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RUBBER AND RUBBER ARTICLES

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Revision

Addendum

Add the following after paragraph 6 on page 2:

"6 bis. After the consultation the delegation of Australia provided the following information in response to requests made by Malaysia during the consultation.

40.07: Thread and cord of vulcanized rubber

This item was discussed at the ASEAN/Australia Consultative Machinery (AACM) Working Group on Trade in July 1981. The current Developing Country (DC) rate of duty is that requested by Malaysia, namely 15 per cent.

40.08.100: Natural rubber in sheets as defined by by-law

Current rates of duty are, General Tariff: Free plus 2 per cent; DC: Free.

40.08.900: Other plates, sheets, strip etc., of unhardened vulcanized rubber

These products were also discussed at the AACM Working Group on Trade in July 1981. Australia pointed out that the current rates had been determined following investigation and report by the Industries Assistance Commission (IAC) and implemented in March 1980. These rates are - General Tariff: 25 per cent; DC: 15 per cent.

40.14.100: Gaskets and similar joints of unhardened vulcanized rubber

The same comment as for 40.08.900 applies. The current General Tariff (GT) rate is 25 per cent. The DC rate is as follows:

- (01) Of a kind used in pipes: 15 per cent
- (02) Remainder: Free

40.14.900: Other goods made of unhardened rubber

Comments as for the two previous classifications. The current GT rate is 25 per cent. The DC rates are:

- (01) Inspection lamps and parts therefor: 20 per cent
- (02) Mats: 15 per cent
- (03) Remainder: Free

40.11.300: Certain tyres for cars, trucks, buses etc.

40.11.900: Other tyres, tyre cases, tubes etc.

The rates of duty on these products were introduced in April 1979, following investigation and report by the IAC. Both the above classifications, together with 40.11.200, are covered by a Developing Country quota of \$A 1,650,000. Imports within quota under 40.11.200 and 40.11.300 are dutiable at 15 per cent (outside quota: 25 per cent). Imports within quota under 40.11.900 are duty free (outside quota: 15 per cent).

The above classifications were also discussed at the AACM Working Group on Trade in July 1981.

The need for continuation of each DC quota is re-examined annually and for those quotas being retained, the level of each quota is reviewed at the same time."