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SCHEDULE V - CANADA

The following communication dated 14 July 1981 has been received from the Permanent Mission of Canada.

In the MTN, Canada agreed to eliminate by 1 January 1987 the 15 per cent m.f.n. duty under T.I. 32648-1 which provides for high thermal shock resisting glassware. A wide variety of glassware falls under the item; examples are tempered glass, electric light bulbs, bulbs for electronic tubes, cooking utensils of glass and some laboratory glassware (lab glass). (Prior to 1 July 1981, most imports of lab glass currently entered Canada under free (unbound) item 69605-1.)

Item 32648-1 has recently been amended to exclude lab glass, and two new tariff items (32649-1 and 32650-1) have been created which specifically provide for lab glass.

In view of the tariff modification mentioned above, Canada is prepared to enter into negotiations or consultations in accordance with relevant provisions of Article XXVIII and pursuant to the notification in L/4572 respecting the modification of Schedule V - Canada during the three-year period beginning 1 January 1979.

The following tables show tariff items involved and rates applicable to them. Import statistics for 1978 to 1980 are included where available to show supplier position.

## (A) Item existing at conclusion of MTN

Item 32648-1: High thermal shock resisting glassware (current rate of 11.3 p.c. to be reduced to free by 1 January 1987).

## MFN IMPORTS

(Dollars 000)

	<u>1978</u>	<u>1979</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>AVERAGE 1978/1980</u>
Total	14,096	17,036	16,797	15,976
United States	11,758	15,016	14,921	13,898
EEC (9) Total	2,035	1,927	1,451	1,804
of which:				
France	1,487	1,079	538	1,035
United Kingdom	378	415	524	439
West Germany	99	67	145	104
Italy	39	338	147	175
Belgium-Luxembourg	20	6	6	11
Denmark	10	22	88	40
Netherlands	2	-	3	2
Ireland	0	0	0	0

The trade figures above cover all types of glassware which entered under T.I. 32648-1. As an extract of 32648-1, lab glass represented approximately 4 p.c., 3 p.c. and 3.8 p.c. of the totals for each year and 3.5 p.c. of the total for the three year average.

(B) New Tariff Items effective 29 October 1980

General Heading:

High thermal shock resisting glassware having a linear coefficient of thermal expansion not exceeding  $6 \times 10$  to the minus sixth cm/cm/degrees centigrade (between zero and three hundred degrees centigrade):

-32648-1 other than the following (11.3 p.c. to be reduced to free by 1 January 1987).

MFN IMPORTS  
(Dollars 000)

NOV 80 to MAR 81

Total	6,922
USA	6,677
France	130
West Germany	60

-32649-1 designed for laboratory use, namely: beakers, dishes and jars of all kinds; bottles and flasks 100 ml or greater in capacity; funnels; all the foregoing without spigots, appendages, stopcocks or ground glass joints. (Free unbound)

MFN IMPORTS  
(Dollars 000)

NOV 80 to MAR 81

Total	257
USA	256

-32650-1 designed for laboratory use, n.o.p. (11.3 p.c. unbound)

MFN IMPORTS  
(Dollars 000)

NOV 80 to MAR 81

Total	30
USA	30