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GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARTICLE XXVIII:5 NEGOTIATIONS

SCHEDULE 1 - COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA

The following communication, dated 30 March 1984, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

The Government of Australia has notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES that it reserves the right for the duration of the three-year period which began 1 January 1982 to modify its Schedule of Concessions in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 5 of Article XXVIII (TAR/41).

Pursuant to that notification, Australia proposes to enter into consultations with relevant supplying countries in relation to the modification of specified Australian concessions on wine and beer. In essence, Australia is seeking to effect more equitable arrangements in relation to the application of sales tax to imported wine and beer and, to this end, it is not intended that modifications to the concessions in question will provide for increases in the current levels of protection afforded the industries concerned. The modifications will involve a nominal increase in the bound levels for each item equivalent to the current 20 per cent sales tax applied to imported wines and beer. The more equitable tax arrangements would involve removal of the 20 per cent sales tax in question.

The bindings involved are:

- (a) 22.03: beer made from malt-bound at \$A 0.26/l.
- (b) Ex 22.05: Champagne - bound at \$A 0.48/l.
Sparkling wines except champagne - bound at \$A 0.66/l.
Still wine, containing not more than 20 per cent by volume of alcohol, in packs not exceeding 4.6l bound at \$A 0.26/l.
- (c) 22.06: Vermouths and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with aromatic extracts - bound at \$A 0.26/l.

Initial Negotiator Rights are as follows: France, in relation to Items Ex 22.05 and 22.06 and the Federal Republic of Germany in relation to Item 22.03.

Import clearances under the relevant items are attached.

Contracting parties wishing to consult with Australia should notify their intention as soon as possible.

IMPORT CLEARANCES - GRAPE WINE AND BEER

(A) VALUE (DOLLARS A,000)

ITEM/COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	1980/81	1981/2	1982/3	3YR AVERAGE
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22.05.1 - CHAMPAGNE

FRANCE	5,307	5,359	5,627	5,431
ITALY	800	508	368	559
GERMANY F.R.	161	127	19	102
SPAIN	133	131	153	139
OTHER	22	62	6	30
TOTAL	6,423	6,187	6,173	6,261

22.05.2 - SPARKLING WINES OTHER THAN CHAMPAGNE

FRANCE	55	35	76	55
GERMANY F.R.	95	133	136	121
ITALY	1,155	1,657	1,713	1,508
PORTUGAL	2	2	325	110
OTHER	31	12	12	19
TOTAL	1,338	1,839	2,262	1,813

22.05.31 - STILL WINES CONTAINING UP TO 20 PER CENT ALCOHOL, IN
CONTAINERS NOT EXCEEDING 5 LITRES (BINDING AND TRADE
DETAILS UP TO 1/1/83 ARE FOR CONTAINERS UP TO 4.6 LITRES)

FRANCE	2,810	3,727	3,462	3,333
GERMANY F.R.	5,096	4,930	4,297	4,774
ITALY	1,281	1,854	1,976	1,704
GREECE	294	255	342	297
PORTUGAL	1,426	1,658	1,198	1,427
SPAIN	460	428	309	399
OTHER	1,256	1,004	928	1,063
TOTAL	12,623	13,856	12,512	12,997

22.06 - VERMOUTH AND OTHER WINES OF FRESH GRAPES FLAVOURED
WITH AROMATIC EXTRACTS

FRANCE	41	3	11	18
GREECE	20	28	55	34
ITALY	47	43	31	40
NEW ZEALAND	12	-	13	8
OTHER	1	1	-	1
TOTAL	119	75	110	101

BEER22.03.1 - BEER MADE FROM MALT - CONTAINING MORE THAN 1.15 PER CENT
ALCOHOL

NETHERLANDS	117	326	590	367
FRANCE	10	5	8	8
GERMANY F.R.	127	225	243	193
DENMARK	202	204	193	200
ITALY	-	-	10	3
NEW ZEALAND	227	44	112	128
OTHER	186	199	277	221
TOTAL	929	1,003	1,442	1,125

22.03.9 - BEER MADE FROM MALT, OTHER

GERMANY F.R.	16	4	33	18
OTHER	2	3	-	1
TOTAL	18	7	33	19

(B) QUANTITY LITRES '000

22.05.1 - CHAMPAGNE

FRANCE	545	523	520	529
ITALY	363	260	164	262
GERMANY F.R.	44	27	6	26
SPAIN	96	80	75	84
OTHER	4	40	-	15
TOTAL	1,052	930	765	916

22.05.2 - SPARKLING WINES OTHER THAN CHAMPAGNE

FRANCE	10	23	36	26
GERMANY F.R.	53	61	46	53
ITALY	445	627	749	607
PORTUGAL	1	1	240	81
OTHER	15	6	5	9
TOTAL	533	718	1,076	776

22.05.31 - STILL WINES, CONTAINING UP TO 20 PER CENT ALCOHOL, IN
CONTAINERS NOT EXCEEDING 5 LITRES (BINDING AND TRADE
DETAILS UP TO 1/1/83 ARE FOR CONTAINERS UP TO 4.6 LITRES)

FRANCE	522	822	851	742
GERMANY F.R.	2,247	2,442	1,935	2,208
ITALY	802	1,372	1,272	1,149
GREECE	275	227	283	262
PORTUGAL	1,073	1,112	691	959
SPAIN	243	231	164	213
OTHER	655	512	376	513
TOTAL	5,847	6,718	5,572	6,046

22.06 - VERMOUTH AND OTHER WINES OF FRESH GRAPES FLAVOURED WITH
AROMATIC EXTRACTS

FRANCE	23	2	5	10
GREECE	21	35	47	34
ITALY	35	34	21	30
NEW ZEALAND	2	-	4	2
OTHER	-	1	1	1
TOTAL	80	72	78	77

BEER

22.03.1 - BEER MADE FROM MALT - CONTAINING MORE THAN 1.15 PER CENT ALCOHOL

NETHERLANDS	325	595	815	578
FRANCE	17	7	11	12
GERMANY F.R.	189	359	365	304
DENMARK	242	262	258	254
ITALY	-	-	16	5
NEW ZEALAND	351	79	173	201
OTHER	310	327	393	344
TOTAL	1,434	1,629	2,031	1,698

22.03.2 - BEER MADE FROM MALT, OTHER

GERMANY F.R.	15	5	63	28
OTHER	2	4	-	2
TOTAL	17	9	63	30