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RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following communication received from the delegation of <u>Singapore</u> in response to requests for additional trade information addressed by the EEC (MTN.GNG/NG6/TI/2) is circulated to the members of the Group.

SINGAPORE'S RESPONSE TO EEC'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DATED 5 APRIL 1988

The following information relates to Singapore's import regime for the seven tropical product groups of tropical beverage items; spices, flowers, plants, etc; certain oilseeds, vegetable oils and oilcakes; tobacco, rice and tropical roots; tropical fruits and nuts; tropical wood and rubber; jute and hard fibres.

Except for those tariff lines indicated below, Singapore does not impose any import duty on the other tropical products.

CCCN Item No	Product Description	Rate of Duty
ex 2401	Tobacco, Unmanufactured; tobacco refuse:	
	Tobacco, not stemmed/ stripped	S\$36.00/kg
	Tobacco, wholly or partly stripped	S\$36.00/kg
	Tobacco refuse	S\$36.00/kg
ex 2402	Manufactured tobacco; tobacco extracts and essences:	
	Cigars, cheroots and cigarillos	S\$75.00/kg
	Cigarettes	S\$75.00/kg
4013.000	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories (including gloves), for all purposes, of unhardened vulcanised rubber	5%
6005	Outer garments and other articles, knitted or crocheted, not elastic nor rubberised	
	parts of garments not knitted or crocheted directly to shape:	
6005.900	Other articles	5%

ex	9401	Chairs and other seats (other than those falling within heading No.94.02), whether or not convertible into beds, and parts thereof	
		 Seats of cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials 	5%
		- Other seats with wooden frames	5%
ex	9403	Other furniture and part thereof:	
		Wooden furniture of a kind used in offices	5%
		Wooden furniture of a kind used in the kitchen	5%
		Wooden furniture of a kind used in the bedrooms	5%
		Other wooden furniture	5%
		Furniture of other materials, including cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials	
		- Cane: Bedroom sets, dining room and living room sets	5%

With respect to non-tariff measures, these are minimal. They are applied only to the food and plant items for health, safety and security purposes and in the discharge of Singapore's international obligations.