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This document may be used in conjunction with the above documents and general proposals made for negotiations on tropical products. See the above documents for the explanation of symbols used in this document.

i. Natural Rubber and Rubber Products

A. An overview of the tariff situation (see Tables 1-5 for details)

Nordic countries (Finland, Norway and Sweden) and Switzerland provide developing countries MFN duty-free treatment or unlimited GSP duty-free treatment for all items in Chapter 40 with the exception that Finland excludes "4011 rubber tyres" from GSP and does not apply GSP on certain rubber products from Hong Kong. The United States also grants such treatment with some exceptions (HS Nos. 4008.21, 4011.50, 4013.20, ex 4015.19, 4015.90 and 4016.95).

Canada grants natural rubber other than in the form of sheets and strip MFN duty-free treatment. Sheets and strip and most other rubber products are subject to MFN duties of 10.2-11.7 per cent or GSP rates of 6.5-7.5 per cent. Rubber gloves and apparel are subject to MFN duties of 22.5-25 per cent or GSP rates of 15-16.5 per cent.

Japan has granted all items in Chapter 40 MFN or GSP duty-free treatment. While its GSP treatment is subject to monthly-controlled ceiling limitations and maximum country amounts, these limitations are flexibly administered. In other words, imports under GSP are allowed to continue after quantitative limitations have been reached unless a particular decision is taken not to apply GSP any longer. With respect to tyres and tubes for other than motor cars, however, the maximum country amount is not flexibly administered.

The EEC has also granted developing countries MFN or GSP duty-free treatment. In 1988, all items in Chapter 40 except rubber tyres and tubes are granted unlimited GSP duty-free treatment as non-sensitive items. With respect to rubber tyres and tubes, GSP is not applicable to Romania and GSP imports from other GSP beneficiaries are subject to country-by-country ceiling limitations. The Republic of Korea is not longer a beneficiary of the EEC GSP scheme since 1988.

In Austria rubber products are generally dutiable at 5-20 per cent. Austrian GSP rates on all rubber products are equal to one-half of corresponding MFN rates.

In Australia presently applied MFN rates on rubber products are at the level of 15-25 per cent (mostly unbound) except for rubber garments for which the MFN rate is 60 per cent. GSP rates of Australia are uniformly 5 percentage points less than corresponding MFN rates.

In New Zealand MFN duties of 20-55 per cent (mostly unbound) apply on most rubber products. Its GSP covers all rubber products except certain rubber tyres and tubes. Its GSP rates are mostly 10-20 per cent less than corresponding MFN rates.

B. Non-tariff measures

Norway restricts imports of new pneumatic tyres for passenger cars from Japan and the Republic of Korea. New Zealand maintains import licensing controls on rubber products in line with their industry development plans. Tyres and tubes will be transferred to "licensing on demand" as of 31 March 1989 and other rubber products will be similarly liberalized as of 1 January 1990. Japan restricts imports of rubber adhesives containing more than 5 per cent of benzine by volume of solvent (HS ex 4005, 4016) in accordance with the requirements of the Industrial Safety and Health Law.

Amongst EEC members, Portugal maintains quantitative import restrictions on such rubber products as rubber plates and sheets, rubber tubing, rubber apparel and miscellaneous rubber articles. However, those restrictions will be removed on 31 December 1992 as provided for in the accession agreement of the country with the EEC. Five EEC member countries maintain restrictions on rubber tyres and tubes. Spain restricts imports of rubber tyres and inner tubes. Greece restricts imports of tyre cases, tyre flaps and tubeless tyres and Ireland restricts imports of used tyre cases and tubeless tyres for bicycles. Italy and Portugal restrict imports of rubber tyres from Japan.

C. Major suppliers (MFN/GSP dutiable items only)

USA	4008.21	- Plates, sheets and strip of non-cellular rubber	EEC, JPN, OAN, (Taiwan Province) CAN
	4011.50	- Bicycle tyres	OAN, JPN, KOR
	4103.20	- Bicycle tubes	OAN, KOR
	4015.19	- Rubber gloves	BRB, HKG
	4015.90	- Rubber apparel	n.a.
	4016.95	- Other inflatable rubber articles	OAN, EEC, JPN, MEX
CAN		- USA is the predominant supplier of most dutiable items	
JPN	4011.40	- Motor cycle tyres	EEC
	4011.50	- Bicycle tyres	KOR
	4013.20	- Bicycle tubes	KOR
	4013.90	- Inner tubes, other	KOR
	4011.99	- Other tyres	OAN, KOR
EEC		- Rubber tyres and tubes	JPN, AUT, YUG, KOR, OAN, USA, DDR, BRA
AUT		- EEC is the predominant supplier of most rubber products	
AUS		- Major suppliers of many dutiable rubber products are - Items mainly supplied by developing countries include the following:	EEC, USA, JPN
	4006.90	- Thread and cord of unvulcanized rubber	THA

	4007.00	- Thread and cord of vulcanized rubber	MYS
	4008.11 and.21	- Plates, sheets and strip	MYS
	4011.91) and 99) 4013.90)	- Tyres and tubes,n.s.a.	KOR,JPN,EEC
	4015.19 and 90	- Diving dress	NZL,MYS,USA
	4106.90	- Mats	MYS,SGP
NZL		- Major suppliers of most dutiable tariff items are: - Items mainly supplied by developing countries include the following:	USA,EEC,JPN,AUS
	4012.90.09	- Interchangeable tyre threads and flaps	BRA,EEC
	4014.90.01	- Hotwater bottles	SGP,MYS
	4014.90.09	- Teats	SGP
	4015.11.00 4015.19.00	- Gloves for industrial and scientific purposes	MYS
	4016.10.01	- Mats	MYS,EEC,SGP

D. Countries having submitted indicative lists (and countries to which indicative lists have been addressed, if specified)

n.s. = not specified

4001.10)		
.21)		
.22)	Natural rubber	AUS (n.s.)
.29)		
.30)	Unvulcanized rubber products:	
4006.10	"Camel-back" strips for retreading rubber tyres	AUS (n.s.)
4006.90	Rod, tubes and profile shapes and articles	AUS (n.s.)
	Vulcanized rubber products:	
4007.00	Rubber thread and cord	AUS(n.s.), ASEAN(AUS, EEC)
4008.11	Plates, sheets and strip of cellular rubber	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4008.19	Rods and profile shapes of cellular rubber	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4008.21	Plates, sheets and strip of non-cellular rubber	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4008.29	Rods and profile shapes of non-cellular rubber	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4009.10	Tubes, pipes and hoses -not reinforced or otherwise combined with other material	AUS(n.s.), PER(EEC), BRA (n.s.), ASEAN (JPN)
4009.20	-reinforced or otherwise combined only with metals	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.) ASEAN (JPN)
4009.30	-reinforced or otherwise combined only with textile materials	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.), ASEAN (JPN)
4009.40	-reinforced or otherwise combined with other materials	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.), ASEAN (JPN)
4009.50	-with fittings	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.), ASEAN (JPN)
4010	Conveyor or transmission belts	ASEAN(JPN)

	Rubber tyres and tubes:	
4011	New pneumatic tyres:	
4011.10	-for motor cars	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4011.20	-for buses or lorries	AUS(n.s.), ASEAN(AUS,USA), BRA(n.s.)
4011.40	-for motor cycles	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4011.50	-for bicycles	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4011.91	-having a "herring-bone" or similar tread	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4011.99	-other	AUS(n.s.), PER(EEC), BRA(n.s.)
4013	Inner tubes:	
4013.10	-for motor cars	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4013.20	-for bicycles	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4013.90	-other	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)

	Other rubber articles:	
4014.10	Sheath contraceptives	AUS(n.s.), ASEAN(JPN, EEC, JPN, USA), PER(EEC)
4014.90	Other hygienic or pharmaceutical articles	AUS(n.s.), ASEAN(AUS, EEC, JPN, USA), PER(EEC)
4015.11	Surgical gloves	AUS(n.s.), ASEAN(AUS, JPN, CAN, EEC, USA)
4015.19	Other gloves	AUS(n.s.), ASEAN(AUS, EEC, JPN, USA)
4015.90	Other articles of apparel and clothing accessories	AUS(n.s.)
4016.10	Other articles of cellular rubber	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4016.91	Floor coverings and mats of cellular rubber	AUS(n.s.)
4016.92	Erasers	AUS(n.s.)
4016.93	Gaskets, washers and other seals	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4016.94	Boat and dock fenders	AUS(n.s.)
4016.95	Other inflatable articles	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
4016.99	Other articles of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber or non-cellular rubber	AUS(n.s.), ASEAN(EEC, JPN), BRA(n.s.)
4017.00	Hard rubber and articles	AUS(n.s.)
6404	Footwear with outer soles of rubber and uppers of textile materials	ASEAN(EEC, JPN, USA)
6402.19	Sports footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber	ASEAN(EEC, JPN, USA)

Note: Four countries, Finland, Norway, Sweden and Switzerland, grant developing countries MFN duty-free treatment or unlimited GSP duty-free treatment with the exception that "4001 rubber tyres" are excluded from the GSP scheme of Finland. These four countries are not included in the following tables for natural rubber. Data for these four countries will be made available to interested delegations on request.

Table 1

Natural Rubber

United States, Japan, EEC and Austria - OZB (all items)

H.S Code, No. (CCCN)	Harmonized commodity description		Canada	Australia	New Zealand
4001.10 {4001} {4006}	Natural rubber latex	MFN	OZB	ZU	OZP
		GSP		OZ	
4001.21 (4001)	Smoked sheets of natural rubber	MFN	OZB	ZU	OZB
		GSP		OZ	
4001.22 (4001)	Technically specified natural rubber (TSNR)	MFN	OZB	ZU	OZB
		GSP		OZ	
4001.29 {4001} {4005} {4006}	Natural rubber, other	MFN	OZB, 10.3ZB ²	ZU	OZU, 17.5ZB ³
		GSP	6.5Z ²	OZ	OZ
4001.30 {4001} {4008}	Balata, gutta-percha gusyule, chicle and similar natural gums	MFN	OZB	OZB	OZP ₄ , 40ZB
		GSP			30Z

¹ Corresponding CCCN numbers: 4001, 4005, 4006 and 4008.

² Sheets and strip other than crepe rubber sheets for footwear.

³ Creped natural rubber and uncompounded natural rubber.

⁴ Compounded natural gums.

Table 2

Unvulcanized Rubber Products

H.S. Code No. (CCCN)	Harmonized commodity description		United States	Canada	Japan	EEC	Aust- ria	Aust- ralia	New- Zeal- and
4005.10 ¹ (4005) (4006) (4008)	Compounded rubber with carbon black or silica	MFN	0ZB	10.3ZB	4.9ZB 3.9ZA	2.5ZB	6ZB	20%U ⁸	17.5ZU ⁴ , 30ZU, 40ZU
		GSP		6.5%	(0%)	0%	3%	15% ⁸	0Z ⁴ , 20Z, 30Z
4005.20 ¹ (4006)	Compounded rubber solutions, other dispersions	MFN	0ZB	10.3ZB	4.9ZB ₃ 0ZA ₃	2.5ZB	7ZB	20%U ⁸	30ZU
		GSP		6.5%	(0%)	0%	3.5%	15% ⁸	20Z
4005.91 ¹ (4005) (4008)	Compounded rubber plates, sheets and strip	MFN	0ZB	10.3ZB	6.9ZB 3.9ZA	2.5ZB	6.5ZB	20%U ⁸	17.5ZU
		GSP		6.5%	(0%)	0%	3.2%	15% ⁸	0Z
4005.99 ¹ (4001) (4002) (4005)	Other compounded rubber	MFN	0ZB	10.3ZB	0ZB ³	0ZB	6ZB	20%U ⁸	0ZB, 17ZU ⁵
		GSP		6.5%			3%	15% ⁸	0Z ⁵
4006.10 ² (4006) (4008)	"Camel-back" strips for retreading rupper tyres	MFN	5.8ZB	10.3ZB	4.9ZB 3.9ZA	2.5ZB	7ZB	20%U ⁸	30ZU, 40ZU ⁶
		GSP	0Z	6.5%	(0%)	0%	3.5%	15% ⁸	20Z 30Z ⁶
4006.90 ² (4006) (4007) (4008) (4010) (4014)	Rods, tubes and profile shapes and articles (e.g. discs and rings)	MFN	4.2ZB ³ 5.3ZB	10.3ZB	4.9ZB 3.9ZA	2.5ZB	7ZB	20%U ⁸	30ZU, 35ZU ⁷
		GSP	0Z	6.5%	(0%)	0%	3.5%	15% ⁸	20Z, 25Z ⁷

¹ Corresponding CCCN numbers: 4001, 4002, 4005, 4006 and 4008

² Corresponding CCCN numbers: 4006, 4007, 4008, 4010 and 4014

³ Of natural rubber

⁴ Plates, sheets or strips

⁵ Natural rubber other than latex

⁶ Of natural gums

⁷ Tubes

⁸ From 1 January 1990 MFN 15%U, GSP 10%.

Table 3
Vulcanized Rubber Products

H.S. Code No.	Harmonized commodity description		United States	Canada	Japan	EEC	Aus- tria	Aust- ralia	NEW Zeal- and
4007.00	Rubber thread and cord	MFN	4.2ZB	6.6ZB, ² 10.3ZB	4.9ZB 3.9ZA	6.2ZB	0ZB, ⁶ 5ZB	25ZU	5ZU
		GSP	0Z	0Z ² 6.5Z	(0Z)	0Z	2.5Z	20Z	0%
4008.11	Plates,sheets and strip of cellular rubber	MFN	4.2ZB ¹	10.3ZB	4.6ZB	5.8ZB	7ZB	25ZU, ⁷ 15%U	20ZU, 30ZB, 40ZU
		GSP	0Z	6.5Z	(0Z)	0Z	3.5Z	20Z, ⁷ 10% ⁷	15%, 15%, 30% ⁴
4008.19	Rods and profile shapes of cellular rubber	MFN	4.2ZB ¹	10.3ZB	4.6ZB	4.4ZB	7ZB	25ZU	40ZU
		GSP	0Z	6.5Z	(0Z)	0Z	3.5Z	20Z	30Z
4008.21	Plates,sheets and strip of non-cellular rubber	MFN	3.4ZB	0ZB, 10.3ZB	4.9ZB 3.9ZA	4.9ZB	7ZB	20ZU	20ZU, 40ZU
		GSP	-	6.5Z	(0Z)	0Z	3.5Z	15Z	15%, 30% ⁴
4008.29	Rods and profile shapes of non-cellular rubber	MFN	5.8ZB	10.8ZB	4.9ZB 3.9ZA	4.4ZB	7ZB	25ZU	40ZU
		GSP	0Z	7Z	(0Z)	0Z	3.5Z	20Z	30Z
4009.10	Tubes,pipes and hoses - not reinforced or otherwise combined with other material ³	MFN	3.1ZB	11.3ZB	4.6ZB	4.9ZB	7ZB	40ZB 25%A	45ZU
		GSP	0Z	7.5Z	(0Z)	0Z	3.5Z	20Z	35%
4009.20	- Reinforced or otherwise combined only with metals	MFN	3.1ZB	11.3ZB	4.6ZB	4.9Z	7Z	40ZB 25%A	45ZU
		GSP	0Z	7.5Z	(0Z)	0Z	3.5Z	20Z	35%
4009.30	- Reinforced or otherwise combined only with textile materials	MFN	3.1ZB	11.3ZB	4.6ZB	4.9ZB	7ZB	40ZB 25%A	45ZU
		GSP	0Z	7.5Z	(0Z)	0Z	3.5Z	20Z	35%
4009.40	- Reinforced or otherwise combined with other materials ³	MFN	3.1ZB	11.3ZB	4.6ZB	4.9ZB	7ZB	40ZB 25%A	45ZU
		GSP	0Z	7.5Z	(0Z)	0Z	3.5Z	20Z	35%
4004.50	- With fittings	MFN	3.1ZB	11.3ZB	4.6ZB	4.9ZB	7ZB	40ZB 25%A	45ZU, 55ZU ⁵
		GSP	0Z	7.5Z	(0Z)	0Z	3.5Z	20Z	35%, 45%

¹ Of natural rubber. 6.6ZB for products of synthetic rubber

² Not covered

³ Without fittings

⁴ Other than flooring

⁵ Hydraulic brake hoses for use in the assembly of motor vehicles as may be determined.

⁶ For products with a diameter of 2 mm or more only.

⁷ Of expanded foam rubber combined with textile fabric.

Table 4
Rubber Tyres and Tubes

H.S. Code No. (CCCN)	Harmonized commodity description	United States	Canada	Japan	EEC	Austria	Finland	Australia	New Zealand	
4011 4011.10	New pneumatic tyres: - for motor cars	MFN	4ZB	10.7% ^B	0ZB	5.8ZB	20ZB	25ZB	25ZU	40ZU ⁵ 55ZU ⁵
		GSP	0Z	7%		(0Z) ⁴	10Z	-	20Z	-
4011.20	- for buses or lorries	MFN	4ZB	10.7ZB	0ZB	5.8ZB	20ZB	25ZB	25ZU	40ZU ⁵ 55ZU ⁵
		GSP	0Z	7%		(0Z) ⁴	10Z	-	20Z	-
4011.40	- for motor cycles	MFN	4ZB	10.7ZB	0ZB, 4.2ZB 3.4ZA	5.8ZB	20ZB	25ZB	0ZU	40ZU
		GSP	0Z	7%	(0Z)	(0Z) ⁴	10Z	-	-	-
4011.50	- for bicycles	MFN	5ZB	11.7% ^B	4.2ZB 3.4ZA	5.8ZB	20ZB	25ZB	27.5ZB 0%A	40Z or \$2.5 each
		GSP	-	7%	(0Z)	(0Z) ⁴	10Z	-	-	20Z or \$2.5 each
4011.91	- having a "herring-bone or similar tread	MFN	0ZB, 4ZB	0ZB ¹ 10.2ZB 10.7ZB	0ZB ³ , 4.2ZB 3.4ZA	5.8ZB	20ZB	25ZB	15ZU	40ZU 55ZU ⁶
		GSP	0Z	6.5% 7%	(0Z)	(0Z) ⁴	10Z	-	10Z	-
4011.99	- other	MFN	0ZB, 4ZB	0ZB ¹ 10.2ZB 10.7ZB 11.7ZB	0ZB ³ , 4.2ZB 3.4ZA	5.8ZB	20ZB	25ZB	15ZU	40ZU
		GSP	0Z	6.5% 7% 7.5%	(0Z)	(0Z) ⁴	10Z	-	10Z	-
4013 4013.10 (4011)	Inner tubes: - for motor cars	MFN	3.7ZB	10.2ZB	6.5ZB 3.2ZA	5.8ZB	20ZB	25ZB	15ZU	40ZU 55ZU ⁶
		GSP	0Z	6.5%	(0Z)	(0Z) ⁴	10Z	-	10Z	-
4013.20 (4011)	- for bicycles	MFN	15ZB	10.2ZB	4.2ZB 3.4ZA	5.8ZB	20ZB	25ZB	27.5ZB 15%A	40ZU
		GSP	-	6.5%	(0Z)	(0Z) ⁴	10Z	-	10Z	20Z
4013.90 (4011)	- other	MFN	0ZB, 3.7ZB	0ZB, ² 10.2ZB	4.2ZB 3.4ZA	5.8ZB	20ZB	25ZB	15ZU	40ZU
		GSP	0Z	6.5%	(0Z)	(0Z) ⁴	10Z	-	10Z	20Z

¹Having a size of 3,600 X 51 or 4,000 X 57²For aircraft³With a width exceeding 10.16 cm⁴GSP not applicable to Romania⁵New pneumatic tyres, of a kind used in the assembly of motor vehicles as may be determined⁶For use in the assembly of motor vehicles as may be determined.

Table 5
Other Rubber Articles

H.S. Code No. (CUCN)	Harmonized commodity description		United States	Canada	Japan	EEC	Aust- ria	Aust- ralia	New Zealand
4014.10 (4012)	Sheath contraceptives	MFN	4.2% ^B	10.3% ^B	4.2% ^B 3.4% ^A	3% ^B	7% ^B	25%U	5%U
		GSP	0%	6.5%	(0%)	0%	3.5%	20%	0%
4014.90 (4012)	Other hygienic or pharmaceutical articles	MFN	3.1% ^B , 4.2% ^B	10.3% ^B	4.2% ^B 3.4% ^A	3% ^B	7% ^B	25%U	0% ^B , 5% ^P , 20%U, 35%U ⁶
		GSP	0%	6.5%	(0%)	0%	3.5%	20%	0% ^B 25%
4015.11 (4013)	Surgical gloves	MFN	3.7% ^B	25% ^B	4.2% ^B 3.4% ^A	5.3% ^B	7% ^B	25%U	47.5% or 8¢ pair +20%
		GSP	0%	16.5%	(0%)	0%	3.5%	20% except Malaysia	27.5% or 8¢ pair
4015.19 (4013)	Other gloves	MFN	3.7% ^B 14% ^B	25% ^B	4.2% ^B 3.4% ^A	5.3% ^B	7% ^B	25%U	as above
		GSP	ex0% ¹	16.5%	(0%)	0%	3.5%	20% ⁸	as above
4015.90 (4013)	Other articles of apparel and clothing accessories	MFN	5% ^B	22.5% ^B	4.2% ^B 3.4% ^A	6.2% ^B	7% ^B	22%U, 25%U, ² 60%U ³	40%U
		GSP	-	15%	(0%)	0%	3.5%	0%, 20%, 55%	35%
4016.10 (4014)	Other articles of cellular rubber	MFN	4.2% ^B	10.3% ^B	5.8% ^B 4.6% ^A	5.3% ^B	9% ^B	25%U	20%P, 40%U
		GSP	0%	6.5%	(0%)	0%	4.5%	20%	-, 30%
4016.91 (4014)	Floor coverings and mats of cellular rubber	MFN	5.3% ^B	11.3% ^B	3.4% ^B 0% ^A	4.4% ^B	9% ^B	25%U	20%U, 40%U
		GSP	0%	7.5%	(0%)	0%	4.5%	20%	-, 30%
4016.92 (4014)	Erasers	MFN	4.2% ^B	10.3% ^B	3.4% ^B	4.4% ^B	9%	25%U	35%U
		GSP	0%	6.5%	(0%)	0%	4.5%	20%	20%
4016.93 (4014)	Caskets, washers and other seals	MFN	3.5% ^B	10.3% ^B	3.4% ^B	4.4% ^B	9% ^B ⁵	25%U	40%U
		GSP	0%	6.5%	(0%)	0%	4.5% ⁵	20%	30%
4016.94 (4014)	Boat and dock fenders	MFN	5.3% ^B	10.3% ^B	3.4% ^B	4.4% ^B	9% ^B	25%U	40%U
		GSP	0%	6.5%	(0%)	0%	4.5%	20%	30%
4016.95 (4014)	Other inflatable articles	MFN	4.2% ^B	15% ^B , 10.3% ^B	3.4% ^B	4.4% ^B	9%	25%U	40%U
		GSP	-	10% 6.5%	(0%)	0%	4.5%	20%	30%
4016.99 (4014)	Other articles of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber of non-cellular rubber	MFN	3.4% ^B 6.5% ^B 5.3% ^B 8.5% ^B 4.2% ^B	10.3% ^B	3.4% ^B 0% ^A	4.4% ^B	9% ^B	25%U	0-55%P
		GSP	0%	6.5%	0%	0%	4.5%	20%	ex0-25%
4017.00 (4015) (4016)	Hard rubber and articles	MFN	5.3% ^B	0% ^B , 10.3% ^B	4.2% ^B 3.4% ^A	0% ^B , 2.5% ^B , 3.2% ^B	6.5% ^B	25%U	0%U 40%
		GSP	0%	6.5%	0%	0%	3.2% ³	20%	30% ⁷

¹ Seamless gloves. ² Driving dress, etc. ³ Garments other than X-ray protection garments. ⁴ Of a kind used for motor vehicles. Without a visible reinforcement of metal on the outside S 4.41/kg.B, GSP S 2.20/kg. ⁵ Hot-water bottles. ⁶ Articles of hard rubber. ⁷ 20 per cent GSP rate not applicable to Malaysia and Sri Lanka.

2. Tropical Wood and Wood Products

A. An overview of the tariff situation (see Tables 6-9 for details)

Nordic countries (Finland, Norway and Sweden) and Switzerland now provide developing countries MFN duty-free treatment or unlimited GSP duty-free treatment for all items in CCCN/HS Chapters 44 and 94.

The United States also grants such treatment with some exceptions (plywood, not tongued, grooved or rabbeted; certain miscellaneous wood articles). Canadian imports of logs, sawn wood and veneer sheets are granted MFN duty-free treatment. Most other wood products are subject to MFN duties of 4-15 per cent. The Canadian GSP scheme covers all of these wood products at the rates of 0-10.5 per cent.

With respect to all items in Chapters 44 and 94 Japan provides developing countries MFN or GSP duty-free treatment, with the exception that plywood is dutiable on an MFN basis and that GSP rates on certain sawn tropical woods (lauan, etc.,) and sheets for plywood are positive at one-half of corresponding MFN rates. Japan's GSP on wood products are subject to different types of ceiling limitations and maximum country amounts.

The EEC also provides developing countries MFN or GSP duty-free treatment. However, GSP imports of some sensitive items are subject to quota/ceiling limitations. Romania is excluded from the application of GSP on certain wood items. The Republic of Korea is no longer a beneficiary of the EEC GSP scheme since 1988.

In Austria rough and sawn wood except planed or sanded sawn wood has been granted MFN or GSP duty-free treatment. Wood products are subject to MFN duties of 6-18 per cent and wood furniture, MFN duties of 7-27 per cent. All wood products have been covered by GSP at one-half of corresponding MFN rates.

In Australia rough and sawn wood (except planed or sanded sawn wood) as well as veneer sheets have been granted MFN or GSP duty-free treatment. MFN duties on other wood products range between 15 per cent and 30 per cent (mostly unbound). The Australian GSP scheme covers all of these wood products. GSP rates of Australia are uniformly 5 percentage points less than corresponding MFN rates. If MFN rates are reduced, GSP rates will be automatically reduced.

In New Zealand rough and sawn wood (except sanded or finger-joined sawn wood) have been granted MFN duty-free treatment. MFN duties on most wood products range between 10 per cent and 40 per cent (mostly unbound). The New Zealand GSP scheme covers all wood products at 0-25 per cent.

B. Non-tariff measures

Apart from quotas maintained by Denmark (EEC) on imports of wooden seats and wooded furniture from the Republic of Korea, only New Zealand maintains some non-tariff measures on products in this category. Recently liberalized products, i.e. exempt from licensing, include plywood, laminated wood, veneer sheets and sheets for plywood, shaped wood (excluding balsawood), wooden case, wooden frames, and builders carpentry and joining (L/5640/Add.18/Supp.1). Remaining products are subject to automatic licensing (licence on demand): fibreboard (CCCN ex 4419, HS4411) and wood beadings and mouldings (CCCN ex 4419, HS 4409), other articles of wood (CCCN ex 4428, HS ex 4421.90 etc.), and household utensils (CCCN ex 4424, HS ex 4419.00 and ex 4421.90). Wood shingles (CCCN 4428, HS 4418.50) are still subject to basic import licences. (Import Licensing Schedule 1987).

C. Major suppliers (MFN/GSP dutiable items only)

USA	4409.20	Wood dowel rods and pins sanded, grooved	CAN,MYS,HND
	4412.11	Plywood	IDN,OAN(Taiwan Province),JPN,BRA,CAN,KOR
	4421.10	Wood hangers	OAN,YUG,EEC,CHN
	4421.90	Wood blinds,shutters,etc.	OAN,HKG,CHN
	4421.90	Skewers,candy sticks,ice cream sticks,drink mixers, etc.	CAN,KOR
		USA is the predominant supplier of all dutiable wood products except for the following:	
CAN	4412.11.10	Plywood,n.o.p.	OAN, IDN, USA
	4414.00	Picture and photograph frames	USA,OAN,KOR
	4419.00	Tableware and kitchen-ware	MEX

JPN	4407.21) 99)	Sawn wood of lanan, kruing, mersawa and other diptecar family	PHL,MYS, IDN
	4408.20) 90)	Sheets for plywood	MYS, IDN, PHL
	4408.90	Veneer sheets, n.e.s.	BOL, IND, BRA, USA
	4412.11	Plywood n.e.s.	IDN, MYS, USA, KOR, OAN
	4421.90	Other articles of red sandal wood, rosewood, ebony, etc.	THA
	4421.90	Other wood articles, n.e.s.	MYS, OAN, CHN
	9401.50) 90)	Parts of chairs, n.e.s.	THA, EEC, USA, KOR
<u>Note:</u> USA, CAN, OAN, CHN, KOR are major suppliers of a number of other dutiable wood products			
EEC		Sensitive items for GSP application	
	4411	Wood fibreboard	SWE, FIN, AUT, BRA
	4412	Plywood	FIN, USA, IDN, PHL, MYS, SGP
	4418	Builders' joinery and carpentry	SWE, AUT, OAN, FIN, PHL, SGP, MYS, BRA, YUG
AUT	9403	Other furniture and parts	SWE, ROM, AUT, DDR, OAN, USA, THA, PHL, HKG, CHN
		EEC is the predominant supplier of all dutiable wood products	

AUS	4409.20	Dowelling	SGP, MYA	
	4409.20	Planed wood for making boxes	PHL	
	4409.20	Wood dressed all round	NZL, MYS, PHL, SGP	
	4409.20	Wood planed, etc. n.e.s.	NZL, MYS, FIN	
	4411	Hardboards	SWE, FIN, PHL	
	4412.11	Plywood, 5.5-23 mm in thickness	NZL, SGP, PHL, OAN, SGP	
	4412.11	Plywood, n.e.s.	OAN, SGP	
	4412.29) and 99;) 4420.90)	Laminated wood products	SGP	
	4409.20	Wooden beadings and mouldings	MYS, NZL, SGP, PHL	
	4414	Wooden frames for pictures, etc.	OAN, NZL, THA, EEC	
	4418	Builders' joinery and carpentry	NZL, MYS	
	4424	Household utensils	NZL, OAN, CHN	
	4421	Other wood articles	OAN, NZL, EEC	
	9401	Chairs	EEC, OAN, PHL, SGP	
	9403	Other furnitures, n.e.s.	EEC, OAN, PHL, USA, SGP, SWE	
	NZL	4411	Fibre building board	USA
		4408	Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood	EEC, SGP
		4412	Plywood	AUS, PNG, FJI
		4409.20	Wooden beadings and mouldings	AUS
		4418	Builders carpentry and joinery	AUS, USA

	4419	Household utensils	OAN, THA
	4420	Light fittings, etc.	OAN, PHL, THA, CHN
	CCCN 4428.009	(various HS Nos) Other articles of wood	AUS, EEC
	9401	Chairs	AUS, USA, EEC
	9403	Other furniture	AUS, EEC, CHN

Note: There are a number of other dutiable wood products for which imports were nil or insignificant.

D. Countries having submitted indicative lists (and countries to which indicative lists have been addressed, if specified)

n.s. = not specified

	Tropical wood in the rough and sawn	
4403	Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared:	
4403.10	-Treated with preservatives	AUS(n.s.)
	-Other	
4403.99	--Other	AUS(n.s.)
4407	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm:	
	-Of the following tropical woods:	
4407.21	--Dark red meranti, light red meranti, meranti bakau, white lauan, etc.	ASEAN(AUS, JPN)
4407.22	--Okoumé, obeche, sapelli, sipo acajou d'Afrique, etc.	CIV(AUS, NZL)
	-Other (not including coniferous)	
4407.99	--Other	AUS(n.s.), PER(JPN)

	Veneer, plywood, etc:	
4408	Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood and other wood sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm:	
4408.20	-Of certain tropical woods	CIV(AUT,NZL),ASEAN(AUS,EEC,JPN)
4408.90	-Other (not including coniferous)	AUS(n.s.),PER(JPN)
4409	Wood continuously shaped along any of its edges or faces.	
4409.20	-Non-coniferous	AUS(n.s.),CIV(AUT),ASEAN(AUS,EEC,JPN),PER(EEC,USA),BRA(n.s.)
4410	Particle board and similar board of wood or other ligneous materials	
4410.10	-Of wood	AUS(n.s.),PER(USA),.BRA(n.s.)
4412	Plywood,veneered panels and similar laminated wood:	
	-Plywood consisting solely of sheets of wood, each ply not exceeding 6 mm thickness:	
4412.11	--With at least one outer ply of certain tropical woods	CIV(CAN),ASEAN(EEC,JPN,AUS,CAN,USA),PER(EEC,JPN,USA),BRA(n.s.),BUR(USA,EEC,JPN)
4412.12	--Other, with at least one outer ply of non-coniferous wood	AUS(n.s.),CIV(CAN,USA),ASEAN(AUS,EEC),PER(JPN,USA),BRA(n.s.)BUR(USA,EEC,JPN)
4412.29	--Others, n.e.s.	ASEAN(JPN)

	Wood articles:	
4413.00	Densified wood, in blocks, plates strips or profile shapes	ASEAN(AUS)
4414.00	Wooden frames for painting, photographs, mirrors or similar objects	PER(EEC,JPN,USA)
4418	Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood:	
4418.20	-Doors	AUS(n.s.),ASEAN(AUS, EEC,USA),PER(EEC,JPN, USA),BRA(n.s.)
4418.30	-Parquet panels	AUS(n.s.),ASEAN(AUS), PER(EEC,USA),BRA(n.s.), LKA(AUS,AUT,NZL)
4418.50	-Shingles and shakes	AUS(n.s.),BRA(n.s.)
4418.90	-Other (TSUS 20330,20700,24560)	AUS(n.s.),ASEAN(AUS), PER(EEC,USA),BRA(n.s.)
4419.00	Tableware and kitchenware, of wood	ASEAN(AUS,EEC,JPN,NZL, USA),PER(CAN,EEC,JPN, USA),BRA(n.s.),BUR (EEC,JPN)
4420	Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; caskets and cases for jewellery or cutlery, and similar articles of wood; statuettes and other ornaments, of wood; wooden articles of furniture not falling in Chapter 94.	
4420.10	-Statuettes and other ornaments, of wood	ASEAN(AUS,CAN,JPN,NZL, CHE,USA),PER(EEC,USA), BRA(n.s.),BUR(EEC,JPN)
4420.90	-Other	ASEAN(CHE),PER(EEC,JPN, USA),BRA(n.s.),BUR(EEC, JPN)
	Other articles of wood	
4421.10	-clothes hangers	PER(USA),BRA(n.s.)
4421.90	-Other	CIV(CAN),ASEAN(AUS), PER(JPN,USA),BRA(n.s.)

	Wooden furniture:	
9401	Seats and parts thereof:	
	-Other seats, with wooden frames	
9401.61	--Upholstered	AUS(n.s.), ASEAN(NZL), PER(EEC,USA), BRA(n.s.)
9401.69	--Other	AUS(n.s.), PER(EEC,USA), BRA(n.s.)
9401.90	Parts (of wood)	AUS(n.s.), BRA(n.s.)
9403	Other furniture and parts thereof:	
9403.30	-Wooden furniture of a kind used in offices	AUS(n.s.), ASEAN(NZL), PER(EEC,USA), BRA(n.s.)
9403.40	-Wooden furniture of a kind used in the kitchen	AUS(n.s.), PER(EEC,USA), BRA(n.s.), ASEAN(NZL)
9403.50	-Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom	AUS(n.s.), PER(EEC,USA), BRA(n.s.), ASEAN(NZL)
9403.60	-other wooden furniture	AUS(n.s.), ASEAN(CAN, NZL), PER(JPN,USA)
9403.90	-parts (of wood)	AUS(n.s.), PER(USA), BRA(n.s.)

Table 6
Tropical Wood in the Rough and Sawn

United States OIN (all items)

H.S. Code No. (CCCN)	Harmonized commodity description	Canada	Japan	EEC	Aust- ria	Aust- ralia	New Zealand
4403 (4403) (4404)	Wood in the rough, whether or not stripped of bark or sapwood, or roughly squared:						
4403.10	-treated with paint, stains, creosote or other preservatives	MFN GSP	OZB OZP ¹	OZB, 2.5ZB	OZB, 3ZB ¹⁰	OZB	OZP
				OZ	1.5%		
4403.31	-other, of the following tropical woods: --dark red meranti, light red meranti and meranti bakau	MFN	OZB	OZP	OZB	OZB	OZB
4403.32	--white lauan, white meranti, white seraya, yellow meranti and alan	MFN	OZB	OZP	OZB	OZB	OZB
4403.33	--keruing, ramin, kapur, teak, jongkong, merbau, jelutong and kempas	MFN	OZB	OZP	OZB	OZB	OZB
4403.34	--okoumé, obeche, sapelli, sipo, acajou d'Afrique, makoré and iroko	MFN	OZB	OZB	OZB	OZB	OZB
4403.35	-- tiana, mansonia, ilomba, dibéto, limba and azobé	MFN	OZB	OZB	OZB	OZB	OZB
4403.99	-other --other	MFN	OZB	OZP ¹	OZB	OZB	OZB
4407 (44.05) (44.13) (44.28)	Wood sawn or chipped lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness exceeding 6 mm:						
4407.21	-of the following tropical woods: --dark red meranti, light red meranti, meranti bakau, white lauan, white meranti, white seraya, yellow meranti, alan, keruing, ramin, kapur, teak, jongkong, merbau, jelutong and kempas	MFN GSP	OZB OZP ² , 10ZU ³	OZB, 4ZB ³ , 4.9ZB ³	OZB	OZB teak, SZU ³ , 15ZU ³	OZB 10ZU ⁶ , 30ZU ⁷
				(5Z) ²	0%		0%, 10Z
						0%, 10Z	0%, 20Z
4407.22	--okoumé, obeche, sapelli, sipo, acajou d'Afrique, makoré, iroko, tiana, mansonia, ilomba, dibéto, limba and azobé	MFN	OZB	OZU	as above	OZB SZU ³ , 15ZU ³	OZB, as above
					0%	OZ 10Z	as above
4407.23	--baboen, mahogany (<i>Swietenia</i> spp.), imbuia and balsa	MFN GSP	OZB OZP ¹ , 6.8ZB	OZU	as above	OZB 5%U, 15%U ³	as above
					0%	0%, 10% ³	as above
4407.99	-other (not including coniferous) --other	MFN GSP	OZB 0% ⁸	OZP ¹ , 10ZU ³	as above	OZB 5ZB ³ , II	OZB 5ZB 10ZU, 20ZU ⁹
				(5Z) ²	0%	2.5Z ³ , II	0%, 20Z

¹ Except for Kiri; ² Of lauan, keruing, merbau and other dipterocarpaceae family; ³ Planed or sanded; ⁴ Acajou d'Afrique;⁵ Ebony; ⁶ Exceeding .6 mm thick, planed; ⁷ Exceeding .6 mm thick, sanded or finger-jointed; ⁸ Treated.⁹ Sanded or finger-jointed. ¹⁰ For transmission poles, e.g. for telephone and telegraph lines only.¹¹ Finger-jointed

Table 7
Veneer, Plywood, etc.

H.S. Code No. (CCCN)	Harmonized commodity description		United States (TSUS)	Canada	Japan	EEC	Austria	Australia	New Zealand
4408 (44.05) (44.13) (44.14) (44.28)	Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood (whether or not spliced) and other wood sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm:								
4408.20 (TSUS 24002 03 04 06)	-of the following tropical woods: dark red meranti, light red meranti, white lauan, sipo, limba, okoumé, obeche, acajou d'Afrique, sapelli, baboen, mahogany (<i>Swietenia spp.</i>), palissandre du Brésil and bois de rose femelle	MFN	0% ¹³	OZB	15ZP ⁴ 5ZA*	4ZB, 4.9ZB, 6ZB	12ZB	30ZB ⁷ 5ZU	10ZU ⁹ , 25.5ZU
4408.90	-other (not including coniferous)	MFN	0%P ¹⁴	OZB	OZB, 8ZB, 15ZP ⁴ 5ZA*	0ZB, 4ZB, 4.9ZB, 6ZB	12ZB	30ZB ⁷ 5ZU	10ZU ⁹ , 25.5ZU
		GSP			(OZ) ^{4*} (2.5%) ^{4*}	OZ	6%	0%	0%, 20%
4409 (44.09) (44.13) (44.19) (44.28)	Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed:	MFN	OZB, 4.5ZB, 7.6ZB ²	OZB ³	OZP, 2.5ZB, 7.5ZB ³ 10ZU ⁵	3ZB, 4ZB	6%	15ZU	0ZB ¹⁰ , 10ZU ¹¹ , 20ZU
4409.20	-non-coniferous	GSP	OZ ¹ , - 2 (sanded, grooved)		(OZ) ^{4*}	OZ	3%	10%	0%, 10%
4410 (44.18) (44.19)	Particle board and similar board of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or not agglomerated with resins or other organic binding substances	MFN	4ZB	4-9.2ZB	12ZB*, 8ZA; 10ZB	10ZB	13ZB	20ZU	20ZU,
4410.10	-of wood	CSP	0%	2.5-6%	(OZ)	OZ	6.5%	15%	10%,
4412 (4415) (4419)	Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood: -plywood consisting solely of sheets of wood, each ply not exceeding 6 mm thickness:	MFN	8ZB, 8/ ¹	8ZB, 9.2ZB	15ZB, 12.5ZA; 20ZB*, 17.5ZA; 17ZB* 13.5ZA	10ZB	18ZB	25ZU	30ZU
4412.11	--with at least one outer ply of the following tropical woods: dark red meranti, light red meranti, white lauan, sipo, limba, okoumé, obeche, acajou d'Afrique, sapelli, baboen, mahogany (<i>Swietenia spp.</i>), palissandre du Brésil or bois de rose femelle	GSP	-, 8/ ¹	5%, 6%	-	(OZ)	9%	20%	25%
4412.12	--other, with at least one outer ply of non-coniferous wood	MFN	8ZB (24017) (24023) (24025), 8/ ¹	8ZB, 9.2ZB	15ZB 12.5ZA*, 17ZB 13.5ZA*, 20ZB 17.5ZA	10ZB	18ZB	25ZU	30ZU
		GSP	-, 8/ ¹	5%, 6%	-	(OZ)	9%	20%	25%

¹ TSUS 20266; ² TSUS 20095; ³ Except flooring of oak; ⁴ Sheets for plywood; ⁵ Of lauan, kruisig, merawa and other dipterocarpaceae family; ⁶ Of laminated lumber; ⁷ Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood; ⁸ Tongued, grooved or rabbeted 2.9%/Kg.+2.3ZB, CSP 0%. ⁹ Planed. ¹⁰ Drawn wood. ¹¹ Moulded wood. ¹² Beadings and mouldings 7.2ZB, 4.8ZA.

¹³ Partially ceiling binding at 4.0% (not reinforced or backed) and 3.2% (not surface covered or surface covered in such a way as to not obscure the grain). ¹⁴ Partially ceiling binding at 3.2% (other, not surface covered or surface covered in such a way as to not obscure the grain).

Table 8
Wood Articles

M.S. Code No. (CCCN)	Harmonized commodity description		United States	Canada	Japan	KFC	Aus- tria	Aust- ralia	New Zeal- and
4414.00 (4420)	Wooden frames for paintings, photographs, mirrors or similar objects	MFN	6ZB	9.2ZB	6.5ZB ¹ , 5.2ZA ²	5.1ZB	7ZB	15ZU	20ZU
		GSP	0%	6%	(0%) ³	0%	3.5%	10%	10%
4418	Builders' joinery and carpentry of wood, including cellular wood panels, assembled parquet panels, shingles and shakes;								
4418.20 (4423)	-doors	MFN	7.5ZB	11.3ZB	0ZB	6ZB	13ZB	15ZU	25ZU
		GSP	0%	0%	(0%)	6.5%	10%	10%	
4418.30 (4423)	-parquet panels	MFN	3.2ZB	5.5ZB	3.9ZB	6ZB	10ZB	15ZU	25ZU
		GSP	0%	0%	(0%)	(0%)	5%	10%	10%
4418.50 (4428)	-shingles and shakes	MFN	0ZB ⁴	0ZB	5.8ZB	4.9ZB	6ZB	15ZU	0ZP
		GSP			(0%) ⁵	0%	3%	10%	
4418.90 (4416) (4423)	-other (TSUS 20330, 20700, 24560)	MFN	0ZB, 5.1ZB	4ZB, 9.2ZB	0ZB, 3.9ZB ³ , 10ZB ⁶	6ZB	9ZB	15ZU	20ZU
		GSP	0%	2.5%, 6%	(0%) ⁷	(0%)	4.5%	10%	10%
4419.00 (4424) (4427) (4428)	Tableware and kitchenware, of wood	MFN	5.1ZB, 8.5ZB, 5.3ZA	9.2ZB	7ZB, 5.6ZA, 4ZB 3.2ZA	3ZB	6ZB	15ZU	25.5ZU ⁸ , 30ZU
		GSP	0%	6%	(0%) ⁹	(0%)	3%	10%	15% ⁸ , 20%
4420	Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; caskets and cases for jewellery or cutlery, and similar articles, of wood; statuettes and other ornaments, of wood; wooden articles of furniture not falling in Chapter 94.								
4420.10 (4427)	-Statuettes and other ornaments, of wood	MFN	5.1ZB	9.2ZB	4ZB 3.2ZA	6ZB	7ZB	15ZU	0ZU, 25.5ZU
		GSP	0%	6%	(0%) ¹⁰	0%	3.5%	10%	15%
4420.90 (4415) (4427)	-other	MFN	3ZB, 6.7ZB, 2.2¢/kg +2.9ZB, 5.1ZB	11.2ZB	4ZB 3.2ZA, ⁴ 20ZU ⁴	6ZB, ⁴ 10ZB	10ZB	15ZU	20ZU ⁹ , 25.5ZU
		GSP	0% if not lined with textile fabric	7%	(0%) ¹⁰	0%	5%	10%	15% ⁹ , 15%
4421.10 (4428)	Other articles of wood -clothes hangers	MFN	5.1ZB	9.2ZB	5.8ZB	4.9ZB	7ZB	15ZU	30ZU
		GSP	-	6%	(0%) ¹¹	0%	3.5%	10%	20%
4421.90 (4424) (4426) (4428)	-other	MFN	0-6ZB, ¹ 16 2/3ZB, ¹ 10¢/ ² gross B ²	0-15ZB	5.7ZB, 4.6ZA, 5.8ZB, ⁵ 10ZB ⁵	2.5ZB 4.4ZB, 4.6ZB, 4.9ZB, 7.5ZB	6ZB	15ZP	0ZP, 10ZU, 30ZU
		GSP	ex0%	0-10%	(0%)	0%	3%	10%	0%, 20%

¹ TSUS 20665 certain wood blinds; ² 79005 clothespins, spring type; ³ Cellular wood panel;

⁴ Wood marquetry and inlaid wood; ⁵ Kushi, of bamboo; ⁶ Hatch splints 40ZB not applied; ⁷ Spring rollers for blinds - 15%; other - unbound; ⁸ Forks and spoons; Spoons and forks, wooden trays and fancy bowls.

⁹ Wooden marquetry and inlaid wood.

¹⁰ Red cedar shingles and shakes 0%U, 35%A due to Article 201 action. Other 0%P

Table 9
Wooden Furniture

Note: This table does not show tariff rates on aircraft furniture.

H.S. Code No. (CCCN)	Harmonized commodity description		United States	Canada	Japan	EEC	Aus- tria	Aust- ralia	New Zeal- and
9401 (9401)	Seats and parts thereof: —other seats, with wooden frames	MFN	3.4% 5.3% 2.5%	15%	4.8% 3% 5.4% 4.3%	5.6%	27% 16% A	30%	34%
9401.61	—upholstered	GSP	0%	10%	(0%)	0%	13.5%	25%	22.5%
9401.69	—other	MFN	6.6% 3.4% 5.3% 2.5%	6% ⁴ 15%	4.8% 3.8%	5.6%	27% 16% A	30%	34%
		GSP	0%	4% ⁴ 10%	(0%)	0%	13.5%	25%	22.5%
9401.90	-parts (of wood)	MFN	6.6% 5.3%	15%	4.8% 3.8%	5.6%	7%	25% ¹ 30%	40%
		GSP	0%	10%	(0%)	0%	3.5%	20% ¹ 25%	22.5%
9403 (9403)	Other furniture and parts thereof:								
9403.30	-wooden furniture of a kind used in offices	MFN	6.6% 2.5%	15% 16.1%	4.8% 3.8%	5.6%	27% 16% A	30% ⁵	34%
		GSP	0%	10% 10.5%	(0%)	(0%)	13.5%	25%	22.5%
9403.40	-wooden furniture of a kind used in the kitchen	MFN	6.6% 2.5%	15%	4.8% 3.8%	5.6%	27% 16% A	30% ⁵	34%
		GSP	0%	10%	(0%)	(0%)	13.5%	25%	22.5%
9403.50	-wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom	MFN	6.6% 2.5%	15% 15.3%	4.8% 3.8%	5.6%	27% 16% A	30% ⁵	34%
		GSP	0%	10%	(0%)	(0%)	13.5%	25%	22.5%
9403.60	-other wooden furniture	MFN	6.6% 2.5%	15%	4% ³ 3.2% ³ 4.8% 3.8%	5.6%	27% 16% A	30% ⁵	34%
		GSP	0%	10%	(0%)	(0%)	13.5%	25%	22.5%
9403.90 (TSUS) (72715) (72740)	-parts (of wood)	MFN	5.3%	15%	4.8% 3.8%	5.6%	23%	30%	34%
		GSP	0%	10%	(0%)	(0%)	13.5%	25%	22.5%

¹For vehicles.

²Covered with leather.

³Shelved furniture (excluding cupboards and bookcases) designed to be hung, to be fixed to the wall or to stand one on the other.

⁴Church pews.

⁵MFN rate bound at 42.5 per cent except for tray mobiles, trolleys and the like.

3. Product-Specific Proposals and Indicative Offers

- USA - proposed the elimination of all support and protective measures on an agreed priority list of tropical agricultural products on an expedited basis, i.e. a period shorter than the ten-year period envisaged in the US proposal on agricultural. (Tropical wood and certain processed products thereof are considered to be tropical agricultural products.)
- proposed reduction or elimination of trade barriers on non-agricultural tropical products on the basis of request and offer negotiations. (Certain wood products including wood furniture are considered to be non-agricultural tropical products). (MTN.GNG/NG6/W/17).
- EEC - proposed the following orientation with respect to industrial tropical products which include tropical woods and natural rubber, as well as their products whose value is made up of a preponderant percentage of tropical raw materials:
- (i) elimination of duties for industrial tropical raw materials;
 - (ii) elimination or significant reduction of duties for industrial tropical semi-processed products;
 - (iii) reduction up to 50 per cent of existing duties for finished industrial tropical products.
- AUT - The tables attached shows Austrian offers of GSP improvements. These offers are consisted of the 50 per cent reduction of present GSP rates on certain categories of rubber products and manufactures and some selective offers for veneer and plywood and wooden furniture (MTN.GNG/NG6/LT/6).
- HUN - Hungarian offers of GSP improvements - see pages 31-33.

Note: Proposals which apply to tropical products generally are not included in this section. Such proposals are summarized in document MTN.GNG/NG6/W/18/Rev.1 which covers the written and oral proposals made by participants up to 18 March 1988. Some of these proposals as well as further proposals received can also be found in the indicative lists submitted by participants circulated under the MTN.GNG/NG6/LT series.

Code H.S. No.	Harmonized commodity description	HFN	present situation GSP I	GSP II	present situation GSP I	GSP II
<u>Unvulcanized Rubber Products</u>						
4005.10	Compounded rubber with carbon black or silica	6½B	3%	0%	0%	1.5%
4005.20	Compounded rubber solutions, other dispersions	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%
4005.91	Compounded rubber plates, sheets and strip	6.5½B	3.2%	0%	0%	1.6%
4005.99	Other compounded rubber	6½B	3%	0%	0%	1.5%
4006.10	"Camel-back" strips for retreading rubber tyres	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%
4006.90	Rods, tubes and profile shapes and articles (e.g. discs and rings)	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%
<u>Vulcanized Rubber Products</u>						
4007.00	Rubber thread and cord:					
	A - with a cross-sectional dimension of 2 mm or more	5½B	2.5%	0%	0%	1.2%
	B - other	0½B	-	-	-	-
4008.11	Plates, sheets and strip of cellular rubber	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%
4008.19	Rods and profile shapes of cellular rubber	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%
4008.21	Plates, sheets and strip of non-cellular rubber	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%
4008.29	Rods and profile shapes of non-cellular rubber	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%
4009.10	Tubes, pipes and hoses:					
	- not reinforced or otherwise combined with other material	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%
4009.20	- Reinforced or otherwise combined only with metals	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%
4009.30	- Reinforced or otherwise combined only with textile materials	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%
4009.40	- Reinforced or otherwise combined with other materials	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%
4009.50	- with fittings	7½B	3.5%	0%	0%	1.7%

Code H.S. No.	Harmonized commodity description	MFN GSP I	present situation GSP II	GSP I	GSP II offer GSP II
<u>Other Rubber Articles</u>					
4014.10	Sheath contraceptives	74B	3.5%	0%	1.7%
4014.90	Other hygienic or pharmaceutical articles	74B	3.5%	0%	1.7%
4015.11	Surgical gloves	74B	3.5%	0%	1.7%
4015.19	Other gloves	74B	3.5%	0%	1.7%
4015.90	Other articles of apparel and clothing accessories	74B	3.5%	0%	1.7%
4016.10	Other articles of cellular rubber	94B	4.5%	0%	2.2%
4016.91	Floor coverings and mats of cellular rubber	94B	4.5%	0%	2.2%
4016.92	Erasers	94B	4.5%	0%	2.2%
4016.93	Caskets, washers and other seals: A - without a visible reinforcement of metal on the outside B - other	9% max. \$4.41/kg	4.25% max. \$2.05/kg	0% 0%	2.2% max. \$1.01/kg 2.2%
4016.94	Boat and dock fenders	94B	4.5%	0%	2.2%
4016.95	Other inflatable articles	94B	4.5%	0%	2.2%
4016.99	Other articles of vulcanized rubber other than hard rubber or non-cellular rubber	94B	4.5%	0%	2.2%
4017.00	Hard rubber and articles	6.54B	3.2%	0%	1.6%

Code H.S. No.	Harmonized commodity description		Present situation GSP I	Present situation GSP II	offer GSP I	offer GSP II
<u>Veneer, Plywood, etc.</u>						
ex 4408	Veneer sheets and sheets for plywood (whether or not spliced) and other wood sawn lengthwise, sliced or peeled, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed, of a thickness not exceeding 6 mm:					
4408.20	- of the following tropical woods: dark red meranti, light red meranti, white lauan, siro, limba, okoumé, obeche, acajou d'Afrique, sapelli, baboen, mahogany (<i>Swietenia spp.</i>), palissandre du Brésil and bois de rose fémelle	12.8	6.8	6.8	3.4	
4408.90	- other (not including coniferous): A - of poplar, osier, alder, linden or beech-tree B - other	8.8 12.8	4.8 6.8	4.8 6.8	0.8	
ex 4409	Wood (including strips and friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled) continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, boaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or finger-jointed:					
	- non-coniferous	6.8	3.8	3.8	0.8	
ex 4410	Particle board and similar board of wood or other ligneous materials, whether or nor agglomerated with resins or other organic binding substances:					
4410.10	- of wood	13.8	6.5	6.5	0.8	
ex 4412	Plywood, veneered panels and similar laminated wood:					
	- plywood consisting solely of sheets of wood, each ply not exceeding 6 mm thickness:					
4412.11	-- with at least one outer ply of the following tropical woods: dark red meranti, light red meranti, white lauan, siro, limba, okoumé, obeche, acajou d'Afrique, sapelli, baboen, mahogany (<i>Swietenia spp.</i>), palissandre du Brésil or bois de rose fémelle	18.8	9.8	9.8	0.8	4.5
4412.12	-- other, with at least one outer ply of non-coniferous wood	18.8	9.8	9.8	0.8	

Code H.S. No.	Harmonized commodity description		present situation	GSP I	GSP II	GSP I	GSP II
<u>Wooden Furniture</u>							
ex 9401 Seats and parts thereof:							
	- other seats, with wooden frames:						
9401.50	Seats of cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials	25% B	12.5%	0%	0%	6.25%	
9401.61	- - upholstered	27% B	13.5%	0%	0%		
9401.69	- - other	27% B	13.5%	0%	0%		
9401.90	- parts (of wood)	7% B	3.5%	0%	0%		
ex 9403 Other furniture and parts thereof:							
	- wooden furniture of a kind used in offices	27% B	13.5%	0%	0%		
9403.40	- wooden furniture of a kind used in the kitchen	27% B	13.5%	0%	0%		
9403.50	- wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedroom	27% B	13.5%	0%	0%		
9403.60	- other wooden furniture	27% B	13.5%	0%	0%		
9403.80	Furniture of other materials: A - of cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials	8% B	4%	0%	0%	2%	
9403.90	- parts (of wood)	23% B	11.5%	0%	0%		

Hungarian offers of GSP improvements (MTN.GNG/NG6/LT/11)

(a) GSP dutiable items for which GSP duty-free has been offered

40.02 Synthetic rubber latex; pre-vulcanized synthetic rubber latex; synthetic rubber; factice derived from oils:

-02 Factice

40.12-00 Hygienic and pharmaceutical articles (including teats), of unhardened vulcanized rubber, with or without fittings of hardened rubber

40.13 Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (including gloves), for all purposes, of unhardened vulcanized rubber:

-99 Other

44.04 Wood roughly squared or half-squared, but not further manufactured:

-01 Tropical wood

44.24-00 Household utensils of wood

44.27-00 Standard lamps, table lamps and other lighting fittings of wood; articles of furniture, of wood, not falling within Chapter 94; caskets, cigarette boxes, trays, fruit bowls, ornaments and other fancy articles, of wood; cases for cutlery, for drawing instruments or for violins, and similar receptacles of wood; articles of wood for personal use or adornment, of a kind normally carried in the pocket, in the handbag or on the person; parts of the foregoing articles, of wood.

44.28 Other articles of wood:

-99 Other

(b) Non-GSP items for which GSP at substantially reduced tariff rates has been offered

40.05.00 Plates, sheets and strip, of unvulcanized natural or synthetic rubber, other than smoked sheets and crepe sheets of heading No. 40.01 or 40.02; granules of unvulcanized natural or synthetic rubber compounded ready for vulcanization; unvulcanized natural or synthetic rubber, compounded before or after coagulation either with carbon black (with or without the addition of mineral oil) or with silica (with or without the addition of mineral oil), in any form, of a kind known as masterbatch.

- 40.06-00 Unvulcanized natural or synthetic rubber, including rubber latex, in other forms or states (for example, rods, tubes and profile shapes, solutions and dispersions); articles of unvulcanized natural or synthetic rubber (for example, coated or impregnated textile thread; rings and discs)
- 40.07-00 Vulcanized rubber thread or cord, whether or not textile covered, and textile thread covered or impregnated with vulcanized rubber.
- 40.08-00 Plates, sheets, strip, rods and profile shapes, of unhardened vulcanized rubber.
- 40.09-00 Piping and tubing, of unhardened vulcanized rubber.
- 40.10.00 Transmission, conveyor or elevator belts or belting, of vulcanized rubber.
- 40.15-00 Hardened rubber (ebonite and vulcanite), in bulk, plates, sheets, strip, rods, profile shapes and tubes; scrap, waste and powder, of hardened rubber.
- 40.16 Articles of hardened rubber (ebonite and vulcanite):
 - 01 For industrial and hygienic purposes.
- 44.09 Hoopwood split poles; piles, pickets and stakes of wood, pointed but not sawn lengthwise; chipwood; drawn wood; pulpwood in chips or particles; wood shavings of a kind suitable for use in the manufacture of vinegar or for the clarification of liquids. Wooden sticks, roughly trimmed but not turned, bent nor otherwise worked, suitable for the manufacture of walking sticks, umbrella handles, tool handles or the like:
 - 99 Other
- 44.13-00 Wood (including blocks, strips and friezes for parquet or wood block flooring, not assembled) planed, tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, centre V-jointed, beaded, centre-beaded or the like, but not further manufactured.
- 44.15 Plywood, blockboard, laminboard, battenboard and similar laminated wood products (including veneered panels and sheets); inlaid wood and wood marquetry:
 - 99 Other
- 44.19 Wooden beadings and mouldings, including moulded skirting and other moulded boards:
 - 99 Other

44.20 Wooden picture frames, photograph frames, mirror frames and the like:

-99 Other

44.23 Builders'carpentry and joinery (including prefabricated and sectional buildings and assembled parquet flooring panels):

-99 Other

The Hungarian submission includes a list of products which have already been given GSP duty-free treatment (i.e. CCCN 4001.00, ex4011, ex4014, 4403, ex4405, ex4418, ex4423, 9401 and 9403).