

## EXIM POLICY AND REMOVAL OF QRs

### Tariff protection will continue - safeguard mechanisms in place, Maran assures domestic industry

While announcing the revised Exim Policy on 31/3/2000, the Union Commerce & Industry Minister, Mr. Murasoli Maran, emphasised that tariff protection would continue to be available even after the phase-out of quantitative restrictions (QRs) on imports. Further, in the event of unfair trade practices like dumping or subsidisation of exports by other countries causing injury to the Indian industry, adequate protection under anti-dumping or anti-subsidy mechanisms would be available and in case of a sudden surge in imports, causing serious injury to the domestic industry, protection under safeguard provisions would always be available, Mr. Maran said. Besides the industry could always approach either the Anti-Dumping

Directorate or the Safeguard Directorate for appropriate relief.

Dwelling at length on the need to safeguard the interests of the domestic industry, Mr. Maran said "I also realise that in the context of the withdrawal of QRs, we have to be more alert and an institutional mechanism will have to be evolved to study, analyse and recommend appropriate tariff structure to maintain balance between the interests of producers and users/consumers. The suggestion given is that maybe the Tariff Commission could be strengthened to play the role of an independent expert body to advise on these matters. While we have been able to strengthen the Anti-Dumping Directorate to make it effective, perhaps adequate

### Maran's assurance on QRs

#### At a Glance

- ✍ Tariff protection to continue
- ✍ Adequate protection under anti-dumping mechanism
- ✍ Protection under anti-subsidy mechanism
- ✍ Protection under safeguard provisions in case of surge in imports
- ✍ Anti-Dumping Directorate and Safeguard Directorate already in place
- ✍ Tariff Commission to be strengthened

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attention has not been paid to the strengthening of the Tariff Commission to make it a useful and purposeful organisation. I am looking into this aspect also. I am confident that scrapping of QRs will not hurt Indian industry and the doubts and apprehensions now exhibited in some quarters are exaggerated and not well founded. On the other hand, I would request the industry to consider this as an opportunity and initiate steps to increase their competitiveness".

Quantitative Restrictions (QRs) on imports in respect of 714 items have been removed with effect from 1/4/2000. This formed part of the Export and Import (EXIM) Policy announced in New Delhi on 31 March, 2000.

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QRs were being maintained ever since 1947 on balance of payments (BOP) grounds under the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) to which India was a signatory. India participated in the 7-year long Uruguay Round Negotiations (1986-1993) which culminated in the signing of the Uruguay Round Agreement in April 1994 and became a founder member of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), which came into being in January 1995. India subscribes to all the WTO Agreements, but continues to maintain QRs on BOP grounds. However, with

the improvement in the BOP position, some members of the WTO disputed India's justification or need to continue QRs on imports for BOP reasons. India could negotiate with most of her trading partners -- with the exception of USA -- to arrive at a mutually agreeable solution for phasing out the QRs. The US filed a dispute at the WTO and the Dispute Settlement Panel (DSP) of the WTO constituted in November 1997 ruled against India. India filed an appeal before the Appellate Body of the WTO against the findings of the Panel, but the Appellate Body also upheld the findings of the Panel, challenged by India. Consequently, QRs have to be withdrawn. An Agreement was signed between India and the US for determining the reasonable period of time under which QRs being maintained on the remaining 1429 tariff lines were to be removed in two phases - 714 to be removed by 1/4/2000 and the remaining QRs by 1/4/2001.

It may be noted that the tariff line-wise import policy was first announced on 31/3/1996 and at that time itself 6161 tariff lines were made free. Since then 1905 tariff lines have been made free till now. In this connection, it needs to be pointed out that the QRs in respect of these 1429 tariff lines were withdrawn preferentially for imports from SAARC countries w.e.f. 1 August, 1998 itself.



## List of 714 Items where Quantitative Restrictions (QRs) have been removed with effect from 31.3.2000 (At 8 digit level)

S.No.	Exim Code No.	Item description	S.No.	Exim Code No.	Item description
1.	020311.00	Carcasses and half carcasses, as meat of swine, fresh or chilled.	19.	040299.09	Other milk and cream, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, other.
2.	020312.00	Hams, shoulders and cuts with bone in, as meat of swine, fresh or chilled.	20.	040490.00	Other products consisting of natural milk constituents, whether or not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, n.e.s.
3.	020319.00	Other meat of swine, fresh or chilled.	21.	070700.00	Cucumbers and gherkins, fresh or chilled.
4.	020321.00	Carcasses and half carcasses, as meat of swine, frozen.	22.	071490.09	Other edible roots and tubers with high starch or inullin content, fresh or dried.
5.	020322.00	Hams, shoulders and cuts with bone in, as meat of swine, frozen.	23.	080111.00	Coconuts, desiccated.
6.	020329.00	Other meat of swine, frozen.	24.	080940.00	Plums and sloes, fresh
7.	020430.00	Carcasses and half carcasses, as meat of lamb, frozen.	25.	081090.07	Lichi, fresh. ;
8.	020442.00	Other cuts with bone in, as meat of sheep, frozen.	26.	090112.00	Coffee, not roasted, decaffeinated.
9.	020443.00	Boneless meat of sheep, frozen.	27.	Ex 090121.00	Coffee, roasted, not decaffeinated, other than in bulk packaging.
10.	020630.00	Edible offal of swine, fresh or chilled.	28.	Ex 090122.00	Coffee, roasted, decaffeinated, other than in bulk packaging.
11.	020641.00	Livers, as edible offal of swine, frozen.	29.	090190.00	Coffee husks and skins; Coffee substitutes containing coffee in any proportion.
12.	020649.00	Other edible offal of swine, frozen.	30.	090420.09	Jamaica pepper, dried, crushed or ground.
13.	040130.00	Milk and cream, not concentrated nor containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, of a fat content by weight, exceeding 6%.	31.	091099.31	Cardamom husk.
14.	040229.03	Milk for babies, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1.5%.	32.	110100.00	Wheat or meslin flour.
15.	040229.09	Other milk and cream, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, in powder, granules or other solid forms, of a fat content, by weight, exceeding 1.5%	33.	110220.00	Maize flour.
16.	040291.00	Milk and cream, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, other.	34.	110230.00	Rice flour.
17.	040299.02	Whole milk, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, other.	35.	110290.00	Flour of other cereals.
18.	040299.03	Condensed milk, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter, other.	36.	110321.00	Pellets of wheat.
			37.	110329.00	Pellets of other cereals.
			38.	110430.00	Germ of cereals, whole, rolled, flaked, or ground.
			39.	110620.02	Flour and meal, of manioc.
			40.	121190.18	Sandal wood chips and dust.
			41.	121190.27	Sandalwood chips.
			42.	121190.38	Neem seed.
			43.	Ex 121210.00	Locust beans, including locust bean seeds, other than seed quality.
			44.	121230.09	Apricot stones, peach or plump stones and kernels.

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45.	130219.06	Extracts, neem.
46.	140420.00	Cotton linters.
47.	140490.01	Bidi wrapper leaves.
48.	140490.05	Betel leaves.
49.	140490.07	Indian katha.
50.	160100.00	Sausages and similar products of meat, meat offal or blood; food preparations based on these products.
51.	160232.00	Preparations of fowls of the species Gallus Domesticus.
52.	160239.00	Preparations of other poultry.
53.	160241.00	Hams and cuts thereof.
54.	160242.00	Shoulders and cuts of swine.
55.	160249.00	Other preparations of swine.
56.	160413.01	Sardines, sardinella and bristling, whole or in pieces, but not minced.
57.	160413.02	Sprats, whole or in pieces, but not minced.
58.	160414.01	Tunas, whole or in pieces, but not minced.
59.	160414.09	Skipjack and Atlantic bonito, whole or in pieces, but not minced.
60.	160415.00	Mackerel, whole or in pieces, but not minced.
61.	160416.00	Anchovies, whole or in pieces, but not minced.
62.	160419.00	Other fish, whole or in pieces, but not minced.
63.	160420.00	Other prepared or preserved fish.
64.	160430.00	Caviar and caviar substitutes.
65.	Ex 170211.00	Lactose and lactose syrup, containing by weight 99% or more lactose, other than in solid form.
66.	Ex 170219.00	Other lactose and lactose syrup, other than in solid form.
67.	Ex 170220.00	Maple sugar and maple syrup, other than in solid form,
68.	190110.01	Malted milk (including powder for infant use, put up for retail sale).
69.	190110.09	Malt extract for infants, for retail sale.
70.	200410.01	Potato chips, fried, frozen.
71.	Ex 210111.02	Coffee aroma, other than instant coffee.
72.	Ex 210111.09	Other extracts, essences and concentrates of coffee, and preparations with a basis thereof, other than instant coffee.

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73.	Ex 210112.00	Preparations with a basis of extracts, essences or concentrates or with a basis of coffee, other than instant coffee.
74.	210120.01	Instant tea.
75.	210120.02	Quick brewing black tea.
76.	210120.03	Tea aroma.
77.	210120.09	Other extracts, essences and concentrates of tea or mate, and preparations with a basis thereof.
78.	210130.09	Other roasted coffee substitutes, extracts, essences and concentrates thereof.
79.	230890.00	Other vegetable materials and vegetable wastes, vegetable residues and by products, of a kind used in animal feeding, n.e.s.
80.	230910.00	Dog or cat food, for retail sale.
81.	230990.09	Other preparations used in animal feeding.
82.	240210.01	Bidis.
83.	240290.00	Cigars, cheroots, cigarillos and cigarettes of tobacco substitutes.
84.	240310.01	Hookah or gooduku tobacco.
85.	240310.09	Other smoking tobacco.
86.	240391.00	Homogenised or reconstituted tobacco.
87.	240399.01	Chewing tobacco.
88.	240399.02	Jarda scented tobacco.
89.	240399.03	Snuff.
90.	240399.04	Tobacco extracts and essences.
91.	240399.09	Tobacco manufactured, n.e.s.
92.	250100.01	Common salt (including iodised salt).
93.	Ex 290349.00	Other halogenated derivatives of acyclic hydrocarbons containing two or more different halogens, other than ozone depleting substances.
94.	Ex 382471.00	Mixtures containing acyclic hydrocarbons perhalogenated only with fluorine and chlorine, other than ozone depleting substances.
95.	Ex 382479.00	Other mixtures containing perhalogenated derivatives of acyclic hydrocarbons containing two or more different halogens, other than ozone depleting substances.

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96.	Ex382490.29	Other chemical products and preparations of the chemical or allied industries, n.e.s.
97.	Ex 400591.09	Other plates, sheets and strips of compounded rubber.
98.	Ex401610.00	Other articles of cellular rubber.
99.	401699.06	Rubber cushion.
100.	Ex 480300.00	Toilet or facial tissue stock towel or napkin stock and similar paper of a kind used for household or sanitary purposes in rolls of a width exceeding 36 cm. or in rectangular sheets with at least one side exceeding 36 cm. In unfolded state.
101.	480710.00	Paper and paper board, laminated internally with bitumen, tar or asphalt.
102.	480791.01	Composite paper and paperboard,
103.	480791.09	Other paper and paperboard, made by sticking flat layers of paper or paperboard together with an adhesive.
104.	Ex 480910.01	Manifold paper, other than in large rolls or sheets.
105.	Ex 480910.09	Other carbon or similar copying papers, other than thermal paper in specified jumbo rolls and other paper in large rolls or sheets.
106.	Ex481110.00	Tarred, bituminised or asphalted paper and paper board,
107.	Ex 481140.02	Oiled paper.
108.	Ex 481190.08	Leather board and imitation leather board.
109.	Ex 481190.11	Matrix board.
110.	Ex 481190.19	Other paper, paper board, cellulose wadding and webs of cellulose fibre, other than grape guard and aseptic packaging paper.
111.	481430.00	Wall paper and similar wall coverings, consisting of paper coated or covered, on the face side, with plaiting material, whether or not bound together in parallel strands or woven.
112.	482090.00	Other articles of stationery of paper or paper board.
113.	Ex 482311.00	Self adhesive paper, in strips or rolls, cut to size.
114.	482340.00	Rolls, sheets and dials, printed for self recording apparatus.

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115.	482360.00	Trays, dishes, plates, cups and the like, of paper or paper board.
116.	482370.01	Wood pulp board.
117.	Ex 482370.09	Other moulded or pressed articles of paper pulp.
118.	Ex 491000.00	Calendars of any kind, printed, including calendar blocks, other than for free distribution.
119.	Ex 491110.01	Posters, printed, other than for free distribution.
120.	520821.00	Woven fabrics, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, bleached, plain weave, weighing not more than 100g./sq. m.
121.	520822.00	Woven fabrics, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, bleached, plain weave, weighing more than 100 g./sq. m., but not more than 200 g./sq. m.
122.	520823.00	Woven fabrics, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, bleached, 3-thread or 4-thread twill, including cross twill.
123.	520829.00	Woven fabrics, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, bleached, bordered.
124.	520831.00	Woven fabrics, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, dyed, plain weave, weighing not more than 100g./sq. m.
125.	520832.00	Woven fabrics, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, dyed, plain weave, weighing more than 100 g./sq. m., but not more than 200 g./sq. m.
126.	520833.00	Woven fabrics, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, dyed, 3-thread or 4-thread twill, including cross twill.
127.	520839.00	Woven fabrics, containing 85% or more by weight of cotton, dyed, other.
128.	520843.00	Woven cotton fabrics of yarns of different colours, 3-thread or 4-thread twill, including cross twill.
129.	Ex 520849.00	Woven cotton fabrics of yarns of different colours, other, other than Jamdani sarees.
130.	520931.00	Woven cotton fabrics, plain weave, dyed.
131.	520932.00	Woven cotton fabrics, 3-thread or 4-thread twill, including cross twill, dyed.

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132.	520939.00	Other woven cotton fabrics, dyed.
133.	520941.00	Woven cotton fabrics of yarns of different colours, plain weave.
134.	Ex-520949.00	Other woven cotton fabrics of yarns of different colors, other than Jamdani saree
135.	521039.00	Other woven cotton fabrics, mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, dyed.
136.	521131.00	Woven fabrics of cotton (less than 200 g./sq. m.), mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, plain weave, dyed.
137.	521132.00	Woven fabrics of cotton (less than 200 g./sq. m.), mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, 3-thread or 4-thread twill, including cross twill, dyed.
138.	521139.00	Other woven fabrics of cotton (less than 200 g./sq. m.), mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, dyed.
139.	521149.00	Other woven fabrics of cotton (less than 200 g./sq.m.), mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, of yarns of different colours.
140.	580310.00	Gauze, of cotton.
141.	600242.00	Other fabrics, warp knit, of cotton.
142.	600243.00	Other fabrics, warp knit, of man made fibres.
143.	600292.00	Other knitted or crocheted fabrics, of cotton.
144.	610311.00	Men's or boys' suits, knitted or crocheted, of wool or fine animal hair.
145.	610331.00	Men's or boys' jackets or blazers, knitted or crocheted, of wool or of fine animal hair. -
146.	611211.00	Track suits, knitted or crocheted, of cotton.
147.	611212.00	Track suits, knitted or crocheted, of synthetic fibres.
148.	611219.00	Track suits knitted or crocheted, of other textile materials.
149.	611241.00	Women's or girls' swimwear, knitted or crocheted, of synthetic fibres.
150.	620453.00	Women's and girls' skirts and divided skirts, of synthetic fibres.
151.	620459.00	Women's and girls' skirts and divided skirts, of other textile materials.

S.No.	Exim Code No.	Item description
152.	620463.00	Women's and girls' trousers, bib and brace overalls, breeches and shorts, of synthetic fibres.
153.	630612.00	Tarpaulins, awnings and sunblinds, of synthetic fibres.
154.	64011 0.01	All rubber footwear with metal toe-cap.
155.	640110.09	Other waterproof footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber or of plastics with metal toe-cap.
156.	640219.01	Other all rubber sports footwear.
157.	640220.01	All rubber footwear with upper straps or thongs assembled to sole by means of plugs.
158.	640220.09	Other footwear of rubber or plastics with upper straps or thongs assembled to sole by means of plugs.
159.	640230.01	All rubber footwear incorporating a protective metal toe-cap.
160.	640230.09	Other footwear with outer soles and uppers of rubber and plastic incorporating a protective metal toe-cap.
161.	640291.01	All rubber footwear covering the ankle.
162.	640291.09	Other footwear of rubber or plastics, covering the ankle.
163.	640299.01	All rubber footwear, other.
164.	640299.09	Other rubber or plastic footwear.
165.	660191.00	Other umbrellas and sun umbrellas, having a telescopic shaft,
166.	710110.01	Natural pearls, unworked,
167.	710110.02	Natural pearls, worked.
168.	710121.00	Cultured pearls, unworked.
169.	710122.00	Cultured pearls, worked.
170.	710239.01	Non industrial diamonds, cut or otherwise worked, but not mounted or set.
171.	710310.11	Felspar, uncut.
172.	710310.12	Garnets, uncut.
173.	710310.13	Agate, uncut.
174.	710310.14	Green aventurine, uncut.
175.	710310.19	Other semiprecious stones, uncut.
176.	710391.01	Emeralds, cut.
177.	710391.02	Ruby and sapphires, cut.
178.	710399.01	Felspar.cut.
179.	710399.02	Garnets, cut.

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180.	710399.03	Agate, cut.
181.	710399.04	Chaloidony.cut.
182.	710399.09	Otherstones.cut.
183.	711319.05	Jewellery of platinum group metals, unset.
184.	Ex 711319.11	Parts of jewellery, of other precious metals, other than gold findings.
185.	711320.01	Rolled gold Jewellery, set or unset.
186.	711420.01	Manufactures, of rolled gold.
187.	711420.02	Parts, of manufactures of base metal clad with precious metal.
188.	711590.02	Other articles of precious metal or rolled gold.
189.	Ex 711610.00	Articles, of natural or cultured pearls, other than buttons made of synthetic pearls.
190.	711620.00	Articles, of other precious or semi-precious stones.
191.	711719.01	Bangles, of base metal.
192.	711719.09	Other imitation jewellery, of base metal.
193.	711790.01	Jewellery set with imitation pearls or imitation or synthetic stones.
194.	711790.02	German silver jewellery.
195.	711790.09	Other imitation jewellery for personal adornment.
196.	Ex 711810.00	Coins, not being legal tender, other than of silver or gold.
197.	732113.01	Cookers and kitchen stoves, for solid fuel.
198.	732113.09	Other stoves, for solid fuel.
199.	732113.19	Other cooking apparatus, for solid fuel.
200.	732394.02	Galvanised iron buckets, enamelled.
201.	732394.09	Other utensils of iron or steel, enamelled.
202.	741819.02	Brass utensils.
203.	741819.03	Copper utensils.
204.	761300.01	LPG cylinders, of aluminium.
205.	761519.09	Other table kitchenware of aluminium.
206.	820790.02	Wood working hand tools.
207.	821599.00	Other kitchen or tableware.
208.	841810.00	Combined refrigerator-freezers, fitted with separate external doors.

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209.	851999.09	Other sound reproducing apparatus, not incorporating a sound recording device.
210.	852010.00	Dictating machines not capable of operating without an external source of power.
211.	Ex 852039.01	Tape recorders, other than cassette type, other than heavy duty tape recorders.
212.	852090.01	Gramophone, non electric.
213.	852090.03	Musical system
214.	852090.09	Other sound recording apparatus, n.e.s.
215.	Ex 852190.00	Other video recording or reproducing apparatus, other than professional video tape recorders with 3/4" or 1" tape solid state and video recorders betacam/betacam SP/digital betacam S-VHS/digital-S and accessories, videomating machines, colour correctors
216.	Ex 852390.03	Blank video cassettes, other than 3/4" and 1" video cassettes or tapes and 1/2" video cassettes suitable to work with Betacam or Betacam SP/M.II S-VHS/digital-S type VCR.
217.	852390.09	Other prepared unrecorded media for sound recording or similar recording.
218.	852712.00	Pocket size radio cassette players, capable of operating without an external source of power.
219.	852790.09	Other reception apparatus for radio telephony, radio telegraphy or radio broadcasting.
220.	852830.00	Video projectors.
221.	853180.00	Other electric sound or visual signalling equipment.
222.	853540.02	Voltage tin-limiters.
223.	Ex 960200.09	Other articles of unhardened gelatin, other than of animal origin.
224.	961511.00	Combs, hair slides and the like, of hard rubber or plastics.
225.	Ex 961610.00	Scent sprays, and similar toilet sprays, and mounts and heads therefor, other than ozone depleting substances.
226.	Ex 991400.00	Sea salt, table salt and other common salt, other than rock salt.

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227.	999120.01	Shawls of silk, as artware.
228.	999120.02	Scarves and similar articles of silk, as artware.
229.	999120.11	Shawls of wool, as artware.
230.	999120.12	Scarves and similar articles of wool, as artware.
231.	Ex 100300.00	Barley, other than seed quality.
232.	310390.00	Other mineral or chemical fertilizers, phosphatic.
233.	310490.00	Other mineral or chemical fertilizers, potassic.
234.	030211.00	Trout, fresh or chilled.
235.	030221.00	Halibut, fresh or chilled.
236.	030222.00	Plaice, fresh or chilled.
237.	030223.00	Sole, fresh or chilled.
238.	030229.00	Other flat fish, excluding livers and roes, fresh or chilled.
239.	030231.00	Albacore or longfinned tunas, fresh or chilled.
240.	030232.00	Yellowfin tunas, fresh or chilled.
241.	030233.00	Skipjack or strip-bellied bonito, fresh or chilled.
242.	030239.00	Other tunas, excluding livers and roes, fresh or chilled.
243.	030240.00	Herrings, excluding livers and roes, fresh or chilled.
244.	030250.00	Cod, excluding livers and roes, fresh or chilled.
245.	030261.00	Sardines, sardinella, brisling or sprats, fresh or chilled.
246.	030262.00	Haddock, fresh or chilled.
247.	030263.00	Coalfish, fresh or chilled.
248.	030264.00	Mackerel, fresh or chilled.
249.	030269.02	Dara excluding livers and roes, fresh or chilled.
250.	030269.03	Pomfret excluding livers and roes, fresh or chilled.
251.	030269.09	All other fish excluding livers and roes, fresh or chilled.
252.	030270.00	Fish livers and roes, fresh or chilled.
253.	030321.00	Trout, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
254.	030331.00	Halibut, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
255.	030332.00	Plaice, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
256.	030333.00	Sole, excluding livers and roes, frozen.

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257.	030339.00	Other flat fish, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
258.	030341.00	Albacore and longfinned tunas, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
259.	030342.00	Yellowfin tunas, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
260.	030343.00	Skipjack or stripe-bellied bonito, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
261.	030349.00	Other tunas, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
262.	030350.00	Herrings, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
263.	030360.00	Cod, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
264.	030371.00	Sardines, Sardinella, brisling or sprats, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
265.	030372.00	Haddock, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
266.	030373.00	Coalfish, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
267.	030374.00	Mackerel, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
268.	030377.00	Sea bass, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
269.	030379.02	Dara, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
270.	030379.03	Ribbon fish, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
271.	030379.04	Seer, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
272.	030379.05	Pomfret, white or silver, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
273.	030379.07	Pomfret, black, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
274.	030379.08	Ghole, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
275.	030379.11	Thread fin, excluding livers and roes, frozen.
276.	030379.19	Other frozen fish, excluding livers and roes.
277.	030380.00	Fish livers and roes, frozen.
278.	030410.00	Fish fillet and other fish meat, fresh or chilled.
279.	030420.01	Hilsa, frozen fillet.
280.	030420.05	Seer, frozen fillet.
281.	030420.06	Tuna, frozen fillet.
282.	030420.09	Other frozen fish fillet, n.e.s.
283.	030490.00	Other frozen fish meat.
284.	030510.00	Flours, meals and pellets, of fish, fit for human consumption.

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285.	030520.00	Fish livers and roes, dried, smoked, salted or in brine.
286.	030530.00	Fish fillet, dried, salted or in brine, but not smoked.
287.	030542.00	Herrings, smoked, including fillet.
288.	030549.00	Other smoked fish, including fillet.
289.	030561.00	Herrings, salted but not dried or smoked and fish in brine.
290.	030562.00	Cod, salted but not dried or smoked and fish in brine.
291.	030563.00	Anchovies, salted but not dried or smoked and fish in brine.
292.	030569.01	Bombay duck. salted but not dried or smoked.
293.	030569.02	Seer without head, salted but not dried or smoked.
294.	030569.03	Sprats, salted but not dried or smoked.
295.	030569.09	Other fish, salted but not dried or smoked.
296.	070310.02	Shallots, fresh or chilled.
297.	070390.00	Leeks and other alliaceous vegetables, fresh or chilled.
298.	081090.01	Pomegranates, fresh.
299.	Ex 090930.02	Cumin, other than black, other than for sowing and planting.
300.	091010.03	Ginger, bleached.
301.	091010.04	Ginger, powder.
302.	091010.09	Other ginger, including dried.
303.	091091.02	Mixtures of spices.
304.	91091.09	Other mixtures of products of heading No. 09.10.
305.	091099.13	Cumin powder.
306.	091099.14	Cellery powder.
307.	091099.15	Fenugreek powder.
308.	110210.00	Rye flour.
309.	110311.01	Groats of wheat including semolina.
310.	110311.02	Meal of wheat.
311.	110312.00	Groats and meal of oats.
312.	110313.00	Groats and meal of maize,
313.	110314.00	Groats and meals of rice.
314.	110319.00	Groats and meal of other cereals.
315.	110411.00	Rolled or flaked grains of barley.
316.	110412.00	Rolled or flaked grains of oats.
317.	110419.00	Rolled or flaked grains of other cereals.
318.	110421.00	Other worked grains of barley.

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319.	110422.00	Other worked grains of oats.
320.	110423.00	Other worked grains of maize.
321.	110429.00	Other worked grains of other cereals.
322.	110610.00	Flour, meal and powder of dried leguminous vegetables.
323.	110620.01	Flour and meal, of sago.
324.	110630.01	Flour, mango.
325.	110630.02	Flour, meal and powder of tamarind.
326.	121190.34	Basil, hyasop, rosemary, sage, savory.
327.	121190.35	Canboge fruit rind.
328.	121190.36	Lovage.
329.	121190.37	Star anise.
330.	151790.01	Sal fat (processed or refined).
331.	160290.00	Other preparations of meat, including preparations of blood of any animal.
332.	160300.01	Meat extracts and meat juices.
333.	160411.00	Salmon, whole or in pieces, but not minced.
334.	160412.00	Herrings, whole or in pieces, but not minced.
335.	170230.01	Glucose liquid, not containing fructose or containing in the dry state less than 20% by weight of fructose.
336.	Ex 170230.03	Dextrose, other than in solid form.
337.	170240.01	Glucose liquid, containing in the dry state at least 20% but less than 50% by weight of fructose.
338.	Ex 170240.03	Dextrose, containing in the dry state at least 20% but less than 50% by weight of fructose, other than in solid form,
339.	Ex 170250.00	Chemically pure fructose, other than in solid form.
340.	Ex 170260.00	Other fructose and fructose syrup, containing in the dry state more than 50% by weight of fructose, other than in solid form.
341.	Ex 170290.09	Other sugars, including invert sugar, other than in solid form.
342.	190120.00	Mixes and doughs for the preparations of bakers' wares of heading No. 19.05.
343.	190300.00	Tapioca and substitutes therefor, prepared from starch, in the form of flakes, grains, pearls, sittings or in similar forms.

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344.	190410.03	Bulgar wheat.
345.	190410.09	Other prepared foods obtained by the swelling or roasting of cereals or cereal products.
346.	190420.00	Prepared foods obtained from unroasted cereal flakes or from mixtures of unroasted cereal flakes and roasted cereal flakes or swelled cereals.
347.	200110.00	Cucumbers and gherkins, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid.
348.	200120.00	Onions, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic add.
349.	200190.01	Chilli pickles.
350.	200190.02	Green pickles.
351.	200190.03	Mango pickles.
352.	200190.04	Mango chutnies.
353.	200190.05	Tomato chutnies and paste.
354.	200190.06	Lemon chutnies.
355.	200190.07	Tamarind paste, concentrate, puree.
356.	200190.09	Other vegetables, fruits, nuts, and othe edible parts of plants, prepared or preserved by vinegar or acetic acid.
357.	200310.00	Mushrooms, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid,
358.	200490.00	Other vegetables and mixtures of vegetables, prepared or preserved otherwise than by vinegar or acetic acid, frozen.
359.	200510.00	Homogenised vegetables, not frozen.
360.	200570.00	Olives, not frozen.
361.	200710.00	Homogenised preparations of fruit or nut puree and fruit or nut paste, being cooked preparations.
362.	200819.01	Cashewnuts, roasted, and/or salted.
363.	200899.01	Mango squash.
364.	200899.02	Lemon squash.
365.	200899.03	Orange squash.
366.	200899.04	Pineapple squash.
367.	210230.00	Prepared baking powders.
368.	210420.00	Homogenised composite food preparations.
369.	210690.01	Soft drink concentrates.
370.	220900.02	Synthetic vinegar.

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371.	240210.02	Cigars and cheroots.
372.	Ex 271000.41	Lubricants and greases in consumer packs of upto 201. or 20 kg.
373.	282741.00	Copper oxychloride.
374.	291731.00	Dibutyl orthophthalates.
375.	291732.00	Diocetyl orthophthalates.
376.	291733.00	Dinoyl or didecyi orthophthalates.
377.	291734.00	Other esters of orthophthalic acid.
378.	291739.01	Dibutyl phthalate.
379.	291739.02	Diocetyl phthalate.
380.	291739.04	Dimethyl phthalate.
381.	291739.09	Other esters of phthalic acid.
382.	292090.02	Dimethyl sulphate,
383.	310221.00	Ammonium sulphate.
384.	321310.00	Artists', students' or sign board painters' colours, in sets.
385.	Ex 370239.00	Black and white films in 120 mm size rolls.
386.	Ex 370242.00	Photographic films (black & white) in 620 size rolls.
387.	Ex 370243.00	Photographic films (black & white) in 620 size rolls.
388.	Ex 370244.00	Photographic films (black & white) in 620 size rolls
389.	392069.04	Sun/dust controlled polyester film.
390.	392640.02	Table and other household furniture of plastics for decoration.
391.	392640.03	Decorative sheets.
392.	392640.04	Plastic imitation jewellery, n.e.s.
393.	392640.09	Statuettes and other ornamental articles of plastics,
394.	420212.01	Toilet cases with outer surface of plastic or of textile materials.
395.	420212.06	Satchels of textile materials.
396.	420212-09	Other travel goods, and similar containers, with outer surface of plastics or of textile materials.
397.	420222.02	Handbags, shopping bags of cotton.
398.	420500.02	Semi chrome grain garments.
399.	420500.03	Leather sofa cover.
400.	Ex 420500.09	Other leather manufacture, n.e.s.
401.	Ex 420690.00	Articles of gut, other than catgut, of gold beater's skin, of bladders or of tendons,
402.	Ex 430310.00	Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of furskin, of other than protected species.

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403.	Ex 430390.00	Other articles of furskin, of other than protected species.
404.	Ex 430400.00	Artificial fur and articles thereof, other than trimmings and embellishments for garments, madeups, knitwear, plastic and leather goods.
405.	481410.00	Ingrain paper.
406.	520943.00	Woven cotton fabrics of 3-thread or 4-thread twill, including cross twill, of yarns of different colours
407.	521049.00	Other woven cotton fabrics, mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, of yarns of different colours.
408.	521141.00	Woven fabrics of cotton (less than 200 g./sq. m.), mixed mainly or solely with man-made fibres, plain weave, of yarns of different colours.
409.	521143.00	Woven cotton, other fabrics of 3-thread or 4-thread twill, including cross twill, of yarns of different colour.
410.	551431.00	Woven fabrics containing, less than 85% by weight of polyester staple fibres mixed with cotton, of yarns of different colours, plain weave.
411.	551433.00	Other woven fabrics of polyester staple fibres mixed with cotton, of yarns of different colours.
412.	551442.00	Woven fabrics containing less than 85% by weight of polyester staple fibres mixed with cotton, printed, 3-thread or 4-thread twill, including cross twill.
413.	551443.00	Other woven fabrics of polyester staple fibre mixed with cotton, printed.
414.	551512.00	Woven fabrics of polyester staple fibres mixed mainly or solely with man made filaments.
415.	551513.00	Woven fabrics of polyester staple fibres mixed mainly or solely with wool or fine animal hair.
416.	551613.00	Woven fabrics containing 85% or more by weight of artificial staple fibre, of yarns of different colours.
417.	590699.00	Other rubberised textile fabrics, other.
418.	590700.00	Textile fabrics otherwise impregnated, coated or covered;

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		painted canvass being theatrical scenery, studio back-cloths or the like.
419.	640319.01	Other sports footwear with outer soles of leather and uppers of leather
420.	640319.02	Other sports footwear with outer soles of rubber and uppers of leather.
421.	640319.09	Other sports footwear with outer soles of plastics or composition leather and uppers of leather.
422.	640320.01	All leather dosed toe footwear.
423.	640320.02	All leather open toe footwear.
424.	640320.03	Footwear with leather soles and embroidered uppers.
425.	640320.09	Other footwear with outer soles of leather and uppers which consist of leather straps across the instep and around the big toe,
426.	640330.00	Footwear made on a base or platform of wood, not having an inner sole or a protective metal toe-cap.
427.	640340.00	Other footwear with outer sole of rubber, plastics, leather or composition leather and uppers of leather, incorporating a protective metal toe-cap.
428.	640351.01	All leather shoes, covering the ankle.
429.	640351.09	Other footwear with outer soles of leather, covering the ankle.
430.	640359.00	Other footwear with outer soles of leather and uppers of leather.
431.	640399.01	Leather sandals with rubber soles.
432.	640399.02	Leather sandals with plastic and synthetic sole.
433.	640411.01	Sports footwear; tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like, rubber sole with canvas upper.
434.	640411.02	Sports footwear; tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like, rubbersole with leather cloth uppers.
435.	640411.09	Sports footwear, tennis shoes, basketball shoes, gym shoes, training shoes and the like, others.

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436.	640419.01	Other sports footwear, rubber sole with canvas uppers.
437.	640419.02	Other sports footwear, rubber sole with leather cloth uppers.
438.	640419.09	Other sports footwear, other.
439.	640420.00	Footwear with outer soles of leather or composition leather.
440.	660110.00	Garden or similar umbrellas.
441.	680221.01	Marble blocks or tiles, polished.
442.	680221.09	Other monumental or building stone and articles thereof, simply cut or sawn, with a flat or even surface, of marble, travertine and alabaster.
443.	680223.01	Granite blocks or tiles, polished.
444.	680291.00	Other worked monumental or building stone and articles thereof, of marble, travertine and alabaster
445.	680292.00	Other worked monumental or building stone and articles thereof, of other calcareous stone.
446.	680293.00	Otherworked monumental or building stone and articles thereof, of granite.
447.	680299.00	Other worked monumental or building stone and articles thereof, of other stones.
448.	680300.00	Worked slate and articles of slate or of agglomerated slate.
449.	680710.01	Tarfelt roofing in rolls.
450.	680710.02	Articles of asphalt or of similar material, in rolls.
451.	680790.01	Tarfelt roofing, in other form.
452.	681011.09	Other building blocks and bricks of cement, of concrete or of artificial stone.
453.	681019.01	Cement tiles for mosaic.
454.	681019.09	Other tiles, flagstones, bricks and similar articles, of cement, of concrete or of artificial stone,
455.	681099.01	Concrete boulders.
456.	681099.09	Other articles of cement, of concrete or of artificial stone,
457.	681110.00	Corrugated sheets, of asbestos-cement, of cellulose fibre-cement or the like.
458.	681120.01	Otherasbestos-cement sheets,
459.	681120.02	Asbestos-cement tiles.
460.	681120.09	Other sheets, panels, tiles and similar articles, of asbestos-

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		cement, of cellulose fibre-cement or the like.
461.	681130.01	Asbestos-cement pipes.
462.	681130.09	Tubes or pipe fittings, of asbestos-cement, of cellulose fibre-cement or the like.
463.	Ex681190.00	Other articles of asbestos-cement, of cellulose fibre-cement or the like, other than for industrial packing.
464.	Ex 681599.02	Bricks, tiles, of fly-ash.
465.	690100.01	Bricks, of siliceous fossil meals or of similar siliceous earths.
466.	690100.03	Tiles, of silieous fossil meals or of similar silieous earths.
467.	690490.00	Ceramic flooring blocks, support or filler tiles, and the like.
468.	690510.00	Ceramic roofing tiles.
469.	690790.00	Unglazed ceramic flags and paving, earth or wall tiles, unglazed ceramic mosaic cubes and the like.
470.	690810.01	Ceramic mosaic cubes, the largest surface area of which is capable of being enclosed in a square the side of which is less than 7cm.
471.	690810.02	Ceramic mosaic tiles, the largest surface area of which is capable of being enclosed in a square the side of which is less than 7 cm.
472.	690810.09	Other glazed ceramic tiles, cubes and similar articles, the largest surface area of which is capable of being enclosed in a square the side of which is less than 7cm.
473.	690890.01	Ceramic mosaic cubes, other.
474.	690890.02	Ceramic mosaic tiles, other.
475.	690990.00	Ceramic troughs, tubs and cellular receptacles of a kind used in agriculture; ceramic pots, jars and similar articles of a kind used for the conveyance or packing of goods.
476.	691010.00	Ceramic sinks, wash basins, wash basin pedestals, baths, bidets, water closet pans, flushing cisterns and similar sanitary fixtures of porcelain or china.
477.	691090.00	Ceramic sanitary fixtures, other.
478.	691190.00	Tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and toilet articles, of other ceramics.

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479.	691200.02	Toilet articles, other than of porcelain or china.
480.	691200.03	Clay articles as tableware, kitchenware and other household articles.
481.	691200.09	Other ceramic household articles, other than of porcelain or china.
482.	691310.00	Statuettes and other ornamental articles, of porcelain or china.
483.	691390.00	Statuettes and other ornamental ceramic articles.
484.	700910.00	Rear view mirrors for vehicles.
485.	701321.00	Drinking glasses, of lead crystal.
486.	701339.00	Other glassware of a kind used for table or kitchen purposes.
487.	701399.00	Glassware of a kind used for toilet, office, indoor decoration or similar purposes, other.
488.	701810.02	Glass beads, imitation pearls, imitation precious and semi precious stones.
489.	701810.09	Other similar glass small wares.
490.	Ex702000.00	Other articles of glass.
491.	711419.02	Manufactures of platinum group metals.
492.	Ex 711419.11	Parts, of manufactures of other precious metals, other than of silver or gold.
493.	Ex730900.01	G. I. tanks, of a capacity exceeding 300 l.
494.	731010.01	Tin plate containers, of a capacity of 50 l or more, but not exceeding 300 l
495.	731010.09	Other containers, of iron or steel, of a capacity of 50 l or more, but not exceeding 300 l.
496.	731021.01	Tin plate containers, which are to be closed by soldering or crimping, of a capacity of less than 50 l.
497.	731029.01	Tinplate containers, other
498.	731029.02	Trunks and suitcases, of iron or steel, other,
499.	731029.09.	Other containers, of iron or steel, n.e.s.
500.	731100.01	Liquified petroleum gas cylinder.
501.	731300.01	Barbed iron or steel wire.
502.	731414.01	Wire gauze, of stainless steel.
503.	731414.09	Other woven cloth of stainless steel.
504.	731419.01	Wire gauze, of iron or steel,

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505.	731420.00	Grill, netting and fencing, welded at the intersection, of wire with a maximum cross sectional dimension of 3mm or more and having a mesh size of 100 sq.cm. or more.
506.	731439.00	Other grill, netting and fencing, welded at the intersection, other.
507.	731441.00	Other cloth, grill, netting and fencing, plated or coated with zinc.
508.	731450.00	Expanded metal of iron or steel.
509.	Ex 731700.29	Office stationery, excluding pins.
510.	Ex 741999.02	Articles of copper alloys electroplated with nickel silver.
511.	Ex 750810.00	Cloth, grill and netting, of nickel wire,
512.	Ex 750890.09	Articles of nickel and nickel alloys, n.e.s.
513.	761511.00	Pot scourers and scouring and polishing pads, gloves and the like, of aluminium.
514.	761519.04	Non stick utensils of aluminium.
515.	761520.01	Sanitary ware of aluminium and aluminium alloys.
516.	Ex 780500.01	Tubes, pipes and blanks of lead.
517.	Ex780500.02	Tubes and pipe fittings of lead.
518.	780600.01	Sanitary fixtures of lead.
519.	Ex780600.09	Other articles of lead.
520.	790700.01	Sanitary fixtures of zinc.
521.	Ex790700.09	Other articles of zinc.
522.	Ex 800700.00	Other articles of tin.
523.	820110.00	Spades and shovels of base metal.
524.	820120.00	Forks of base metal.
525.	820130.00	Mattocks, picks, hoes and rakes, of base metals.
526.	820140.00	Axes, bill hooks, and similar hewing tools.
527.	820150.00	One handed secateurs (including poultry shears).
528.	820190.00	Other hand tools of a kind used in agriculture, horticulture or forestry.
529.	820600.00	Tools of two or more of the headings number 82.02 to 82.05, put up in sets for retail sale.
530.	Ex 820830.00	Knives and cutting blades for kitchen appliances or for machinery used by the food Industry.

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531.	820890.01	Knives and cutting blades for paper cutting machines.
532.	821110.00	Knives with cutting blades, in sets of assorted articles.
533.	821191.00	Table knives having fixed blades.
534.	821591.00	Kitchen or table ware, plated with precious metal.
535.	830400.00	Filing cabinets, card-index cabinets, paper tray, paper rests, pen tray, office stamp stands and similar office or desk equipment, of base metal.
536.	Ex 830890.09	Other articles of base metal for clothing, footwear, awning, handbags, travel goods and the like, other than fasteners, trimmings and embellishments for garments, madeups, knitwear, plastic and leather goods and specified hangers.
537.	830910.00	Crown corks.
538.	841420.00	Hand or foot operated air pumps.
539.	841451.02	Ceiling fans, with a self-contained electric motor of an output not exceeding 125W.
540.	841451.03	Pedestal fans, with a self-contained electric motor of an output not exceeding 125 W.
541.	Ex 841981.00	Machinery plant and equipment for making hot drinks or for cooking or heating food, other than industrial friers.
542.	Ex 841989.19	Other machinery, plant and equipment, for the treatment of material by a process involving a change of temperature, other, other than green houses in ready to assemble sets.
543.	842121.02	Household type filters.
544.	842211.00	Dish washing machines, of the household type.
545.	842219.00	Other dish washing machines.
546.	842310.00	Personal weighing machines, including baby scales; household scales.
547.	842381.01	Beam scale, having a maximum weighing capacity not exceeding 30 kg.
548.	842381.09	Other weighing machinery, having a maximum weighing capacity not exceeding 30 kg.
549.	842382.01	Beam scale having a maximum weighing capacity exceeding 30 kg. but not exceeding 5000 kg.

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550.	842382.09	Other weighing machinery, having a maximum weighing capacity exceeding 30 kg. but not exceeding 5000 kg.
551.	842389.01	Beam scale, other.
552.	842389.09	Other weighing machinery, other.
553.	842390.01	Weighing machine weights of all kinds.
554.	842410.00	Fire extinguishers, whether or not charged.
555.	842699.09	Other works trucks fitted with a crane.
556.	843351.00	Combine harvester-threshers.
557.	Ex 844010.00	Wire stitching machines, single headed.
558.	Ex 844360.09	Other machines for uses ancillary to printing.
559.	845011.00	Fully automatic machines and driers, of a dry linen capacity not exceeding 10 kg.
560.	845121.00	Drying machines each of a dry linen capacity not exceeding 10 Kg.
561.	Ex 845210.01	Sewing machines, household type, complete with stand or table, other than industrial sewing machine (150 W capacity or more) and sewing machines (specific types).
562.	Ex 845210.02	Sewing machines, household type, without stand or table, other than industrial sewing machine (150 W capacity or more) and sewing machines (specific types).
563.	845240.01	Furniture, bases and covers specially designed for sewing machines.
564.	846920.09	Other typewriters, electric.
565.	Ex 847989.19	Other machines and mechanical appliances having individual functions, n.e.s., other than industrial vacuum cleaners, injection or extraction or scrubbing or drying machines.
566.	Ex 850410.00	Ballasts for discharge lamps or tubes, other than for compact fluorescent lamps.
567.	850610.00	Manganese dioxide; primary cells and batteries.
568.	850630.00	Mercuric oxide, primary cells and batteries.
569.	850640.00	Silver oxide, primary cells and batteries.

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570.	850650.00	Lithium, primary cells and batteries.
571.	850660.00	Air-zinc, primary cells and batteries.
572.	850680.09	Other primary cells and batteries.
573.	850910.00	Vacuum cleaners with self contained electric motor.
574.	850920.00	Floor polishers with self contained electric motor.
575.	850940.01	Electric Coffee mills and food grinders
576.	850980.00	Other electromechanical domestic appliances.
577.	851030.00	Hair removing appliances.
578.	851310.01	Flash lights, excluding those used for photographic purposes.
579.	851310.05	Torches.
580.	851631.00	Hairdriers.
581.	851632.00	Other hair dressing apparatus.
582.	851633.00	Hand drying apparatus.
583.	851650.00	Micro wave ovens.
584.	851679.02	Electrical or electronic devices for repelling insects.
585.	851679.09	Other electro thermic appliances.
586.	851711.01	Line telephone sets with cordless push button type hand sets.
587.	Ex 851750.09	Subscriber end equipment and other products, other than ISDN terminals.
588.	Ex 851780.00	Other apparatus for line telephony or line telegraphy, other than facsimile machines.
589.	Ex 851790.00	Populated, loaded or stuffed PCBs.
590.	851821.00	Single loud speakers, mounted in their enclosures.
591.	851822.00	Multiple loud speakers, mounted in the same enclosure.
592.	851999.02	Gramophone, non electric.
593.	Ex 852033.00	Other magnetic tape recorders incorporating sound reproducing apparatus, cassette type, other than heavy duty tape recorders.
594.	852039.09	Other magnetic tape recorders incorporating sound reproducing apparatus, other,
595.	852320.03	Unrecorded compact diskette, audio.
596.	Ex 852790.01	Radio communication receivers, other than radio pagers.

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597.	853110.00	Burglar or fire alarms and similar apparatus.
598.	Ex 853400.00	Populated, loaded, or stuffed printed circuit boards, except electronic circuit boards used in quartz analogue watches.
599.	853610.01	Switch fuse units of switch rating of upto 15 amps., rewirable.
600.	853610.02	Switch fuse units of switch rating above 15 amps, high rupturing capacity, rewirable.
601.	853610.03	Rewireable fuses.
602.	853610.04	High rupturing capacity fuses.
603.	853610.05	Fuses gear.
604.	853610.09	Other fuses.
605.	853620.01	Air circuit breakers, automatic.
606.	853620.02	Moulded case circuit breakers, automatic.
607.	853620.03	Miniature circuit breakers, automatic.
608.	853620.04	Earth leak circuit breakers, automatic.
609.	853620.09	Other automatic circuit breakers.
610.	853630.01	Control and switchgear.
611.	853630.09	Other apparatus for protecting electrical circuits.
612.	853641.00	Relays, for a voltage not exceeding 60V.
613.	853649.00	Relays, other.
614.	853650.09	Other switches of other materials.
615.	853690.01	Motor starters for AC motors running at constant speed including reversing starters at 660v or below.
616.	853690.02	Motor control gear and motor starters for DC motors either running at constant speed or speed control for a voltage not exceeding 1000V.
617.	853690.03	Surge suppressors.
618.	Ex 853910.00	Sealed beam lamp units, other than as components or spares.
619.	Ex 853921.00	Tungsten halogen filament lamps, other than as components or spares.
620.	Ex 853922.00	Other filament lamps, of a power not exceeding 200 W and for a voltage exceeding 100 V, other than as components or spares.

S.No.	Exim Code No.	Items description
621.	Ex 853929.09	Other bulbs, other than as components or spares.
622.	Ex 853932.00	Discharge lamps, mercury or sodium vapour lamps, metal halide lamps, other than as components or spares.
623.	Ex 853939.01	Mercury vapour lamps, other, other than as components or spares.
624.	Ex 853939.09	Other discharge lamps, other than as components or spares.
625.	Ex 853941.00	Arc lamps, other than as components or spares.
626.	Ex 853990.02	Parts of arc lamps, other than bulbs as components or spares.
627.	Ex 854011.00	Cathode ray television picture tubes, including video monitor cathode ray tubes, colour - specified units of 20" and 21" size colour TVs, and sub-assembly thereof.
628.	Ex 854389.09	Other electrical machines and apparatus having individual functions, n.e.s. -professional beauty care equipment,
629.	870310.00	Vehicles specially designed for travelling on snow; golf cars and similar vehicles.
630.	Ex 870490.02	Lorries and trucks, second hand or used, other, other than refrigerated trucks.
631.	870919.00	Vehicles for short distance transport of goods, other.
632.	871190.09	Other cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor.
633.	871200.01	Bicycles.
634.	871500.01	Baby carriages.
635.	900319.00	Frames and mountings for spectacles, goggles or the like, of other materials.
636.	900410.00	Sunglasses.
637.	900490.09	Other spectacles, goggles and the like, corrective, protective or other.
638.	900510.00	Binoculars.
639.	900662.00	Flash bulbs, flash cubes and the like.
640.	Ex 901530.00	Dumpy levels, engineers' levels, builders' levels, non- automatic, and quick set levels.
641.	901780.01	Measuring rods and tapes.

S.No.	Exim Code No.	Items description
642.	910111.00	Wrist watches, with case of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, electrically operated, with mechanical display.
643.	910112.00	Wrist watches, with case of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, electrically operated, with opto electronic display.
644.	910119.00	Wrist watches, with case of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, electrically operated, other.
645.	910121.00	Other wrist watches, with case of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, with automatic winding.
646.	910129.00	Other wrist watches, with case of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, other.
647.	910191.01	Pocket watches with case of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, electrically operated.
648.	910191.09	Other watches, with case of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, electrically operated.
649.	910199.01	Pocket watches, with case of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, other.
650.	910199.09	Other watches, with case of precious metal or of metal clad with precious metal, other.
651.	910211.00	Wrist watches, electrically operated, with mechanical display.
652.	910212.00	Wrist watches, electrically operated, with opto electronic display.
653.	910219.00	Wrist watches, electrically operated, other.
654.	910221.00	Other wrist watches, with automatic winding.
655.	910229.00	Other wrist watches, other.
656.	910291.01	Pocket watches, electrically operated.
657.	910291.09	Other watches, electrically operated.
658.	910299.01	Pocket watches, other.
659.	910299.09	Other watches, other.
660.	910310.00	Clocks with watch movements, electrically operated.

S.No.	Exim Code No.	Items description
661.	910911.00	Clock movements, complete and assembled, electrically operated, of alarm clocks.
662.	911210.00	Clock cases of metal.
663.	911280.00	Other dock cases.
664.	940150.00	Seats of cane, osier, bamboo or similar materials.
665.	940310.09	Other metal furniture of a kind used in offices.
666.	940320.01	Steel furniture, other.
667.	940320.09	Other metal furniture, other.
668.	940330.01	Wooden cabinet ware of a kind used in offices.
669.	940550.01	Hurricane lanterns.
670.	940550.03	Oil pressure lamps.
671.	Ex 940600.09	Other prefabricated buildings, other than for cold storage.
672.	950341.00	Stuffed toys representing animals or non human creatures.
673.	950350.01	Toy musical instruments and apparatus.
674.	950370.00	Other toys, put up in sets or outfits.
675.	950430.09	Other games, coin or disc operated.
676.	950800.00	Roundabouts, swings, shooting galleries and other fair ground amusements; travelling circuses, travelling menageries and travelling theatres.
677.	960200.01	Worked vegetable carving material and articles thereof.
678.	960200.02	Moulded or carved articles of wax, stearin, natural gums and resins and other moulded or carved articles.
679.	960200.03	Gelatin capsules, empty.
680.	960310.00	Brooms and brushes, consisting of twigs or other vegetable materials, bound together, without handles.
681.	960500.00	Travel sets for personal toilet, sewing or shoe or clothes cleaning.
682.	960840.00	Propelling or sliding pencils.

S.No.	Exim Code No.	Items description
683.	960850.00	Sets of articles from two or more of the foregoing sub headings.
684.	961380.09	Other lighters.
685.	961420.00	Pipes and pipe bowls.
686.	961490.01	Huble and buble of base metal.
687.	961490.02	Hookah of coconut shell.
688.	961490.09	Other smoking pipes and cigars or cigarette holders and parts thereof.
689.	999110.01	Namdass.
690.	999110.02	Carpets, rugs, tapestries, etc. as artware.
691.	999130.00	Stone work, as artware.
692.	999140.01	Rosewood work, as artware.
593.	999140.02	Sandalwood work, as artware.
694.	999140.03	Sheeshamwood work, as artware.
695.	999140.04	Walnut wood work, as artware.
696.	999140.05	Lacquered wooden artware.
697.	999140.06	Wood work, inlaid with ivory, metal, etc., as artware.
698.	999140.09	Other wood work, as artware.
699.	999150.01	Zari goods, imitation, as artware.
700.	999150.02	Zari goods, real, as artware.
701.	999190.01	Artware of copper, brass, bronze and similar alloys.
702.	999190.02	Bidriwork.
703.	999190.03	Artware of aluminium.
704.	999190.04	Carving sets as artware.
705.	999190.11	Dolls and toys, as artware.
706.	999190.12	Embroidery, as artware.
707.	999190.14	Leather goods, as artware.
708.	999190.15	Paper mache articles, as artware.
709.	999190.16	Pottery artware.
710.	999190.17	Nirmal ware.
711.	999190.18	Hornware, as artware.
712.	999190.21	Wall hangings, wall plaques, of Jute.
713.	999190.22	Other decorative articles of jute.
714.	999190.29	Other articles, as artware.



## Negotiations under Article XXVIII of the GATT 1994 Tariff bindings raised for many agro products

Under Article II of GATT 1994, each WTO member country has a separate schedule of tariff concessions which have been agreed upon in the negotiations as well as the other commitments assumed by countries from time to time. The rates of tariffs -- known as "bound rates" -- are listed in the schedule of concessions. Each member country is obliged not to impose tariffs or other duties or charges, which are in excess of the bound rates set forth in its schedule.

Prior to the Uruguay Round negotiations, India had bound some 6 per cent of its tariff lines. As a result of the Uruguay Round, India now has bound about 67 per cent of its tariff lines, with all agricultural lines bound and some 62 per cent of lines for imports of industrial goods. Lines remaining unbound include those on consumer products and some industrial items. For non-agricultural goods, India undertook, with a few exceptions, ceiling bindings of 40 per cent *ad valorem* on finished goods and 25 per cent on intermediate goods, machinery and equipment. In agriculture, tariffs have generally been bound at 100 per cent for primary products, 150 per cent for processed products and 300 per cent for edible oils. However, there were certain agricultural products including rice, maize, milk powder, sorghum, millet and mustard oil which were bound during the previous rounds of GATT negotiations at zero or low level of tariffs.

India initiated the process of negotiations in September, 1996 for upward revision of these tariff bindings under Article XXVIII of GATT 1994. A series of negotiations were held with US, European Communities (EC) and Australia in consultation with the concerned administrative ministries. Compensation packages were worked out on the basis of an objective analysis with a view to arrive at a negotiated settlement.

Negotiations with the EC were concluded in September 1999, while negotiations with Australia and USA were concluded in November-December 1999. All the revised bindings agreed upon have received the concurrence of the concerned administrative ministries after taking into account the level of protection required, domestic sensitivities, current trade flows, international prices and India's overall competitiveness for the specific items. The results of the negotiations were conveyed to WTO on 29 December 1999 and the revised tariffs have been incorporated in the Budget for 2000-2001 in the form of enabling provisions.

Changes in customs duty rates were notified by the Ministry of Finance (Department of Revenue), indicating **increase in basic customs duty on the following agro items with effect from 5/4/2000:**

- Rice in the husk (paddy or rough), **from Nil to 80%**
- Husked (brown) rice, **from Nil to 80%**
- Semi-milled or wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed, **from Nil to 70%**
- Broken rice, **from Nil to 80%**
- Maize (corn) seed, **from Nil to 50%**
- Grain sorghum, **from Nil to 50%**
- Millet, **from Nil to 50%**
- Spelt, (wheat) **from Nil to 50%**
- Fresh grapes, **from 25% to 35%**
- Apples, **from 35% to 50%**
- Preparations for infant use, in retail pack, **from 15% to 35%**





## President Clinton on INDO-US Partnership, Globalisation and the WTO

“The truth is, no single image can possibly do justice to your great nation. But beyond the complexities and the apparent contradictions, I believe India teaches us some very basic lessons....

A third lesson India teaches is about globalisation and what may be the central debate of our time. **Many people believe the forces of globalisation are inherently divisive; that they can only widen the gap between rich and poor. That is a valid fear, but I believe wrong.**

**As the distance between producers large and small, and customers near and far becomes less relevant, developing countries will have opportunities not only to succeed, but to lead in lifting more people out of poverty more quickly than at any time in human history. In the old economy, location was everything. In the new economy, information, education and motivation are everything -- and India is proving it.**

You liberated your markets and now you have one of the 10 fastest growing economies in the world. At the rate of growth within your grasp, India's standard of living could rise by 500 per cent in just 20 years. **You embraced information technology and now, when Americans and other big software companies call for consumer and customer support, they're just as likely to find themselves talking to an expert in Bangalore as one in Seattle....**

**To succeed, I believe there are four large challenges India and the US must meet together-challenges that should define our partnership in the years ahead. The first of these challenges is to get our own economic relationship right.** Americans have applauded your efforts to open your economy, your commitment to a new wave of economic reform; your determination to bring the fruits of growth to all your people. We are proud to support India's growth as your largest partner in trade and investment. And we want to see more Indians and more Americans benefit from our economic ties, especially in the cutting edge fields of information technology, biotechnology and clean energy. The private sector will drive this progress, but our job as governments is to create the conditions that will allow them to succeed in doing so, and to reduce the remaining impediments to trade and

investment between us.

**Our second challenge** is to sustain global economic growth in a way that lifts the lives of rich and poor alike, both across and within national borders. Part of the world today lives at the cutting edge of change, while a big part still exists at the bare edge of survival. Part of the world lives in the information age. Part of the world does not even reach the clean water age. And often the two live side by side. It is unacceptable, it is intolerable; thankfully, it is unnecessary and it is far more than a regional crisis. Whether around the corner or around the world, abject poverty in this new economy is an affront to our common humanity and a threat to our common prosperity.

The problem is truly immense, as you know far better than I. But perhaps for the first time in all history, few would dispute that we know the solutions.

We know **we need to invest in education and literacy, so that children can have soaring dreams and the tools to realise them.** We know we need to make a special commitment in developing nations to the education of young girls, as well as young boys. Everything we have learned about development tells us that when women have access to knowledge, to health, to economic opportunity and to civil rights, children thrive, families succeed and countries prosper. Here again, we see how a problem and its answers can be found side by side in India....

To promote development, we know **we must conquer the diseases that kill people and progress. To promote development, we know we must also stand with those struggling for human rights and freedom around the world and in the region.** For as the economist Amartya Sen has said, no system of government has done a better job in easing human want, in averting human catastrophes, than democracy. I am proud, America and India will stand together on the right side of history when we launch the Community of Democracies in Warsaw this summer....

All of these steps are essential to lifting people's lives. **But there is yet another. With greater trade and the growth it brings, we can multiply the gains of education, better health and democratic**

**empowerment.** That is why I hope we will work together to launch a new global trade round that will promote economic development for all.

**One of the benefits of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) is that it has given developing countries a bigger voice in global trade policy. Developing countries have used that voice to urge richer nations to open their markets further so that all can have a chance to grow. That is something the opponents of the WTO don't fully appreciate yet. We need to remind them that when Indians and Brazilians and Indonesians speak up for open trade, they are not speaking for some narrow corporate interest, but for a huge part of humanity that has no interest in being saved from development. Of course, trade should not be a race to the bottom in environmental and labour standards, but neither should fears about trade keep part of our global community forever at the bottom.**

Yet we must also remember that those who are concerned about the impact of globalisation in terms of inequality, the

environmental degradation do speak for a large part of humanity. Those who believe that trade should contribute not just to the wealth, but also to the fairness of societies; those who share Nehru's dream of a structure for living that fulfils our material needs, and at the same time sustains our mind and spirit.

**We can advance these values without engaging in rich-country protectionism.** Indeed, to sustain a consensus for open trade, we must find a way to advance these values as well. That is my motivation, and my only motivation in seeking a dialogue about the connections between labour, the environment, and trade & development. I would remind you -- and I want to emphasise this -- the United States has the most open markets of any wealthy country in the world. We have the largest trade deficit. We also have had a strong economy, because we have welcomed the products and the services from the labour of people throughout the world. I am for an open global trading system. But we must do it in a way that advances the cause of social justice around the world.”

*( Excerpted from President Clinton's address to the Joint Session of the Indian Parliament on March 22, 2000 )*



## POINT COUNTER-POINT

## EU issues and India's concerns

Mr. Pascal Lamy, Trade Commissioner of the European Commission (EC), visited India from March 2 to 8, 2000. During the visit, he had a meeting in the Ministry of Commerce & Industry where he emphasised the importance attached by European Union (EU) to further improving and strengthening the bilateral economic relations and understanding with India. During the discussions, though Mr. Lamy sought the support of India to the EC's proposal for the launch of a new round of negotiations in this year, India reiterated her concerns and exchanged views on various multilateral and bilateral trade issues.

In his response on the key multilateral issues raised at his interaction with Mr. Lamy, the Commerce & Industry Minister, Mr. Murasoli Maran, said that India appreciated and welcomed the initiatives taken by the EC for the integration of the development philosophy by way of capacity building, technical assistance and special and differential treatment, but emphasised that WTO disciplines should also allow sufficient freedom and flexibility to the developing countries to pursue their development strategy and must make a distinction between developed and developing countries where such distinction is warranted, particularly in respect of subsidies, IPRs and trade-related investment measures.

He assured Mr. Lamy that despite the disappointment at Seattle, "we are ready to participate in the mandated negotiations and mandated reviews. I would like to add that food security and livelihood are extremely important for populated countries like India. The rationale for our commitment to self-sufficiency in food is self-evident. Thus, a large agrarian economy like India would need enough flexibility under the Agreement on Agriculture to take care of its food security and rural employment concerns. In the Services sector, movement of natural persons is critical without which the progress in Service sector is likely to be tardy. Only through this, the objective of the GATS\* and in particular, of Article-IV of increasing the participation of developing countries, can be achieved. Under the rubric of mandated reviews, we favour

resolution of many of the issues we have already mentioned under implementation".

Non-trade related issues, he said, need to be eschewed. Developing countries are apprehensive of the new trade barriers sought to be erected through reintroduction of core labour standards. "The tendency to link trade with issues unrelated with trade, to our mind, is protectionist and would blunt the comparative advantages of the developing countries. India is fully committed to observance of labour standards and has ratified most ILO Conventions but is against any linkage of trade with labour standards..... India joins the EU in its concern for the environment and sustainable development. However, as I stated in the plenary session at the Seattle Ministerial Conference, we are strongly opposed to any attempt to either bypass or change the structure or mandate of the Committee on Trade and Environment set up at Marrakesh. Such attempts, in the name of 'mainstreaming', can be used for legitimising unilateral trade restrictive measures", he said. He reiterated that the ambit of the WTO should be confined to trade in goods and trade in services. Other issues, like investment and intellectual property rights were relevant only in so far as they relate to trade and for this, there are already Agreements negotiated in the Uruguay Round. He requested the EU to keep in view these concerns which are basic to India's approach on trade. "We are also of the view that the resumption of the Ministerial Conference should take place only after there is a near convergence of views on most of the items and which we sincerely feel will take place only if the contentious non-trade issues are kept out of the agenda", the Minister stated, while re-emphasising India's commitment to free trade and multilateral trade negotiations as a founder member both of GATT and the WTO. The multilateral system would, in the long run, stand to gain from a process of review and introspection and frank and objective discussions amongst member States, he said, so that implementation issues could be addressed and the WTO could truly become an instrument for trade-driven economic growth in all parts of the world.

### Pascal Lamy's Visit

#### In a Nutshell

- Mr. Pascal Lamy's visit was instrumental in stressing that the EU does not favour sanctions on labour standards in the WTO.
- Mr. Lamy stressed the need to restore the basic confidence in the WTO and to resume the trade talks as soon as possible.
- He identified four basic components for a new round of trade talks: market access, rules, development, and civil society concerns.
- Mr. Lamy offered mutual examinations at a technical level of EU and Indian anti-dumping law and procedures.

(Source: The delegation of the European Commission in India)

# Monthly update from PMI\*/Geneva

(15 February - 15 March, 2000)

## General Council

An informal meeting of the General Council was held on 29 February, 2000 to discuss the status and future course of action of the various pending issues of the regular work programme of the General Council. These included the future appointments of the Director General of the WTO; the WTO Secretariat and its Senior Management Structure; Observer status in the General Council for International Governmental Organisations; Work programme on electronic commerce; Coherence in global policy making; Revision of guidelines for scheduling of meetings; Review of procedures for circulation and derestrictions of WTO documents; Promotion of the institutional image of the WTO; and accreditation of Permanent Representatives to the WTO.

It was generally agreed that items I and II i.e. the Future Appointments of DGs and the review of the Senior Management Structure were related and that the Chairman of the General Council should conduct consultations on these issues at the earliest. It was also observed that the importance of this issue, as it existed when there was an impasse on the selection of the DG, should not be forgotten and that the procedure for the appointment of the DG should be reviewed as soon as possible. Though a number of Members highlighted the importance, in their perception, of bringing to an end the long pending discussion on the grant of observership to international organisations, the matter remained inconclusive and the Chairman agreed to continue informal consultations with Members, in this regard.

Amongst the other items, India highlighted the need to streamline the scheduling of meetings in the WTO and reiterated its earlier position, that it was extremely difficult for smaller delegations to attend the increasingly large number of meetings being scheduled in the WTO. India's concern at the proliferation of formal and informal meetings was shared by a number of other Members and it was agreed that the Chairman would carry out further consultations, in the context of the suggestions also made earlier, by the informal group of developing countries.

On the issue of the promotion of the institutional image of the WTO, Members including India, expressed the view that the WTO was an inter-governmental organisation and

that any endeavour to promote the institutional image of the organisation had to be taken by the Members themselves. Since certain informal consultations had already been held in this regard earlier, it was agreed that a final informal meeting would be held so that the consultations could be concluded keeping in mind the views expressed by Members. As far as the issue of accreditation of Permanent Representatives to the WTO was concerned, the Australian Ambassador who had been holding consultations in this regard on behalf of the Chair, informed Members that the issue had been settled with Permanent Representatives accredited to both the UN and the WTO had now adopted the procedure of submitting their accreditation to the two organisations separately.

In addition to this meeting a number of other informal meetings of the General Council were also convened during this period. All these meetings were related to the whole issue of the selection of Chairpersons of the various bodies of the WTO. While the Members agreed on the Chairpersons of the main Councils and bodies, there was no agreement on the Chairpersons of the subordinate bodies, including on the vexed issue of the Chairperson of the Committee on Agriculture. The consultations are continuing in this regard.

## Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) Measures

The SPS Committee met on 15-16 March, 2000. In addition to the normal review of the notifications submitted by Members, the Committee took note of the European Commission's submission on the 'Precautionary Principle'. Though Members made only preliminary comments, it was clear that the general view was that the precautionary principle could be used as a guise for protectionism and that the EC submission sought to legitimise the discretionary and arbitrary action that some Members had been taking under this principle.

India's ban on bovine semen imports was also questioned by Canada and the EC who stated that the import restrictions imposed by India were not based on any scientific basis and without any risk assessment, and that therefore these restrictions were inconsistent with the WTO agreement. In our response we explained the steps taken by the Government, stating that in exercise of the

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\* *Permanent Mission of India*

powers conferred to the Government by Livestock Importation Act, the import of bovine semen from countries where incident of the TSE group of diseases had been reported, have been restricted. We also clearly stated that this was necessary to ensure that there was no inadvertent entry of BSE into India.

The issue of the development dimension in the context of the SPS agreement was also considered and it was agreed to continue to keep this issue on the agenda of all future SPS meetings. Further in order to give focus to discussions it has been agreed that either one or two issues would be taken up in each meeting. It has accordingly been decided to take up all issues related to 'S&D provisions' in the SPS Agreement in the next meeting.

### **Committee on Regional Trading Arrangements (CRTA)**

A brain storming session of the CRTA was held on 10th March to consider the possible course of action so as to expedite the pending review/examination process of the committee. During the course of the discussions the Chairman stated that at the time of its creation, the CRTA has inherited the examination of a number of individual agreements previously mandated to working parties. Since then, the backlog of Regional Trade Agreement (RTA) examinations under the purview of the CRTA had more than doubled, to 82. At present, about two-thirds of the agreements ever notified to the GATT/WTO were under examination in the CRTA. Though the CRTA had advanced in its consideration of those RTAs under its purview, it has not yet produced any agreed report on any of those examinations. The Chair stated that reaching consensus on draft examination reports currently constitutes the major bottleneck in CRTA's work.

Most Members seemed to feel that draft examination reports presently under discussion were most likely, as in the past, to reach 'inconclusive conclusions', without a precise assessment on consistency. It was observed that progress could perhaps be made if firstly the drafting of examination reports on consistency, which are mandated, could be simplified, the aim being to facilitate consensus, without curtailing the significance of reports in terms of Members' legal rights and obligations. Secondly, some CRTA activities could be re-balanced in favour of 'transparency' on individual RTAs, through a revision of the information supplied during the 'factual examination' stage and periodic reports. The aim would be (i) to give basic elements to assist Members in assessing the RTA's compatibility with WTO rules; and (ii) to increase Members' awareness on how RTAs are designed and operated.

However, the discussion on these issues remained inconclusive and the CRTA is likely to be convened again in the near future to examine this matter.

### **Trade and Environment**

The Committee on Trade Environment met on Feb. 29 and March 1. It considered the various items on its agenda such as : market access, environmental impact assessment, significant trade effects of environmental measures, eco-labelling and multilateral environmental agreements.

### **Agreement on Rules of Origin**

At its meetings held from 7 to 18 February 2000, the WTO Committee on Rules of Origin made further progress in resolving outstanding differences in both the overall architecture issues as well as product-specific issues, including for ferrous and non-ferrous metals and their products, under the on-going harmonisation work programme on non-preferential rules of origin. The discussions also helped generate a better understanding of the technical parameters and trade policy issues that underpin existing divergences of various Members on these issues. The Members agreed to continue negotiations as set out in the management plan agreed earlier. The Committee also agreed that a deadline for completing the harmonisation work programme would be useful, and agreed to hold informal consultations to make a collective assessment on a reasonable end-date.

### **Trade in Services**

**The Council for Trade in Services met in regular session on 25 February 2000, which was followed by its special session to commence the mandated negotiations from year 2000.** It was agreed in the Council that an assessment of trade in services would be an integral part of the preparations for negotiations. The Council also agreed to review all MFN exemptions granted under Article II with a view to examine whether the conditions which created the need for the exemption still prevail. The Council agreed to continue its discussion on the review of Air Transport services as well as of the Understanding on Accounting Rates at its next meeting. In its Special Session on the mandated negotiations, the Council agreed that flexibility should be the guiding principle of the negotiations which would be conducted in special sessions of the Council held back-to-back with the regular sessions at intervals of 5-6 weeks. Many members were categorical that parity and parallelism would guide the negotiations in the mandated areas of services and agriculture. The agenda for the negotiations would be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

### Schedule of Meetings at the WTO, Geneva : April 2000\*

4&5/4/2000	: Working Party on the Accession of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
5/4/2000	: <b>Council for Trade in Goods</b>
7/4/2000	: Dispute settlement Body
10-12/4/2000	: Textiles Monitoring Body
10/4/2000	: Working Party in State Trading Enterprises
11/4/2000	: Committee on Budget, Finance and Administration
11/4/2000	: Committee on Import Licensing
11&12/4/2000	: Committee on Specific Commitments
12/4/2000	: Committee on Customs Valuation
13/4/2000	: Working Party on Domestic Regulation
13/4/2000	: Working Party on Financial Services
14/4/2000	: Committee on Rules Of Origin
14/4/2000	: <b>Council for Trade in Service</b> followed by special session
17&18/4/2000	: Committee on Balance of Payments-Pakistan

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