# MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS THE URUGUAY ROUND

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### RESPONSES TO REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following information received from the delegation of Singapore on 18 October 1989 in response to the requests for additional trade information addressed by Australia (MTN.GNG/NG6/TI/3) is circulated to the members of the Group.

# SINGAPORE'S RESPONSE TO AUSTRALIA'S REQUEST FOR INFORMATION DATED 5 SEPTEMBER 1988

All imports of the concerned tropical products enter Singapore duty-free. There are no non-tariff measures imposed on these products except those maintained only for health and security purposes and in the discharge of Singapore's international obligations.

Details on the non-tariff measures maintained for the concerned products are:

# H.S. Code Product

## Measure Maintained

0603.10 - fresh cut flowers and flower buds	) ) )	Phytosanitary certificate for imports from American Tropics. This is in discharge of commitment under Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries on South American Leaf Blight
0802.90 - nuts, other	)	
0910.10	)	
- ginger	)	Sample testing for radioactive contaminants to
	)	ensure their safety for domestic consumption
1102.30	)	
- rice flour	)	
1211.90	)	
<ul> <li>other plants and</li> </ul>	)	
parts of plants	)	

1006.10 Licensing of rice importers and rice imports for security purposes, as rice is a staple food in - rice in the husk Singapore 1006.20 There are two categories of import licences, ) namely, stockpile licence and ordinary licence - husked rice (a) licences for stockpile grades of rice are 1006.30 issued only to importers who participate in - semi-milled or ) the Rice Stockpile Scheme. The licence seeks wholly milled rice ) to ensure that the importers stockpile the stipulated types and minimum quantities of 1006.40 - broken rice ) rice in proportion to their total imports. The stockpile is a reserve stock for ) emergency use; ) ) (b) licences for non-stockpile grades of rice are issued automatically. 0603.90 - other cut flowers and flower buds 4408.90 - other veneer ) sheets and sheets ) for plywood, not ) including ) No non-tariff measures coniferous ) 4412.12 ) - other plywood, ) veneered panels ) and similar ) laminated wood