390 F 12	57260	66133	88000	98523	144295	190000 F
AUDI ARABIA BINGAPORE	6771 1 41705	1737 43648	1791 52547	13354 2	3380	3931	420	1334	1500	569	2495	2700 F
RI LANKA URKEY	4136	2381	2633	76110 8765	91903 5694	110734	15020 732	27943 489	26321 800 F	25011 1120	63186 1060	58675 1700 F
EUROPE	729129	833847	885324	1333333	1861899	2118734	56507	77801	76452	104701	159509	180126
AUSTRIA BELGIUM-LUX BULGARIA CZECHOSLOVAK	10503 31310 8055	11138 34389 7045	11002 38279 11589	18451 67066 17000 F	26122 76744 17000 F	25890 91173 28100 F	2 86	339	73 1137	3 95	791	161 2627
DENMARK INLAND	16826 2266 897	17624 1992 944	16343 2610 575	37600 4198 1772	43200 ° 4668 2308	40346 6274 1509		12			32	
RANCE ERMAN DR	57766 15386	52357 21264	46540 18182	101538 32700 F	116032 50400 F	110802 48000 F	2929	5938	4532	5334	14874	11377
ERMANY FR REECE : UNGARY	172558 4789	195328 5144	220084 4987	306636 9821	424560 13010	519140 13113	1959	2451	701	3757	5211	1578
CELAND RELAND	13736 9 5801	23867 12 7744	18324 5 9479	31870 29 9454	56171 35	44120	4822	12054		11788	25571	
ALY ETHERLANDS	36424 186436	39477 221094	47515 230419	67434 336423	15579 91100 488505	23341 116535	545 21	130	108 68	1293 26	289 6	305 178
ORWAY DLAND	5196 20442	4396 21636	5720 23504	\$351 35074	9992 46120	549526 14591 48596	37123 57	50940 320	59638	65350 134	109833 849	141152
ORTUGAL OMANIA	242 6050	213 4500	191 5000	506 12800 F	558 12500 F	480 14500 F		3			10	· ·
PAIN WEDEN	38496 2904	37862 2705	38000 F 3477	56793 5341	84788 6239	88000 F 8359	294	3	- 1	472	1	
WITZERLAND K	19797 58147	17095 98706	21613 96607	38384 116739	36005 219395	53737 238138	101 8678	164 5444	66 10129	221 16228	385 11655	156 22592
JGOSLAVIA CEANIA	7093 13131	7315 9870	15399	16353	20170	38448						
USTRALIA UI	13131 8008	5536	1902	23563 13518	20361 10902	16361	312 <b>26</b> 618	38 167 550	35580 745	57455 1116	81995 700	70534
DI EW ZEALAND APUA N GUIN AMOA	5030	4284	4898	9972	9369	12215	217 18 26342	246 34450	220 F	411 15 49610	529 75437	4401 63170
OLOMON IS ANUATU							1567 1235	720 1410	681 1753	2495 1970	1313 - 2646	1307 ° 3381
SSR	162279	149984	154868				1231	791	817	1638	1351	1237

Table 9

Imports and Exports of Cocoa Paste in 1983-85

	COCOA PA	01 <b>C</b>			PATE	DE CACAO	:	P	ASTA DE	CACAO		
	IMPORTS IMPORTATI IMPORTACI			IMPORTS IMPORTATI IMPORTAC		1000\$	EXPORTS EXPORTATI EXPORTAC			EXPORTS EXPORTATI EXPORTAC	IONS	00\$
· .	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
WORLD	142307 -	148034	162776	299229	419524	445375	142357	158686	167385	77007		
AFRICA	2792	3355	2744	5785	8408	6976	23483	30635		276607	426801	440263
ALGERIA CAMEROON COTE-IVOIRE	298	392	260 •	707	886	600 F	1259	4914	31409 4755	48317	721 <b>95</b> 7117	75600
GHANA KENYA	-326	383	400 F	453	756	800 F	18499 2145	23021 1350	23529 1825	39510 3700	61066 2700 F	61200 3300
NIGERIA SOUTH AFRICA TUNISIA	1934 168	· 2473	2000 • 84	4222 234	6543 223	5420° 156	1500° 50°	1200 ° 150 °	1200 ° 100 °	1000 °	1000 F 312	900 200
N C AMERICA	45704	45650	53096	92022	127611	137366	2949	2100	***			
USA	45475	45547	53041	91666	127279	137166	825	3406 1785	1034 1034	6021	0919 5286	3176
SOUTH AMERIC	8867	10063	3382	15963	28105	9520	74616	87479	92082	142500		3178
ARGENTINA	7830	9184	2400 *	13934	26112	7500 F		0.470	82,002	142500	248135	237499
BRAZIL CHILE COLOMBIA ECUADOR	207 310	197	182	600 755	700	500	52290 166	67358 820	67288 561	118632	194919	17/14g
PERU URUGUAY VENEZUELA	153 361 3	123 55 <del>9</del>	100° 700°	332 330	361 932	320 F 1100 F	18755 3017	14000 ° 4823	20505 3000	190 16646 5922	2410 37000 * 12562	1500 F 49000 T 7500 F
ASIA	10493	5471	6143	. 7			386	463	730 *	1110	1218	1950 F
CHINA	105		5142	18875	13905	13102	17004	9594	7723	24100	15617	:6689
INDONESIA ISRAEL	46 1587	100 348	111	310 37	342 281	336	421 <i>e</i>	17	55.			
JAPAN KOREA REP	4303 487	1561 2928 221	1600 F 2792 405	1424 10266 1300	2785 8765 738	2600° 7992 1419	601	937	842	9691 1640	45 3034	140 ° 2990
MALAYSIA PHILIPPINES SAUDI ARABIA SINGAPORE	1497 13	1 20 37	34	9 3589 22	3 48 75	106	2045	2968	1500	1715	4865	2900 F
HAILAND EUROPE	2463	245 2	172	1692 14	<b>629</b> 10	547 14	10143	5671	5326	11053	7672	10659
NUSTRIA	58504	58989	65882	130786	167885	191210	24305	27572	35137	57669	80935	107297
BELGIUM-LUX ZZECHOSLOVAK ZENMARK	875 1039 3000* 250	975 1035 658 281	814 1472 237 260	1789 2738 6423 600	2909 2607 1700 F	2441 4562 700 F	5463	3 5778	5847 160*	12911	11 15344	15704 484
INLAND RANCE	1600 15164	2490 2020a	1699 24031	4209	880 8224	894 5517		2 36			6 103	704
BERMAN DR BERMANY FR	1867 2289	4180 3075	3878	34263 5000 F	57081 12500 F	73162 11600 F	133	544	1526	319	1741	4567
GREECE JUNGARY CELAND	45 1647	29 1400	3569 67 1930	5489 141 4100 F	8402 81 3900 F	10125 233 5700 F	10752	13438	19715	23862	39782	61217
RELAND TALY	81 137	71 122	84 93	275 351	265 388	306 319	3		1			* .
MALTA	35	2043 30	2890 43	4838 134	5881 101	8676 137	111	181	161	5 273	510	498
ETHERLANDS ORWAY	14216 164	13639 174	14822	29661 · 401	38870 579	42003 556	6755	4157	5719	17307	13189	17326
OLAND ORTUGAL	5320° 1840	548 1445	1586 762	14000 ° 4642	1616 4614	4190 1330				,		
PAIN WEDEN	139 1560	321 1537	23	208	428	40 F	366	14 395	3 156	988	48 1163	8 500 5
WITZERLAND K	309 3829	801 2184	716 716	3786 747	5008 2130	3905 2103	11 21	34	49	23 90		500 F
UGOSLAVIA	959	1681	3400 2147	5860 1191	6502 3149	9254 3457	670	2900	1801	1891	105 8933	138 5555
CEANIA	432	758	929	1102	2269	3065						
EW ZEALAND	432	758	929	1192	2269	3065						
SSR	15425	23748	31601	34606	71341	84136						

Table 10
Imports and Exports of Cocoa Butter in 1983-85

	IMPORTS	, k	AT T	MIPORTE	3	16005	EXPORTS		MT	EXPORTS	3	1000\$
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1995	1983	1984	1985	1963	1984	1985
VORLD	Z20029	234842	284251	*****		1344413	****					
				887052	1078169		213134	229146	251864	846704	1019524	1248587
FRICA	2164	2538	2406	9414	12005	12848	33285	38824	43254	112834	146784	180330
LGERIA	320	320	210*	1307	1448	1050 F						
CAMEROON COTE-IVOIRE							3038 14447	3312 18833	4030 21110	11170 46799	9889 73087	17502 75000
EGYPT BHANA	358	400 •	440*	1722	2000 F	2400 F	5440	7100*	5846	19500*	29000 F	26500
MOROCCO NIGERIA		60	50.	101	310	100 F	10299	7471	12000*	35088	34514	50000
SOUTH AFRICA	1370	1699	1700*	5937	8190	8500 .	41	80	160 *	193	426	800
TUNISIA ZIMBABWE	27	48 '	30.	50	105 F	14 75 F	20	19	78	86	88	428
C AMERICA	53449	57565	75857	214341	273783	363429	6061	8144	8847	24721	38900	43148
CANADA	5313	5437	5535	24036	27584	29176						
COSTA RICA CUBA COMINICAN RP	1	21	. 7	8	108	35 F	317 457 986	800 ° 529 713	650 ° 489 1258	1258 2080 3579	3500 F 2908 3408	4000 2620 6200
EL SALVADOR JAMAICA	47 61	72 65 F	70 F	37 283	72 300 F	325 F	117	360 *	230	536	1800 F	1250
MEXICO		·					3057	3826	4687	11811	16518	22836
TRINIDAD TOB	40 47981	184 51711	100 F 70145	120 189757	200 244552	550 F 333343	1147	1016	1335	5457	4344	***
SOLETH AMERIC	1648	1925	489	7429	11538	2710	37215	42376	48263	146948	8766 199500	6242 230814
ARGENTINA	1277	1499	70 *	5054	9130	350 F	5.5.5					2000.4
BOLIVIA BRAZIL							125 32008	56 35843	220° 42614	414 126500	260 167989	770 202650
CHILE COLOMBIA	275 12	345	354	1100 7	2000	2000	1405	1503	1851	5554	7255	9300
CUADOR ERU	.5	21		27	89		1403 1762	2100° 2007	1103 1500	5470 7273	9000 F 10893	4994 8100
JRUGUAY ÆNEZUELA	79	. 60	65.	341	319	360 F	424	637	975	1726	4283	5000
ASIA	12996	10819	11111	57340	54642	58230	24540	20505	24832	98455	94043	121284
CHINA CYPRUS	42 S	6 15	8 80	187 19	25 89	42 317	2900	5800.	4200	13400 F	14000 F	22000
HONG KONG	7	5		28	28	30	6 50	160	3 60·	27 70 F	16 260 F	12 120
NDONESIA RAN	102	100.	100 *	2 500	5 500 F	550 F	997	617	1030	1389	2472	3940
RAO SRAEL	150 °	150 ° 1106	210 *	480 ° 7353	530 F 8027	840 F 6500*		•				
IAPAN	9947	8436	8632	43357	41812	44898		37	32	1	184	155
OREA REP	261 80 *	215 50 °	383	1241 350	965 230 F	2175						-
AALAYSIA PAKISTAN	85	24 22	32	397	128 134	181	5247	8850	8500	20587	42675	42500
HILIPPINES	-	***		:			4749	1489	1700	20987	6135	76001
INGAPORE	602	360	223	2681	1547	1083	10599	6549	9107	42014	29181	44957
YRIA	232		100	213	18	500 F						
URKEY UROPE	107 142833	114 152651	158709	457 570807	575 683829	1309 834054	112015	120241	100004	409748	*****	470400
USTRIA	3535	3763	3682	14007	17211	19822	112015	120241	126834	463748	538110	672680
ELGIUM-LUX IULGARIA	12128 133	13451 100	15418 250	49102 800 F	61143 500 F	79956 1400 F	52	, 96 ,	162	187	.30 356	20 675
ZECHOSLOVAK ENMARK	894	761	596 1069	3563	3676	3000 F 5024			ł			
INLAND RANCE	2428 18691	2156 17325	2039	9747 61296	9758 80114	11383 104225	1964	2424	4820	8061	11652	5 27252
ERMAN DR ERMANY FR	30580	100 35240	230 33445	121200	450 F 152718	1150 F 183458	27531	27648	31190	121093	120134	166558
REECE	1787 650	1561 317	1226	7639 2810	8212 674	7321	128 1187	847	42 360	500 4682	33 3123	190 1863
ELAND RELAND	151 2015	147 2079	149 2194	712 7897	757 9576	862 10854	250	38		881	114	1003
ALY	2151 62	2676 74	3056 60	8732 271	12739 336	15996 489	2232	2006	1833	8725	8917	9103
ETHERLANDS ORWAY	20224 1896	25176	24698	84740	114631	122048	66778	72086	73864	274856	331111	393887
OLAND ORTUGAL	250	2139	1957	7896 1000 F 32	9696 132	10379	3100°	3800 · 101	3500	117 12000 F	16 14000 F	15000 1
PAIN	92	26 139	SOF	404	607	37 440 F	4433	6611	6500	354 15801	514 27452	416 32000 F
WEDEN WITZERLAND	4704 10224	5103 9798	4929 11175	19483 43023	22759 40841	27152 61375	3 7	12 10	7	7 42	24 55	. 39 57
UGOSLAVIA	31581 654	30272 248	31372 1130	123166 3178	135952 1447	180623 5364	4220	4454	4448	16642	20578	2080
CEANIA	5939	7843	6520	27901	33802	38143		58	34		297	13
USTRALIA	5892	6459	7443	- 23574	28071	32835						
EW ZEALAND	1047	1184	1066	4326	5730	5308	e.	56	34		297	13
SSR	1	1900	7150		8500 F	35000 F	P		•			

CACAO EN POLYO

800 F

14343

352 107

7410

222 7474

Table 11 Imports and Exports of Cocoa Powder and Cake in 1983-85

POUDRE DE CACAO

COCOA POWDER AND CAKE

SWEDEN

OCEANIA

AUSTRALIA

SWITZERLAND

VUGOSI AVIA

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Table 12/ Tableau 12/ Cuadro 12

Consommation de cacao et consommation de cacao par habitant/
Consumo de cacao y consumo de cacao por capita

Country Pays	Cocoa consumption				Per caput consumption					
Pals	1981/82	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85	1985/86	1981/82	1982/83	1983/84	1984/85	1935/86
ESTERN EUROPE	Thousand tonnes- Milliers de tonnes-			Kilograms- Kilogrammes-						
ustria	22.2	22.0	22.9	24.2	24.1	2.93	2.91	3.03	-	•
Belgium/Luxemhourg	29.5	26.7.	36.7	31.5	37.B	2.89	2.61	3.59		3.19 3.68
enmark	9.5	8.2	8.1	7.7	7.7	1.86	1.60	1.59	1.51	1.51
rance	110.2	107.1	112.7	106.3	112.4	2.03	1.96	2.05	1.93	2.02
ermany, Fed. Rep. of	159.7	158.4	176.5	177.7	158.0	2.59	2.58	2.88	2.91	2.59
resce	10.2	8.9	9.5	10.2	9.7	1.04	.90	.96	1.03	.97
taly	39.3	46.1	39.0	63.9	65.6	.69	.81	.68	1.12	1.14
etherlands	27.3	20.8	20.0	17.6	20.4	1.91	1.45	1.39	1.22	1.40
orway	11.4	10.8	11.7	11.3	12.4	2.77	2.62	2.82	2.72	2.98
pain	30.9	33.9	28.2	28.1	30.4	.81	.89	.74	.73	.79
weden	14.4	13.2	14.3	14.1	14.3	1.73	1.58	1.71	1.69	1.71
witzerland	26.3	24.8	26.8	15.9	28.5	4.15	3.83	4.16	4.02	4.45
nited Kingdom	111.8	115.4	120.1	128.8	136.0	1.98	2.08	2.13	2.27	2.40
ugoslavia	13.9	7.4	7.9	16.3	14.7	.61	.32	.34	.70	.63
ASTERN EUROPE										
ulgaria	3.7	5.6	6.1	9.4	6.1	.41	.63			
zechoslovakia	18.0	18.5	19.1	18.9	19.3	1.17	1.20	.68 1.24	1.05 1.22	.6B
erman Democratic Rep.	21.4	21.1	24.3	28.8	24.2	1.26	1.26	1.46	1.73	1.24 1.45
ungary	14.6	13.3	15.5	16.8	16.4	1.36	1.24	1.46	1.73	1.54
oland	26.3	17.7	11.4	20.1	13.8	1.73	.48	.31	.54	.37
omania.	6.0	6.9	5.2	4.1	4.0	.27	.31	.23	.18	.37
SSR	145.4	169.9	189.4	216.3	185.6	.54	.62	.69	.78	.66
ORTH, CENTRAL AND OUTH AMERICA										
rcentina	12.1	11.4	16.0	14.1	13.3	, ,				
razil .	39.2	48.3	28.7	50.6	43.2	.42	.38	.53	.46	-43
anada	39.9	46.3	41.7	45.3	40.4	1.62	.37 1.86	.22	.37	.31
olombia	40.4	39.2	35.3	35.4	46.8	1.50	1.42	1.66 1.25	1.78	1.58
ominican Rep.	2.7	3.7	2.9	3.5	2.4	.47	.62	.48	1.24	1.60
cuador	7.1	6.2	8.3	7.4	3.0	79	.67	.97	.79	.38 .31
exico	28.3	23.7	26.0	30.8	33.3	39	.32	.34	.79	.42
nited States	353.2	407.6	451.5	451.2	481.0	1.52	1.74	1.92	1.88	1.99
enezuela	7.3	6.9	6.6	7.0	7.3	.50	.46	.39	. 41	.41
SIA AND OCEANIA										
ustralia .	21.9	21.0	23.3	27.4	25.3	1.44	1.37	1.52		
hina	13.3	8.8	8.9	10.5	13.2	.01	.01		1.74	1.59
apan	75.1	74.6	76.3	75.5	79.7	.63	.63	.01 .64	.01 .62	.01
hilippines	5.3	2.9	••	4.2	1.9	.10	.06	.04	.07	.66 .04
WORLD TOTAL	1498	1557	1634	1741	1732	<del></del>			10,	

Source: International Cocoa Organization

#### SECTION II: Non-tariff measures

#### A. Quantitative restrictions

- 26. As of 1 July 1987 none of the eleven markets under study maintained quantitative restrictions on tropical beverage items. In the past few years New Zealand eliminated all remaining quantitative restrictions on tropical beverage items, including the following:
  - roasted coffee;
  - extracts, essences or concentrates of coffee;
  - unsweetened cocoa powder.
  - tea in packages under 2 kgs;
  - cocoa paste, whether or not defatted

Source: L/5640/Add.18/Supp.1 and Import Licensing Schedule of New Zealand.

(Note: GATT documents AG/FOR series include indications of import control measures taken by importing members of the International Coffee Agreement and the International Cocoa Agreement under the provisions of these Agreements.)

#### B. Selective internal taxes (excise taxes)

- 27. Internal taxes are applicable to both domestic production and imports. However, internal taxes on such tropical products as coffee, tea and cocoa apply only to imports (from whatever sources including the ACP countries). In that sense, they are no different from customs duties without preferential treatment. Such internal taxes are a legacy of the time when these products were considered as "easily taxable luxury items". Such taxes have been gradually reduced or removed in a number of developed countries as these products have assumed the character of ordinary consumer goods. Moreover, with the increasing importance of general internal taxes such as the value-added tax, governments have come to rely less on taxes on tropical products as a source of revenue.
- 28. Selective taxes on tropical products have drawn particular attention in the work of GATT for developing countries since 1959. A report of Committee III in 1959 stated that "in regard to coffee, tea and cocoa, the taxes impinge exclusively on imports from the less-developed countries as there is no domestic production in the country imposing the taxes" (BISD, Eighth Supplement, page 138). The Ministerial Declaration of 1961 stated that "fiscal charges, whether imposed as tariff duties or internal taxes may inhibit efforts directed towards increasing consumption of particular products important in the trade of less-developed countries and, even where applied equally to imports and to competing domestic products, can be a serious obstacle to the expansion of trade" (BISD Tenth Supplement, page 30). One of the results of GATT activities in this area was the adoption of the provisions of GATT Article XXXVII:1(c) in Part IV with respect to "fiscal measures which would hamper, or which hamper, significantly the growth of consumption of primary products, in raw or processed form wholly or mainly produced in the territories of less-developed contracting parties, and which are applied specifically to those products". It may also be noted that Paragraph 1 of GATT Article III states: "The contracting parties recognize that internal taxes and other internal charges... should not be applied to imported or domestic products so as to afford protection to domestic production."

Source: COM.TD/W/328/Add.2, COM.TD/W/329/Rev.1 and COM.TD/W/402.

29. In the Tokyo Round Negotiations, some member countries of the EEC submitted the following statements with regard to selective internal taxes on tropical products:

# "DEC - statements on internal specific taxes applied to tropical products

"The Community has taken note of the observations made by a number of developing countries as regards specific taxes on a number of tropical products. In this respect, the member States which apply such taxes, make the following statements:

- "the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, which applies specific taxes to coffee and tea, undertakes not to increase the level of these taxes in future;
- "the Government of Denmark states that it does not expect to increase the level of the specific taxes, which it applies to coffee and tea;
- "the Government of the French Republic, which applies specific taxes to tea, cocoa and some spices, undertakes not to increase the level of these taxes in future;
- "the Government of Italy, underlining the link with current economic policy in the present situation of that country, indicates that it will take this problem into consideration in a sympathetic manner."

Source: COM.TD/W/328, Annex 3.

- 30. In 1987 the Japanese Covernment submitted to the Diet a sales tax bill and a bill to eliminate commodity taxes on non-alcoholic beverages, etc. including coffee and cocoa powder. Although these two bills were aborted at the time, the Tax Reform Consultation Body newly established in the Diet is examining the possibility of a fundamental tax reform, which would entail the abolition of the 5 per cent tax on non-alcoholic beverages.
- 31. On the basis of information available at the secretariat, Table 13 shows the rates of selective internal taxes in force and ad valorem incidences of specific rates. Most selective internal taxes are specific rates. Ad valorem incidences are, unless otherwise indicated, based on average unit values of imports of the country concerned in 1985. In cases where the same specific rate has remained in force, ad valorem incidence of the rate declined between 1981 and 1985 owing to increased prices of tropical beverage items in the period. However, as of early 1987, prices are lower than in 1985 and incidences have therefore risen again.
- 32. Coffee, tea and cocoa compete as beverage items with soft drinks and juices. In the European countries maintaining selective internal taxes on tropical beverage items, however, these competing beverage items, many of which are newcomers to the market, are rarely subject to such taxes.

#### Table 13

# Selective Internal Taxes (rates and ad valorem incidences)

Note: Ad valorem incidences indicated in parentheses are, unless otherwise indicated in footnotes, based on average unit values of imports of the country concerned in 1985. In the case of EEC member countries, imports from outside the EEC have been used wherever available. Actual incidences as of early 1987 are higher than those indicated in this table due to lower prices of tropical beverage items.

Coffee	Belgium/ Luxembourg BF per kg.	Denmark DKr per kg.	F.R. Germany DM per kg.	Italy Lit per kg.	Japan
Not rossted: regular decaf.	8(5.7%) 8(5.1%)	4.35 (15.12) 4.35 (10.32)	3.60(40.92) 3.80(34.22)	500 (9.0%) 525 (6.5%)	. 51 51
Roasted: regular decaf.	10(6.3%) 10(4.2%)	5.22 <sup>2</sup> (14.52) 5.22 <sup>2</sup> (9.92) <sup>3</sup>	4.30(27.02) 4.55(22.92) <sup>3</sup>	625 (9.8%) 656.25 (5.7%)	5% 5%
Extracts: regular decaf.	28(9.8%)	13.05 (10.3%)	9.35(55.7%) 9.90( n.a.)	1,500 (5.2%) 1,575 (n.a.)	5% 5%
Tes		Denmark DKr per kg.	F.R. Germany DM per kg.	France F per kg.	
Bulk		5 (17.1%)	4.15(49.42) (71.82)	0.23 (0.8%)	
In small packages (3 kg. or less)		5 ( 8,4%)	4.15(34.3%)	0.23 (0.4%)	
Extracts		12.5 ( 5.7%)	10.40(50.5%)	0.828 (4.0%)	
Cocoa	Norway NOK per kg.	Denmark DKr per kg	France F per kg.	Italy Lit per kg.	Japan
Beans		18.75 <sup>6</sup> (88.42)	0.07 (0.3%)	180 <sup>7</sup> (3.92)	
Paste	9.405 (32.21)	12.506 (64.8%)3	0.085(0.4%)	225 (7.01)	
Butter	9.40 <sup>5</sup> (20.7%)	12.50 <sup>6</sup> (27.8%)	0.085(0.2%)	280 (3.0%)	
Unsweetened powder		12.50 <sup>6</sup> (152.4%)	0.085(0.6%)	170 <sup>8</sup> 225 (5-62)	· 52
Bananas, fresh				525 (682) 1	

Incidence of imports from all sources in 1986.

Reduced from Dkr 5.40 per kg. on 1 April 1986

 $<sup>^{3}</sup>$ In 1985 there were no imports from outside the EEC. These incidences are based on imports from EEC members.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup>Incidence based on the average London price of tea (source: IMF)

The tax rate was NOK 7/kg on 1 April 1981 (cf.COM.TD/W/329/Rev.1). According to the delegation of Norway, it was changed as follows in recent years: 1 April 1985 NOK 8.50/kg., 1 April 1986 NOR 9.10/kg., 1 April 1987 NOK 9.40/kg.

 $<sup>^6</sup>$ Increased to this level on 1 April 1986. The tax rate on cocos products recorded in COM.TD/W/329/Rev.1 was DKr 6 per kg.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>The rate of tax on unrossted cocos beans. The rates on rossted beans are Lit 200/kg, and Lit 225/kg, on uncrushed and crushed rossted beans, respectively

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Cocoa powder containing less than 1 per cent of cocos butter.

- 33. Having regard to the provisions of the General Agreement and their other international commitments including some international commodity agreements, certain countries have refrained from introducing or increasing taxes on tropical beverage items in spite of proposals to do so for fiscal reasons. However, Belgium and Luxembourg introduced new taxes on coffee in 1981. Denmark and Norway have raised specific tax rates on cocoa for revenue reasons.
- 34. A feature of specific rates is that their incidence is higher on low-quality/low-priced goods than on high-quality/high-priced goods. For example, tea prices per kilogram vary widely according to quality and degree of processing, and so do the tax incidences on different teas. Given a relatively high tax incidence on low-quality tea, German importers generally purchase only high-quality teas. Therefore, the incidence of the German tax on tea obtained on the basis of the average German import unit value is much lower than that calculated on the basis of the average London price of tea. The impact of such taxes has been felt mainly by exporters of bulk tea as against those of packed tea and exporters of low-quality tea as compared to those of high-quality tea.
- 35. The nature of a specific rate is such that its incidence increases when import prices in terms of the currency of the country concerned decrease, and vice versa. Such import prices have fluctuated as a result of fluctuations in prices on the world market and in exchange rates. For example, reduced prices as well as revaluations of a currency bring about increases in the incidence of a specific tax rate.

#### C. Other notified non-tariff measures

#### Coffee and processed coffee

36. Japan applies phyto-sanitary regulations to coffee and New Zealand to selected items. Norway applies labelling regulations on coffee.

New Zealand applies labelling, marketing and packaging regulations on all coffee and coffee products.

#### Tea and processed tea

37. New Zealand applies labelling, marketing and packaging regulations to all forms of tea; Norway applies labelling regulations to tea.

GATT justification: Article XX(b); Source: AG/FOR/JPN/2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>(CCCN ex0901); GATT justification: Article XX(b); Source: AG/FOR/NZL/1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>(CCCN ex0901); GATT justification: Article XX(b); Source: AG/FOR/NOR/1.

<sup>4</sup>GATT justification: Article XX(b); Source: AG/FOR/NZL/1.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup>(CCCN ex0902); GATT justification: Article XX(b); Source AG/FOR/NOR/1.

#### Cocoa and cocoa products

38. Japan and Sweden apply phyto-sanitary regulations to cocoa beans and unsweetened cocoa powder, respectively. Norway applies labelling regulations to cocoa and cocoa products. In Switzerland, a contribution is levied on cocoa imports towards a guaranteed fund for compulsory reserves. The stated aims of the fund are to protect the holders of stocks against possible losses and to cover warehouse costs. The contribution is regarded as a fee for services rendered by a mutual aid organization for holders of stocks. (N.B. Switzerland uses automatic licensing for all tropical beverages.)

#### SECTION III: Activities of other organizations

- 39. Several international organizations undertake work which is relevant and complementary to negotiations in the GATT on tropical products.
- 40. With respect to inter-governmental facilities to compensate for shortfalls in commodity export earnings, the IMF Compensatory Financing Facility (CFF) and the STABEX programme for ACP countries are noteworthy as measures of temporary balance of payments loans in the case of the CFF and financial transfers in the case of STABEX to stabilize export earnings, while the variety of development projects and financial arrangements to promote and diversify exports are numerous.
- 41. Under United Nations auspices, UNCTAD is a major forum for international commodity study, evaluation and debate. Its principal achievements have been the Integrated Programme on Commodities (IPC), established as a result of Resolution 93(IV) at UNCTAD IV and the Agreement on the Common Fund for Commodities. Designed to bring stability and strength to international commodity markets, it was concluded in 1980 but has not yet entered into force.
- 42. As part of the implementation of the Integrated Programme on Commodities various international commodity agreements (ICAs) have been negotiated or renegotiated; in tropical beverages, the 1986 International Cocoa Agreement has recently entered into force. The market regulating mechanism, the buffer stock, with a capacity of 250,000 tonnes (which can be increased to 350,000 tonnes) is designed to stabilize prices by buying up cocoa on the open market when prices fall below 1,600 SDRs/tonne or selling when prices reach 2,270 SDRs/tonne. Purchases were suspended on 22 June 1987 after the maximum 75,000 tons was reach. Purchases may take price differentials into account and cocoa may also be bought from non-ICCO members up to a limit of 15 per cent of total purchases during the life of the Agreement. The buffer stock will continue to be financed through a levy on exports and imports from non-member producers of US\$30/tonne. Other innovations differentiating the new Agreement from the 1980 Agreement are the introduction of "may buy" and "may sell" zones 3¢ above or below the

GATT justification: Article XX(b); Source: AG/FOR/SWE/2 and AG/FOR/JPN/2.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup>GATT justification: Article XX(b); Source: AG/FOR/NOR/1.

 $<sup>^3 {\</sup>rm GATT}$  justification: Article VIII; Source: COM.TD/W/329 and L/5223; and AG/FOR/CHE/1.

upper and lower intervention price, the calculation of prices in SDRs to alleviate the distortions caused by fluctuations of a single currency and a "withholding" scheme, a system of national stocks, either when 80 per cent of the buffer stock capacity has been filled or financial resources of the buffer stock are only sufficient to purchase 30,000 tonnes of cocoa.

- 43. The International Coffee Agreement 1983 effective through September 1989, which was negotiated between the twenty-five importing and fifty producing (the largest of which are Brazil, Colombia and Indonesia) members of the International Coffee Organization, is based on export quotas to stabilize prices, applied when the moving average price falls below a given price. The sharp rise in price reaching an eight-year high of US\$2.20/1b at the end of 1985 brought to an end the ICO's successful five year record of keeping coffee prices within an agreed range. Quotas were suspended on 19 February 1986. Quotas were reintroduced in October 1987 but since reduced from an overall 18 million to 54.5 million b.o.p. The price? remains at 120-140 cents per pound.
- 44. The Commodities and Trade Division (ESC) of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations pioneered commodity research and techniques for international co-operation in commodities, including tropical products. This Division, whose activities are geared towards improving the functioning of international trade in agricultural commodities, monitors the world market situation and advises developing countries on the implementation of their national commodity policies. In addition, while working closely with UNCTAD and independent commodity councils, the Division services the Committee on Commodity Problems (CCP) which over the years has created a network of intergovernmental groups of interested producing and consuming countries; such a group was established for tea in 1969. FAO's Intergovernmental Group on Tea issues reports at regular intervals on production, trade, consumption and prices of tea. Under both the FAO and the ISO (International Standards Organization) fora, discussions concerning minimum quality standards are continuing; the single regulation registered (ISO/3720) is a general guideline for the harvesting, processing and manufacturing of tea leaves into quality grades.
- Through the International Trade Centre (ITC), jointly funded by GATT 45. and UNCTAD, technical cooperation activities, such as workshops and advisory assistance, affecting tropical beverages is ongoing. Traders' Guide addressing in particular the needs of the smaller and less-developed cocoa-producing countries, will be published shortly and a Coffee Traders' Guide is in preparation. Recently, ITC organized a symposium on the financial aspects of tea production for export and this year will provide some inputs to an international conference on bulk packaging of tea. The possibility of an international tea agreement has intermittently been under discussion among tea-producing countries for more than a decade. The International Tea Promotion Association (ITPA), an intergovernmental body of tea producing-exporting countries, was established in 1980; however, the largest producers, India and Sri Lanka, withdrew their membership. In 1983/84, India restricted tea exports for a period of time and prices rose accordingly although have since returned to previous levels.

For reference, the 1979-81 average ICO composite indicator price was 134 US cents/1b.