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TROPICAL PRODUCTS

Initial Offer List of South Africa

The following communication dated 4 November 1988 has been received from the delegation of South Africa with the request that it be circulated to all participants.

Attached please find South Africa's initial offer on tropical products, for circulation to all participants.

The offer entails the elimination of all customs duties on the products listed, thus low duties will be removed, tariff escalation will be eliminated and currently zero rated duties, both bound and unbound, will be confirmed.

The development needs of members of the Southern African Customs Union Agreement do not permit of the total liberalization of trade in all categories of tropical products. However, in recognition of the importance of trade in tropical products for developing countries, and in particular for the least-developed countries, South Africa remains ready to negotiate additional market access improvements upon specific request.

It is South Africa's intention to implement this initial offer on 1 January 1989.

LIST OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS IN RESPECT OF WHICH
SOUTH AFRICA CAN OFFER THE ELIMINATION OF
CUSTOMS DUTIES AS A CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORK
OF THE NEGOTIATING GROUP ON TROPICAL PRODUCTS

<u>CODE</u>	<u>ARTICLE DESCRIPTION</u>
06.01	BULBS, TUBERS, TUBEROUS ROOTS, CORMS, CROWNS AND RHIZOMES, DORMANT, IN GROWTH OR IN FLOWER; CHICORY PLANTS AND ROOTS (EXCLUDING ROOTS OF HEADING NO. 12.12).
06.01.10	Bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corms, crowns and rhizomes, dormant
.10	Bulbs and tubers
.90	Other
06.01.20	Bulbs, tubers, tuberous roots, corms, crowns and rhizomes, in growth or in flower; chicory plants and roots:
.10	Bulbs and tubers
.20	Chicory plants and roots
.90	Other
06.02	OTHER LIVE PLANTS (INCLUDING THEIR ROOTS), CUTTINGS AND SLIPS; MUSHROOM SPAWN.
06.02.10	Unrooted cuttings and slips
06.02.20	Edible fruit or nut trees, shrubs and bushes, grafted or not
06.02.30	Rhododendrons and azaleas, grafted or not
06.02.40	Roses, grafted or not
06.02.90	Other:
06.02.91	Mushroom spawn
06.02.99	Other
07.14	MANIOC, ARROWROOT, SALEP, JERUSALEM ARTICHOKES, SWEET POTATOES, ETC.
07.14.90	Other:
07.14.90.10	Arrowroot

08.01	COCONUTS, BRAZIL NUTS AND CASHEW NUTS, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT SHELLLED OR PEELED.
08.01.10	Coconuts:
.10	Whole
.20	Dessicated, unsweetened
08.01.20	Brazil nuts
08.02	OTHER NUTS, FRESH OR DRIED, WHETHER OR NOT SHELLLED OR PEELED.
08.02.10	Almonds:
08.02.11	In shell
08.02.12	Shelled
08.02.20	Hazelnuts or filberts <u>Corylus spp.</u> :
08.02.21	In shell
08.02.22	Shelled
08.02.30	Walnuts:
08.02.31	In shell
08.02.32	Shelled
08.02.40	Chestnuts <u>Castanea spp.</u>
08.02.50	Pistachios
08.02.90	Other
08.04	DATES, FIGS, PINEAPPLES, AVOCADOS, GUAVAS, MANGOES AND MANGOSTEENS, FRESH OR DRIED:
08.04.10	Dates:
.10	With stones
.90	Other
08.04.20	Figs
09.04	PEPPER OF THE GENUS <u>PIPER</u> ; DRIED OR CRUSHED OR GROUND FRUITS OF THE GENUS <u>CAPSICUM</u> OR OF THE GENUS <u>PIMENTA</u> .
09.04.10	Pepper:
09.04.11	Neither crushed nor ground
09.04.12	Crushed or ground

09.04.20	Fruits of the genus <u>Capsicum</u> , or of the genus <u>Pimenta</u> , dried or crushed or ground:
.30	Fruits of the genus <u>Pimenta</u> , neither crushed nor ground
.40	Fruits of the genus <u>Pimenta</u> , crushed or ground
09.05	VANILLA
09.06	CINNAMON AND CINNAMON-TREE FLOWERS.
09.06.10	Neither crushed nor ground:
.10	Cinnamon
.20	Cinnamon-tree flowers
09.06.20	Crushed or ground:
.10	Cinnamon
.20	Cinnamon-tree flowers
09.07	CLOVES (WHOLE FRUIT, CLOVES AND STEMS).
09.07.00.10	Whole fruit and stems
.20	Other, neither crushed nor ground
.90	Other
09.08	NUTMEG, MACE AND CARDAMONS.
09.08.10	Nutmeg:
.10	Neither crushed nor ground
.20	Crushed or ground
09.08.20	Mace:
.10	Neither crushed nor ground
.20	Crushed or ground
09.08.30	Cardamons:
.10	Neither crushed nor ground
.20	Crushed or ground

09.09	SEEDS OF ANISE, BADIAN, FENNEL, CORIANDER, CUMIN, CARAWAY OR JUNIPER.
09.09.10	Seeds of anise or badian:
.10	Neither crushed nor ground
.20	Crushed or ground
09.09.30	Seeds of cumin:
.10	Neither crushed nor ground
.20	Crushed or ground
09.09.40	Seeds of caraway:
.10	Neither crushed nor ground
.20	Crushed or ground
09.09.50	Seeds of fennel or juniper:
.10	Neither crushed nor ground
.20	Crushed or ground
09.10	GINGER, SAFFRON, TURMERIC (CURCUMA), THYME, BAY LEAVES, CURRY AND OTHER SPICES.
09.10.20	Saffron
09.10.30	Turmeric (curcuma):
.10	Neither crushed nor ground
.20	Crushed or ground
09.10.40	Thyme; bay leaves:
.10	Thyme, neither crushed nor ground
.20	Thyme, crushed or ground
.30	Bay leaves
09.10.50	Curry
09.10.90	Other spices:
09.10.91	Mixtures referred to in Note 1(b) to this Chapter:
.10	Neither crushed nor ground
.20	Crushed or ground
09.10.99	Other:
.10	Neither crushed nor ground
.20	Crushed or ground

20.08	FRUIT, NUTS AND OTHER EDIBLE PARTS OF PLANTS, OTHERWISE PREPARED OR PRESERVED, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER OF SPIRIT, NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED.
20.08.10	Nuts, ground-nuts and other seeds, whether or not mixed together:
20.08.19	Other, including mixtures (excluding ground-nuts):
.10	Macadamia nuts
.90	Other
20.08.99	Other:
.40	Tamarinds
.50	Ginger preserved in syrup, in immediate packings of a content of 45 kg or more

Notes

1. This offer will be confirmed pending approval by the other Customs Union partners (Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland).
2. This offer is available to contracting parties with a total trade figure of less than that of South Africa as reflected in the GATT "scale of contributions for 1989" (as currently reflected in document L/6408, p. 22-24).