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REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Communication from Australia

The following communication, dated 5 September 1988, has been received from the delegation of Australia with the request that it be circulated to the members of the Group.

In accordance with the procedures for negotiations adopted by the Negotiating Group on Tropical Products on 29 January 1988, Australia submits the following requests for information on trade policy measures affecting the specified tropical products. The requests are addressed to the EEC, Indonesia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and the United States.

Although Australia would not expect all of the issues raised in our requests to necessarily be the subject of trade liberalization in the short term, we believe that liberalization in these areas will be necessary in order to achieve the fullest liberalization of trade in tropical products. Within the Tropical Products Group Australia believes that the most rapid movement and the earliest liberalization will be achieved through a focus on border measures.

EEC

In the context of the agricultural disciplines agreed at the February 1988 Brussels Summit, Australia requests the EEC to provide information on the measures implemented, or envisaged, for rice (Harmonised System Code Numbers 1006.10-40).

Australia further requests the EEC to provide information on all non-tariff measures affecting the following tropical products:

<u>HS HEADING</u>	<u>HS CODE</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
ex06.02		Other live plants (including their roots), cuttings and slips; mushroom spawn
	0602.10	- unrooted cuttings and slips
	0602.99	- other
06.03		Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared
	0603.10	- fresh
	0603.90	- other
ex08.02		Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled
	0802.90	- other
ex08.04		Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens
	0804.40	- avocados
	0804.50	- guavas, mangoes, and mangosteens
ex09.10		Ginger, saffron, tumeric, thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices
	0910.10	- ginger
12.02		Ground-nuts not roasted or otherwise cooked, whether or not shelled or broken
	1202.10	- in shell
	1202.20	- shelled, whether or not broken
ex12.11		Plants and parts of plants (including seeds and fruit) of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or dried, whether or not cut, crushed or powdered

	1211.90	- other
20.06	2006.00	Fruit, nuts, fruit-peel and other parts of plants, preserved by sugar (drained, glaze or crystallised)
ex20.08		Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified
	2008.11	- ground-nuts
	2008.19	- other, including mixtures
	2008.92	- mixtures
	2008.99	- other

Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand

Australia requests the above ASEAN members to provide information on tariff and non-tariff measures affecting the following tropical products:

<u>HS HEADING</u>	<u>HS CODE</u>	<u>ITEM</u>
06.03		Cut flowers and flower buds of a kind suitable for bouquets or for ornamental purposes, fresh, dried, dyed, bleached, impregnated or otherwise prepared
	0603.10	- fresh
	0603.90	- other
ex08.02		Other nuts, fresh or dried, whether or not shelled or peeled
	0802.90	- other
ex09.10		Ginger, saffron, tumeric, thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices
	0910.10	- ginger
10.06		Rice
	1006.10	- rice in the husk (paddy or rough)
	1006.20	- husked (brown) rice
	1006.30	- semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed
	1006.40	- broken rice
ex11.02		Cereal flours other than of wheat or meslin
	1102.30	- rice flour
ex12.11		Plants and parts of plants (including seeds and fruit) of a kind used primarily in perfumery, in pharmacy or for insecticidal, fungicidal or similar purposes, fresh or dried, whether or not cut, crushed or powdered
	1211.90	- other

ex44.08

4408.90

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 6mm
- other (not including coniferous)

ex44.12

4412.12

Plywood, veneered panels and
similar laminated wood
- other

Japan

Australia requests Japan to provide information on all non-tariff measures affecting the following tropical products:

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	0802.90	- other
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	0804.40	- avocados
	0804.50	- guavas, mangoes, and mangosteens
ex09.10		Ginger, saffron, tumeric, thyme, bay leaves, curry and other spices
	0910.10	- ginger
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15.19	Industrial monocarboxylic fatty acids; acid oils from refining industrial fatty alcohols
	- industrial monocarboxylic fatty acids :
1519.11	. stearic acid
1519.12	. oleic acid
1519.19	. other
1519.20	- acid oils from refining
1519.30	- industrial fatty alcohols
ex20.08	Fruit, nuts and other edible parts of plants, otherwise prepared or preserved, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter or spirit, not elsewhere specified
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Republic of Korea

Australia requests the Republic of Korea to provide information on tariff and non-tariff measures affecting the following tropical products:

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United States of America

Australia requests the United States to provide information on the export assistance measures affecting rice (Harmonised System Code Numbers 1006.10-40).

Australia further requests the United States to provide information on all non-tariff measures affecting the following tropical products:

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