The following communication from the delegation of Canada is circulated for the information of contracting parties.

I am pleased to forward to you copy of an Order-in-Council approved by the Government of Canada on 28 June 1976, listing the handmade/handicrafts products originating from the countries granted General Preferential Tariff treatment entitled to duty-free access to the Canadian market. This Order-in-Council follows legislation (Tariff item 87500-1) enacted by the Parliament of Canada in November 1974 on the same subject.
ORDER RESPECTING THE DESIGNATION OF HANDICRAFT GOODS FOR PURPOSES OF TARIFF ITEM 87500-1

Short Title

1. This Order may be cited as the Handicraft Goods Order.

Interpretation

2. In this Order, "geographical region" in respect of any handicraft goods means the country, being a country entitled to the benefits of the General Preferential Tariff, in which the handicraft goods were produced and includes any specific region within that country; "traditional or artistic characteristics" in respect of any handicraft goods means:

   (a) any form or decoration used traditionally by the indigenous people, or
   (b) any form or decoration that represents any national, territorial or religious symbol of the geographical region in which the goods were produced.

3. (1) Any goods listed in the schedule that:

   (a) possess traditional or artistic characteristics that are typical of the geographical region in which they were produced, and
   (b) acquired the traditional or artistic characteristics described in paragraph (a) by the handiwork of individual craftsmen

are hereby designated for the purpose of tariff item 87500-1.

(2) For the purpose of sub-section (1), handicraft goods shall be deemed not to possess traditional or artistic characteristics if:

   (a) the goods are utilitarian goods with no distinguishing form or decoration;
   (b) the goods are a copy or imitation, by whatever means, of traditional, decorative, artistic or indigenous products of any country other than the country in which they were produced; or
(c) the goods were produced in large quantities by sophisticated tools or by moulding.

(3) For the purpose of sub-section (1), handicraft goods shall be deemed not to have acquired traditional or artistic characteristics by the handiwork of individual craftsmen:

(a) in the case of all the goods described in the schedule, unless the handicraft goods were produced:

(i) by an individual craftsman, and

(ii) by the use of tools held by hand or tools not powered by machines, other than those powered by hand power or foot power;

(b) in the case of the goods described in items 1 and 9 of the schedule, if more than their primary shape is attained by mechanically powered tools or machines; and

(c) in the case of the goods described in item 6 of the schedule that are composed wholly or in chief part of leather that has been finished beyond tanning other than by individual craftsmen.

Schedule

1. The following articles, if composed wholly or in chief part by value of wood, namely, puppets, musical instruments (other than guitars, viols, harpsichords or copies of antique instruments), gourds and calabashes, incense burners, retablos.

2. The following articles, if composed wholly or in chief part by value of bread dough, namely, ornaments, mirrors, figurines.

3. The following articles, if composed wholly or in chief part by value of clay, namely, hookahs, nargiles, candelabra, incense burners.

4. The following articles, if composed wholly or in chief part by weight of vegetable fibres or vegetable materials other than linen, cotton or corn husks, namely, figurines, fans, hats, musical instruments, toys, sitkas.

5. The following articles, if composed wholly or in chief part by value of paper or papier mâché, namely, paper, figurines, masks, baskets.

6. The following articles, if composed wholly or in chief part by value of leather or hide, namely, puppets, bellows, pouffes, bottle cases, wine or water bottles, jugs.
7. The following articles, if composed wholly or in chief part by value of coconut shell, namely, figurines.

8. The following articles, if composed wholly or in chief part by value of mother of pearl, ivory, horn, shell including tortoiseshell, or coral, namely, musical instruments, chimes, combs, fans, buttons.

9. The following articles, if composed wholly or in chief part by value of base metals, iron, steel, tin, copper, pewter, bronze, brass, namely, hookahs, nargiles, musical instruments, bells, gongs, incense burners, masks, adzes, mattocks, finger and keyhole plates, door handles and locks, hinges and latches, samovars, kukris, machetes.

10. The following articles, if composed wholly or in chief part by value of glass, namely, bracelets, nargiles, hookahs.