

**MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS
THE URUGUAY ROUND**

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RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The attached communication received from the delegation of Morocco in response to requests for additional information addressed by the United States (MTN.GNG/NG6/TI/1) is circulated to the members of the Group.

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In reply to your letter of 30 March 1988 regarding our policy on certain tropical products, I have the honour to communicate the following information:

- Rubber tyres are taxed at the rate of 120 per cent per 100 kg. net.
- Tropical wood is exempt from the internal consumption tax but subject to a 10 per cent ad valorem tax on imported wood.
- Tyres and inner tubes are subject to a prior import licence without quota restriction, while rubber, aircraft tyres and solid tyres are liberalized for import.
- In general, wood is liberalized for import but most articles of wood are subject to import-licensing without quantitative restriction.
- As regards State-trading for certain products:
 - green tea: the quantity imported in 1987 was approximately 22,000 metric tons;
 - black tea: the quantity imported in 1987 was approximately 100,000 metric tons;
 - rice: the annual import quantity for which tenders were opened in 1987 and which was actually imported was 10,000 metric tons;
 - unmanufactured tobacco: imports of this product in 1987 totalled 17,823.5 tons.

In general, imports of these products are determined according to national requirements.

Lastly, it should be noted that for reasons of transparency, this Mission has no objection to this information being communicated to all the participants in the negotiations on this sector.