

SECRET

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE

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ARTICLE XXVIII:5 NEGOTIATIONS

Schedule I - Commonwealth of Australia

Revision

The following communication, dated 13 September 1984, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Australia.

The Government of the Commonwealth 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).

The Australian Government has further notified the CONTRACTING PARTIES of its intention to enter into consultations with relevant supplying countries in relation to proposed modifications of specified Australian concessions on wine and beer (SECRET/309 and SECRET/309/Corr.1). Australia subsequently entered into consultations with those countries having a principal supplying interest. Australia wishes to withdraw the notification contained in SECRET/309 in so far as it pertains to modification of the concession applicable to ex 22.03, beer made from malt.

With effect from 21 August 1984, the Australian Government eliminated the 20 per cent sales tax which previously applied to imported alcoholic grape wines and replaced it by a customs duty equivalent in effect to a sales tax of 10 per cent.

Pursuant to these notifications, the Australian Government has decided to modify the existing concessions applicable to items 22.05 and 22.06 of the Australian Customs Tariff as follows:

		<u>Round rate of duty</u>	<u>I.N.R.</u>
ex 22.05	Wine of fresh grapes: grape must with fermentation arrested by the addition of alcohol		
	- Champagne containing more than 1.15 per cent by volume of alcohol	11 per cent and \$0.48/litre	France
	- Sparkling wine (except Champagne) containing more than 1.15 per cent by volume of alcohol	13 per cent and \$0.66/litre	France

	<u>Round rate of duty</u>	<u>I.N.R.</u>
- Still wine containing more than 1.15 per cent by volume of alcohol but not more than 20 per cent by volume of alcohol, in packs not exceeding 4.6 litres	11 per cent and \$0.26/litre	France
ex 22.06 Vermouths, and other wines of fresh grapes flavoured with aromatic extracts, containing more than 1.15 per cent by volume of alcohol	12 per cent and \$0.26/litre	France

Import statistics(A) VALUE (DOLLARS A,000)

<u>ITEM COUNTRY OF ORIGIN</u>	1981/2	1982/3	1983/4	3YR AVERAGE
<u>22.05.1 - CHAMPAGNE</u>				
FRANCE	5,359	5,627	7,646	6,211
ITALY	508	368	330	402
GERMANY F.R.	127	19	53	66
SPAIN	131	153	126	137
OTHER	62	6	44	37
TOTAL	6,173	6,173	8,199	6,853

2.05.2 - SPARKLING WINES OTHER THAN CHAMPAGNE

FRANCE	35	76	59	57
GERMANY F.R.	133	136	226	165
ITALY	1,657	1,713	1,864	1,745
PORTUGAL	2	325	678	335
OTHER	12	12	37	20
TOTAL	1,839	2,262	2,864	2,322

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

FRANCE	3,727	3,462	5,351	4,180
GERMANY F.R.	4,930	4,297	4,370	4,532
ITALY	1,854	1,976	2,861	2,230
GREECE	255	342	297	298
PORTUGAL	1,658	1,198	803	1,220
SPAIN	428	309	379	372
OTHER	1,004	928	1,287	1,073
TOTAL	13,856	12,512	15,348	13,905

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

FRANCE	3	11	49	21
GREECE	28	55	57	47
ITALY	43	31	22	32
NEW ZEALAND	-	13	21	11
OTHER	1	-	1	1
TOTAL	75	110	150	112

(B) QUANTITY LITRES '000

22.05.1 - CHAMPAGNE

FRANCE	523	520	750	598
ITALY	260	164	134	186
GERMANY F.R.	27	6	8	14
SPAIN	80	75	63	72
OTHER	40	-	8	16
TOTAL	930	765	963	886

22.05.2 - SPARKLING WINES OTHER THAN CHAMPAGNE

FRANCE	23	36	22	27
GERMANY F.R.	61	46	83	63
ITALY	627	749	824	733
PORTUGAL	1	240	558	266
OTHER	6	5	12	8
TOTAL	718	1,076	1,499	1,097

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

FRANCE	822	851	1,390	1,021
GERMANY F.R.	2,442	1,935	2,120	2,166
ITALY	1,372	1,272	1,943	1,529
GREECE	227	283	225	245
PORTUGAL	1,112	691	361	721
SPAIN	231	164	229	208
OTHER	512	376	543	477
TOTAL	6,718	5,572	6,811	6,367

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

FRANCE	2	5	13	7
GREECE	35	47	50	44
ITALY	34	21	13	23
NEW ZEALAND	-	4	12	5
OTHER	1	1	2	1
TOTAL	72	78	90	80