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TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARTICLE XXVIII:5 NEGOTIATIONS

Schedule I - Australia

The following communication, dated 31 August 1992, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

I have the honour to refer to GATT document TAR/183, dated 3 October 1990, in which Australia notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that under Article XXVIII:5 of the General Agreement it reserved the right to modify its schedule of concessions during the three year period commencing on 1 January 1991.

Pursuant to that notification and on instructions from my Government I have the honour to inform you that Australia intends, in accordance with Article XXVIII:5 of the General Agreement, to modify a number of concessions specified in Attachment A.¹

The concessions being withdrawn are currently accorded in specific rate terms. It is Australia's intention to rebind the items concerned in ad valorem terms. Details of the proposed new concessions are specified in Attachment B¹ together with the ad valorem equivalents of the existing specific rate concessions.

Tables showing relevant trade statistics are also attached to this notification (Attachment C).¹

Australia is prepared to enter into negotiations or consultations in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article XXVIII. Any contracting party which considers that it has an interest in these concessions is requested to so indicate as soon as possible and in any event within a period of ninety days from the date of this document.

¹English only.

CONCESSIONS TO BE WITHDRAWN

<u>Tariff Item number</u>	<u>Description of product</u>	<u>Bound Rate</u>
ex2009	Fruit juices (including grape must) and vegetable juices, unfermented and not containing added spirit, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter: Grapefruit juice of 2009.20; citrus juice of 2009.30 - <u>except</u> . unsweetened lime juice . mandarin (including tangerine and satsuma) juice and the juice of clementines, wilkings and similar citrus hybrids	\$0.45/kg of total soluble solids
ex2208	Undenatured ethyl alcohol of an alcoholic strength by volume of less than 80% vol; spirits, liqueurs and other spirituous beverages; compound alcoholic preparations of a kind used for the manufacture of beverages Rum and tafia of 2208.40 Gin and Geneva of 2208.50 Bitters (beverage) of 2208.90 Liqueurs of 2208.90	\$1.46/l or, if higher, \$2.56/lal \$1.44/l or, if higher, \$2.52/lal \$1.55/l \$1.24/l or, if higher, \$2.18/lal

Initial negotiator rights are currently accorded to:

- . France in respect of the concession on rum and tafia of 2208.40
- . Belgium-Luxembourg in respect of the concession on gin and Geneva of 2208.50
- . Belgium-Luxembourg in respect of the concession on bitters (beverage) of 2208.90
- . France in respect of the concession on liqueurs of 2208.90

ATTACHMENT BPROPOSED NEW CONCESSIONS

<u>Tariff Item number</u>	<u>Description of product</u>	Ad Valorem Equivalent of Existing <u>Bound Rate</u>	Proposed Bound <u>Rate (%)</u>
2009	FRUIT JUICES (INCLUDING GRAPE MUST) AND VEGETABLE JUICES, UNFERMENTED AND NOT CONTAINING ADDED SPIRIT, WHETHER OR NOT CONTAINING ADDED SUGAR OR OTHER SWEETENING MATTER:		
2009.20	- Grapefruit juice	15.0	15.0
ex2009.30	- Juice of any other single citrus fruit:	14.1	15.0
	A --- except . unsweetened lime juice . mandarin (including tangerine and satsuma) juice and the juice of clementines, wilkings and similar citrus hybrids		
2208	UNDENATURED ETHYL ALCOHOL OF AN ALCOHOLIC STRENGTH BY VOLUME OF LESS THAN 80% VOL; SPIRITS, LIQUEURS AND OTHER SPIRITUOUS BEVERAGES; COMPOUND ALCOHOLIC PREPARATIONS OF A KIND USED FOR THE MANUFACTURE OF BEVERAGES:		
2208.40	- Rum and tafia	28.0	25.0
2208.50	- Gin and Geneva	30.4	30.0
ex2208.90	- Other:		
	A --- Bitters (beverage)	26.5	25.0
	B --- Liqueurs	12.7	12.0

AUSTRALIAN IMPORT CLEARANCES

TABLE 1

HS Tariff Item: 2009.20
Short Description: Grapefruit juice

Binding: \$0.45/kg total soluble solids (TSS)
INR: -

	kg TSS				\$A'000				AD VAL EQUIVALENT OF BINDING			
	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE
USA	71,375	11,089	551	27,672	216	33	1	83	14.9	15.3	18.8	15.0
OTHER	-	376	29	135	-	1			-	15.7	6.0	14.1
GATT - MFN	71,375	11,465	580	27,807	216	34	2	84	14.9	15.3	16.9	15.0

TABLE 2

HS Tariff Item: 2009.30A
Short Description: Certain other juices of single citrus fruit

Binding: \$0.45/kg total soluble solids (TSS)
INR: -

	kg TSS				\$A'000				AD VAL EQUIVALENT OF BINDING			
	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE
ITALY	2,237	8,572	15,236	8,682	56	103	95	85	1.8	3.7	7.2	4.6
ARGENTINA	664,072	71,828	19,252	251,717	1913	217	69	733	15.6	14.9	12.5	15.4
OTHER	5,260	5,700	16,045	9,002	15	20	83	39	16.0	12.7	8.7	10.3
GATT - MFN	671,569	86,100	50,533	269,401	1984	341	247	857	15.2	11.4	9.2	14.1

TABLE 3

HS Tariff Item: 2208.40
Short Description: Rum and tafia

Binding: \$1.46/l or, if higher, \$2.56/lal
INR: France

	litres of alcohol				\$A'000				AD VAL EQUIVALENT OF BINDING			
	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE
FRANCE	1,720	4,884	2,945	3,183	9	24	7	13	65.3	61.2	109.8	71.0
BRAZIL	5,672	1,738	12,073	6,494	108	35	171	105	20.7	18.9	21.0	20.7
BARBADOS	25,256	24,970	23,784	24,670	89	99	122	103	72.5	66.6	55.6	64.0
JAMAICA	53,943	53,187	44,474	50,535	230	237	206	225	59.9	57.4	55.2	57.6
MEXICO	571,628	485,549	488,875	515,351	5397	4853	5031	5094	27.1	25.7	24.9	25.9
OTHER	7,046	6,184	3,750	5,660	47	56	51	51	43.3	32.5	24.9	33.3
GATT - MFN	665,265	576,512	575,901	605,893	5880	5305	5589	5592	29.2	28.1	26.7	28.0

TABLE 4

HS Tariff Item:
Short Description:

2208.50
Gln and Geneva

Binding: \$1.44/l or, if higher, \$2.52/lal
INR: Belgium-Luxembourg

	litres of alcohol				\$A'000				AD VAL EQUIVALENT OF BINDING			
	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE
BELGIUM- LUX	42	40	1	28					215.1	1037.8	8.5	235.8
UK	412,402	335,680	344,833	364,305	3430	3115	3565	3370	31.2	30.9	28.6	30.2
OTHER	4,157	4,964	4,843	4,655	33	37	36	36	47.3	49.3	46.0	47.6
GATT - MFN	416,601	340,684	349,677	368,987	3463	3153	3602	3406	31.4	31.1	28.8	30.4

TABLE 5

HS Tariff Item:
Short Description:

2208.90A
Bitters (beverage)

Binding: \$1.55/l
INR: Belgium-Luxembourg

	litres of alcohol				\$A'000				AD VALOREM EQUIVALENT OF THE BINDING ASSUMING 37% ALCOHOL			
	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE
BELGIUM- LUX	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-				
NETHERLANDS	45	170	59	91	1	5	2	2	24.5			16.1
GERMANY	79	52	31	54	3	2	1	2	11.9			13.5
ITALY	2,008	2,617	3,157	2,594	39	43	50	44	21.3	25.4	26.3	24.5
DENMARK	1,185	675	370	743	11	6	4	7	45.5	48.9	43.1	46.0
OTHER	240	42	174	152	4	1	2	2	23.5	19.7	40.9	27.5
GATT - MFN	3,557	3,556	3,791	3,635	58	56	58	57	25.6	26.6	27.4	26.5

TABLE 6

HS Tariff Item:
Short Description:

2208.90B
Liqueurs

Binding: \$1.24/l or, if higher, \$2.18/lal
INR: France

	litres of alcohol				\$A'000				AD VAL EQUIVALENT OF BINDING			
	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE	1988/89	1989/90	1990/91	3 YR AVGE
FRANCE	265,337	281,473	183,862	243,557	6961	7635	5794	6797	12.8	12.4	10.6	12.0
ITALY	156,801	194,665	177,192	176,219	2814	3893	4188	3632	18.6	16.8	14.2	16.2
UK	524,446	489,544	413,643	475,878	12181	11631	10912	11575	14.4	14.1	12.7	13.8
IRELAND	187,314	194,165	184,211	188,563	7088	7321	8168	7525	8.9	8.9	7.6	8.4
JAPAN	44,185	35,631	28,886	36,234	884	790	691	788	16.8	15.1	14.0	15.4
MEXICO	21,821	40,106	61,234	41,054	373	682	1132	729	19.6	19.7	18.1	18.9
OTHER	52,894	56,320	52,391	53,868	868	1007	910	928	18.7	17.8	17.5	18.0
GATT - MFN	1,252,798	1,291,904	1,101,419	1,215,374	31168	32957	31796	31974	13.5	13.1	11.6	12.7