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REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Communication from the United States

The following communication, dated 31 March 1988, has been received from the delegation of the United States with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Group.

In accordance with the procedures adopted by the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products at its sixth meeting, United States' authorities are requesting information on trade policy measures affecting tropical products. Enclosed are copies of requests for information which were sent directly to participants in the Negotiating Group. The submissions are a request for information only. I ask that these submissions be circulated to all participants in the Negotiating Group.

The policies on which the United States is seeking information represent a sample of the types of measures that should be the subject of negotiations in the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products. The products selected are among those currently under consideration in the Negotiating Group. We note that it is understood by the Negotiating Group that the seven product groups do not constitute a definition of tropical products.

ARGENTINA

We understand that you prohibit or limit imports of many tropical products through an import licensing system. We also understand that you maintain a series of import tariffs on tropical products, including basic tariffs of 10-38 percent, temporary import surcharge of 15 percent and miscellaneous import taxes of 5-6 percent. Please provide us with the ad valorem import charges, including whether the rates are bound or unbound, on the following products. Also, please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
tobacco and products	2401.10, 2401.20
fruit juices	2009.40, 2009.80, 2009.90
bananas	0803.00
pineapples	0804.40
guavas and mangoes	0804.50
cassava	0714.10
tropical nuts	0801.10-0801.30
rice	1006.10, 1006.20, 1006.30
coffee	0901.11-0901.22
tea	0902.30
pepper	0904.11, 0904.12
cocoa and products	1801, 1803.10, 1803.20, 1804, 1805
cut flowers	0603.10, 0603.90
canned fruit	2008
fruit juices	2009.40, 2009.80, 2009.90
oil cake	2305.00, 2306.50, 2306.60, 2306.90
palm oil	1511.10
coconut oil	1513.11
jute	5303.10
sisal	5304.10
coir, abaca	5305.11, 5305.19, 5305.21, 5305.29
rubber	4001.10, 4001.21, 4001.22
compounded rubber	4005.10
tires	4011.10-4011.99
inner tubes	4013.10-4013.90
wood	4403.10-4403.35
plywood	4412.11, 4412.12
plaits, mats	4601.10, 4601.20

BRAZIL

Please provide us information about your minimum price supports for rice and the export assistance you provide for cut flowers and tobacco.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Fresh cut flowers	0603.10
Rice	1006.10-40
Tobacco	2401.10-30

Import licenses and non-tariff barriers: Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Spices	0909.10-50
Essential Oils	3301.14-90
Certain Oilseeds	1202.10-1207.99
Certain Oils animal/vegs	1508.10-1518.00
Rice	1006.10-40
Tobacco	2401.10-30
Edible Nuts	0801.19-2008.19
Fruit juice	2009.80-2009.90

Export restrictions: Please provide us with the most recent annual export quantities allowed and any exemptions that may be allowed under your current policy for the following products:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Tropical Logs	4403.10-99

CAMEROON

We understand that import tariffs of 30-90 percent are maintained on the following products. Please verify this information and indicate what the ad valorem rates are for these products, and whether the rates are bound or unbound.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
tobacco	2401.10, 2401.20, 2402.10, 2402.20

We understand that you maintain import licenses on certain tropical products. Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
tires	4011.10-4011.99
inner tubes	4013.10-4013.90

Please provide us with the most recent annual import quota imposed on rice.

CHILE

We understand that in addition to import duties and customs surtaxes, you impose minimum import prices on certain products. Please provide us with the level of the minimum import prices on the following products.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
oil cake	2305.00, 2306.50, 2306.60, 2306.90
tobacco	2402.10, 2402.20
rubber tires	4011.10-4011.99

Also, please provide us with details of your price support program for oilseeds, in particular the level of the price support.

Please explain the foreign exchange restrictions that apply to milled rice and confirm our information that the tariff on milled rice is 25 percent ad valorem.

CHINA

Please indicate whether the tariff rates listed for the following products are correct.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>	<u>Tariff</u>
coffee	0901.11-0901.22	20%
tea	0902.30	60%

We understand that you maintain an import licensing system for certain products. Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
rubber	4001.10, 4001.21, 4001.22
compounded rubber	4005.10
tires	4011.10-4011.99
inner tubes	4013.10-4013.90
wood	4403.10-4403.35
plywood	4412.11, 4412.12
tobacco	2401.10, 2401.20, 2402.10, 2402.20
saffron	0910.20

COLOMBIA

Import licenses: Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Spices	0909.10-50
Peanuts	1202.10-20
Plaits	4601.10-91
Tobacco	2401.10-30

Surcharges: Please provide a list of those products that fall within the GATT Secretariat's seven product categories list of tropical products that are subject to an additional 18% surcharge.

Prohibitions: Please provide information on the import prohibition of the following products, such as length of time the ban is expected to remain in place.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Cocoa	1801-1805
Tobacco Products	2402.10-20

Export Programs: Please verify our information that the following products receive export assistance. If so, please provide us with the type of assistance, length of time the assistance is expected to continue in place, and the per unit or total value of the export assistance.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Oilseeds	1202.10-99
Palms	4601.10-91
Tobacco	2401.10-30
Cut flowers	0603.10

COTE D'IVOIRE

We understand that you maintain customs import surcharges of 5%-60% on certain products. Please provide us with the import tariffs and charges (on an ad valorem basis, and including whether the rates are bound or unbound) affecting the following products.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
coffee	0901.21, 0901.22
tea	0902.30

In addition, please verify our understanding that imports of the following products are prohibited.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
coffee	0901.11-0901.22
compounded rubber	4005.10
inner tubes	4013.10-4013.90

Please provide us with the level of the support prices for coffee, cocoa and rice under the Agricultural Price Stabilization Fund.

We understand that you passed a law in April 1985 creating a system of assistance on the export value added for certain products. Please provide us with the value of the export assistance per unit of product (or total export assistance) for the following products.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
palm oil	1511.10
coconut oil	1513.11
rubber	4001.10, 4001.21, 4001.22
pineapples	0804.40

EGYPT

Please provide information on banned imported cigarettes. Please confirm if there is an additional tax on locally-produced foreign brand cigarettes.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
tobacco	2402.10-20

We understand that you subject a wide-range of tropical products to a partial or total import prohibition. Please indicate the most recent annual quantity of the following products permitted into your country:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
coffee	0901.11-22
tea	0902.30
tobacco	2401.10-20
bananas	0803.00
guavas and mangoes	0804.50
papayas	0807.20
Dried fruit	0813.00
fruit juices, tropical	2009.40, 2009.80-90
manioc	0714.10
unvulcanized rubber	4005.10-20, 4005.91-99
rubber pipes	4009.10-50
oil cake	2305.00, 2306.50-90
rubber tires	4011.10-99
pepper	0904.11-12
rice	1006.10-30
plywood	4412.11-12

HONG KONG

We understand that an import license may limit imports of rice. Please confirm our understanding. If an import license is required, please specify whether an automatic license or a discretionary license is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

INDIA

We understand that you restrict imports of most agricultural products, either through quotas and/or import licensing. For example, tobacco imports reportedly are limited to an amount corresponding to 6 percent of cigarette exports. Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed. Further, please verify our information concerning the tariff rates that are currently in effect for the following products. Also, please indicate which rates are bound and which are unbound.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>	<u>Tariff*</u>
tobacco	2401.10	50 Rs/kg
tobacco products	2401.20	100%
fruit juices	2009.40, 2009.80, 2009.90	200%
bananas	0803.00	200%
dates	0804.10	200%
pineapples	0804.40	200%
guavas and mangoes	0804.50	200%
cassava	0714.10	60%
papayas	0807.20	200%
tropical nuts	0801.10-0801.30	200%
rice	1006.10, 1006.20, 1006.30	free
coffee	0901.11-0901.22	100%
tea	0902.30	100%
pepper	0904.11, 0904.12	100%
vanilla	0905.00	100%
cinnamon	0906.10, 0906.20	100%
cloves	0907	100%
nutmeg	0908	100%
spice seeds	0909.10-0909.50	100%
ginger, saffron, bay	09010.10, 0910.20, 0901.30	100%
cocoa and products	1801, 1803.10, 1803.20, 1804, 1805	100%
lac, gum arabic	1301.10, 1301.20	60%
cut flowers	0603.10, 0603.90	60%
canned fruit	2008	200%
oil cake	2305.00, 2306.50, 2306.60, 2306.90	60%
palm oil	1511.10	200%
coconut oil	1513.11	200%
jute	5303.10	150%+Rs.30/kg.
sisal	5304.10	150%+Rs.30/kg.
coir, abaca	5305.11, 5305.19, 5305.21, 5305.29	150%+Rs.30/kg.
rubber	4001.10, 4001.21, 4001.22	100%
compounded rubber	4005.10	100%
tires	4011.10-4011.99	100%

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>	<u>Tariff*</u>
inner tubes	4013.10-4013.90	100%
wood	4403.10-4403.35	60%
plywood	4412.11, 4412.12	60%
plaits, mats	4601.10, 4601.20	60%

*A 40 percent auxiliary tax reportedly is added to all of the products listed above.

In addition, we understand that you maintain price support programs for the following products: jute, rice and oilseeds. Please provide us with details concerning the programs for these crops, in particular the level of the support prices in relation to the world prices.

We also understand that certain export sectors receive considerable protection and support. Please provide us with the value of refunds per unit of product granted to exporters of the following products under the International Price Reimbursement Scheme or any similar export assistance program.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
rubber	4001.10, 4001.21, 4001.22
compounded rubber	4005.10
tires	4011.10-4011.99
inner tubes	4013.10-4013.90
tobacco products	2401.20

Furthermore, we understand that inputs for the domestic edible oils sector are canalized, that is, selected imported inputs are controlled and supplied to this sector. Please provide us with the difference between the domestic price and the world price, and the most recent annual quantity of imports permitted for the following tropical edible oils.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
palm oil	1511.10
coconut oil	1513.11

INDONESIA

We understand that in addition to tariffs of 5%-80%, you maintain import quotas on certain products or otherwise limit the authority to import certain products, including banning imports. For example, reportedly imports of palm oil and coconut oil are prohibited and the tariff on tea is 70 percent. Please provide us with the most recent annual import limits and current tariff rates (on an ad valorem basis, and including whether the rates are bound or unbound) on the following products.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
pineapples	0804.40
bananas	0803.00
guavas and mangoes	0804.50
cassava	0714.10
papayas	0807.20
palm oil	1511.10
coconut oil	1513.11
tapioca (manioc)	0714.10
manioc starch	1108.14
stearic acid	1519.11
oleic acid	1519.12
tobacco	2401.10, 2401.20
coffee	0901.11-0901.22
tea	0902.30
cocoa	1802.00, 1803.10, 1803.20, 1804.00, 1805
rubber	4001.10, 4001.21, 4001.22
rubber gloves	4015.11, 4015.19, 4015.90
tires	4011.10-4011.99

Please verify that the tariff and duties on imports of tobacco products (HS 2401.20) total 120%.

Also, we understand that you maintain a price support program for rice that has resulted in self-sufficiency. Please provide us with details concerning the rice price support program.

Furthermore, we understand that a ban on the export of rattan will take effect in 1989, which would provide assistance to your rattan furniture industry. Please confirm whether our information concerning this ban is correct.

In addition, we understand that there is an export restriction on tropical logs (HS 4403.31-35). Please provide us with the most recent export statistics for this product and any exemptions allowed under the current policy.

ISRAEL

We understand that you require an import license to import certain tropical products. Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
dill seeds	0910.99
live plants and flowers	0601.00-0602.99
oilseeds	1207.10, 1207.92, 1207.99
oil cakes and certain other vegetable oil products	2305.00, 2306.50, 2306.60, 2306.90
tropical roots and tubers	0714.10, 0714.90
rice	1006.10, 1006.20, 1006.30
tobacco	2401.10, 2401.20, 2402.10, 2402.20
tropical fruits	0803.00, 0804.30, 0804.40, 0804.50, and 0811.90
tropical nuts	0801.20, 0801.30
plywood	4412.11, 4412.12

We understand that you impose a variable levy on certain tropical products. Please provide us with information on the basis for the individual levies and the amount of the levies for the following products.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
coffee and products	0901.11, 0901.22
rice	1006.10, 1006.20, 1006.30
oilseeds	1207.10, 1207.92, 1207.99
vegetable oils	1508.10, 1508.90, 1513.11-1513.29
	1511.10, 1511.90, 1516.20
tobacco and tobacco manufactures	2401.10, 2401.20, 2402.10, 2402.20

JAMAICA

We understand that import licenses limit imports of rice. Is our understanding correct? If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed. Do you extend preferences on rice to any country?

Please explain the operation of your marketing organization for the following products. What arrangements are there for marketing outside the organization? Does the marketing organization limit quantities imported or exported?

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
coffee	0901.11-0901.22
cocoa and products	1801, 1803.10, 1803.20, 1804, 1805
bananas	0803.00
pimento	0904.20

KENYA

We understand that import licenses and import quotas limit the quantity of imports of some tropical products. Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
tobacco	2401.10
tobacco products	2401.20
coffee	0901.11-0901.22
tea	0902.30
rice	1006.10, 1006.20, 1006.30
tropical nuts	0801.10-0801.30
pepper	0904.11, 0904.12
compounded rubber	4005.10
tires	4011.10-4011.99
inner tubes	4013.10-4013.90

KOREA

Import Restrictions: We seek information on tariffs, licensing, and why only the Tourist Hotel Supply Center has import authority for the following products. Also, please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Tropical nuts	0801.10-0802.90
Bananas, plantains	0803.00
Pineapples	0804.30
Tropical fruits	0804.10-0807.20
Other fruit, tropical	0810.90
Avocados	0804.40

Please verify our information concerning duty rates on the following products:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>	<u>Tariff</u>
Canned tropical fruits (fresh or dried)	0804.10-50, 0807.20	50%
Canned tropical fruits (prepared or preserved)	2008.19-20, 2008.91-99	50%

Other non-tariff barriers: Please provide the annual import quantity permitted for foreign cigarettes of HS 2402.10-20.

Import tax: Please verify our information that a 15% luxury tax is placed on the following:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Furniture	9403.40-60

Please provide annual quantity of imports permitted of those tropical products that are contained in the "Restricted Import Items List" issued July 1987 by the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

MALAYSIA

We understand that in addition to customs duty rates ranging from 0% to 105%, Malaysia maintains excise duties of up to 60% on certain products. Also, we understand that import licenses are required for coffee and rice (of which prior import authorization is necessary by the National Rice Authority). We would appreciate knowing the precise customs and excise duties on the following products (on an ad valorem basis, and including whether the rates are bound or unbound). Also, please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
coffee	0901.11-0901.22
tea	0902.30
tobacco	2401.10, 2401.20, 2402.10, 2402.20
tires	4011.10-4011.99
rice	1006.10, 1006.20, 1006.30
bananas	0803.00

In addition, we would like information on your support programs for rice and tobacco, including in particular the price guaranteed to the producers/processors and any assistance provided to the producers/processors.

Finally, we understand that there is an export restriction on tropical logs (HS 4403.31-35). Please provide us with the most recent export statistics for this product and any exemptions allowed under the current policy.

MEXICO

We understand that imports of certain products require import permits, which may limit the quantity of imports. Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed. Also, please provide us with information on the tariffs (on an ad valorem basis, and whether the rates are bound or unbound) imposed on the products listed below.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
cocoa	1802.00, 1803.10, 1803.20, 1804.00, 1805
tobacco	2401.10
tobacco products	2401.20

MOROCCO

We understand that in addition to tariff rates from 30%-100% on tropical products, you maintain an internal consumption tax on rubber tires and tropical wood products. Please provide us with the level of the tax on these products.

We also understand that import licenses are required for certain products, including rubber tires and tubes and wood products. Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
rubber	4001.10, 4001.21, 4001.22
compounded rubber	4005.10
tires	4011.10-4011.99
inner tubes	4013.10-4013.90
wood	4403.10-4403.35
plywood	4412.11, 4412.12

Furthermore, we understand that a state monopoly exists for imports of rice (HS 1006.10-40), tea (HS 0902.30-40) and raw tobacco (HS 2401.10.30). Please provide us with information concerning the most recent annual quantitative limits imposed on imports under this state monopoly system.

NIGERIA

Please verify our understanding that imports of the following products are prohibited.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
bananas	0803.00
dates	0804.10
pineapples	0804.40
guavas and mangoes	0804.50
papayas	0807.20
cassava	0714.10
canned fruit	2008
fruit juices	2009.40, 2009.80, 2009.90
rice	1006.10, 1006.20, 1006.30
cigarettes	2402.20
wood	4403.10-4403.35
plywood	4412.11, 4412.12

In addition, we would like details of your price support program for rice, in particular the level of the support price and any additional assistance provided.

PAKISTAN

Please confirm our information that the products listed below are currently banned from import. If not banned, then please provide any quantitative restrictions that may apply to them:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Bananas	0803.00
Pineapples	0804.30
Tobacco	2401.10-2402.20

Please provide information concerning the level of support price for rice and any additional assistance provided for producers, processors and exporters of this product.

Please confirm that you maintain a 52 percent tariff on imports of tea (HS 0902.30-40).

PERU

We understand that a licensing system limits imports of certain tropical products. Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
tobacco	2401.10
tobacco products	2401.20
compounded rubber	4005.10

We also understand that you impose an import prohibition on selected tropical products. Please confirm that this prohibition applies to the following products.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
tires	4011.10-4011.99
inner tubes	4013.10-4013.90
rice	1006.10, 1006.20, 1006.30

PHILIPPINES

Prohibitions: It is our understanding that the following products are subject to temporary restrictions. Under what conditions are they banned? What is the most recent quantity of imports permitted? At times when they are not banned, why limit imports to a government authority of the following products:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Rice	1006.10-40
Dried fruit, tropical	0804.10-30, 0813.40

Import licensing: Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Cassava	0710.40
Coffee	0901.11-22
Tobacco	2401.10-20

What is the level of the internal tax placed on cigarettes falling under HS 2402.20?

Export restrictions: Please provide us with the most recent export statistics and any exemptions from export restrictions that are allowed for the following products:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
Tropical logs	4403.31-35

SINGAPORE

We understand that you require imports of rice to be licensed. Is our understanding correct? If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

SRI LANKA

We understand that you maintain tariff rates of 60%-250% on certain tropical products. Please provide/verify the exact tariff rates (on an ad valorem basis) currently applied to the following products. Also, please indicate which rates are bound and which are unbound.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>	<u>Tariff</u>
pineapples	0804.40	100%
tobacco	2401.10	685 Rs/kg
tobacco products	2401.20	250%
bananas	0803.00	100%
tropical nuts	0801.10-0801.30	100%
rice	1006.10, 1006.20, 1006.30	25%
coffee	0901.11-0901.22	60%
tea	0902.30	60%
cocoa and products	1801, 1803.10, 1803.20, 1804, 1805	60%
plants & flowers	0602.10, 0603.10, 0603.90	5-60%
canned fruit	2008	100%
ground-nut oil	1508.10	60%
palm oil, coconut oil	1511.10, 1513.11	5-60%
fats & oils	1516.20, 1518.00	25%
jute, sisal	5303.10, 5304.10	35%
coir, abaca	5305.11, 5305.19, 5305.21, 5305.29	35%
natural rubber	4001.10, 4001.21, 4001.22	60%
unvulcanized rubber	4005.10, 4005.20	100%
vulcanized rubber	4007.00, 4808.11, 4008.21	100%
wood	4403.10-4403.35	5%
plywood	4412.11, 4412.12	60%

In addition, we understand that import licenses limit imports of certain products. Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
pepper	0904.11, 0904.12
rice	1006.10, 1006.20, 1006.30
tobacco	2401.10, 2401.20, 2402.10, 2402.20
tires	4011.10-4011.99
plywood	4412.11, 4412.12

THAILAND

Import licensing: Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
tea	0902.30
pepper	0904.11-12
rice	1006.10-30
coconut oil	1513.11, 1513.19

Import quotas: Please provide us with the most recent annual quantities permitted for the following products:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
palm oil	1513.21
jute	5303.10
tobacco	2401.10-20
cigarettes	2402.10-20

Import bans: Is the product identified below still banned? Do you plan to remove the ban? If so, when?

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
coffee	0901.10-20

Tariffs: Please verify that 60 percent is the rate of duty applying to:

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
canned fruit, tropical	0810.90, 0811.90, 0812.90, 2001.90
tea	0902.30

Please verify the following information on imports of cigarettes and tobacco leaf:

a) Is there currently a regulation requiring a reduction in imported leaf content in certain Thai brands (e.g., 2% per year until it reaches 20%)?

b) Is there currently a differential excise tax on tobacco products which use imported leaf and those which do not?

Export Programs: We understand that the government of Thailand provides export assistance to rice. Please provide us with a description of the program, including the amount of funds spent on the program.

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

We understand that a licensing system restricts imports of certain tropical products. Please verify whether a license is required on the following products. If so, please specify whether it is an automatic license or a discretionary license that is required. If discretionary, please specify the criteria used in issuing the license and, if there are any quantitative restrictions, please specify the most recent annual import quantities allowed.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
coffee	0901.11-0901.22
cocoa and products	1801, 1803.10, 1803.20, 1804, 1805
compounded rubber	4005.10
tires	4011.10-4011.99
inner tubes	4013.10-4013.90
pepper	0904.11, 0904.12
vanilla	0905.00
cinnamon	0906.10, 0906.20
cloves	0907
nutmeg	0908
spice seeds	0909.10-0909.50
ginger, saffron, bay	09010.10, 0910.20, 0901.30
sisal	5304.10
coir, abaca	5305.11, 5305.19, 5305.21, 5305.29
fats & oils	1516.20, 1518.00

TUNISIA

We understand that you impose a luxury tax of 10 percent on the c.i.f. value of the following products. Please confirm this information.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
coffee	0901.11-0901.22
wood	4403.10-4403.35
plywood	4412.11, 4412.12

TURKEY

We understand that you maintain price support programs for tobacco (HS 2401.10-30), rice (HS 1006.10-40) and tea (HS 0902.30-40). Please provide us with details concerning the programs for these products, in particular the level of the support price and any additional assistance provided to producers/processors.

We also understand that you maintain a high tariff and import surcharge on rice. Please provide us with the level of the tariff and surcharge on an ad valorem basis.

URUGUAY

We understand that reference prices are set for imports of certain tropical products by the Ministry of Economy and Finance. These reference prices are the basis on which tariffs are levied. Please provide us with the level of the reference prices for the following products.

<u>Product</u>	<u>Harmonized System Number(s)</u>
bananas	0803.00
pineapples	0804.40
tropical nuts	0801.10-0801.30
pepper	0904.11, 0904.12