

CONFIDENTIAL

CORRIGENDUM TO THE LIST OF BRAZILIAN REQUESTS  
TO SOUTH AFRICA

Tariff numbers	PRODUCTS	U.	Present Duty	REQUEST
45 (a)	Mate, in packets or tins not exceeding 10 lbs. each in weight .....	1b	2d	1d
(b)	Mate, in larger containers..		free	bind
224(d)	Gaffeine, theobromine, eme- tine .....		15°/o	7 1/2 °/o
224(d)	Natural menthol .....		15°/o	free
335	Pyrethrum flower or powder and timbo powder .....		15°/o	"
22(b)	Fruits, preserved, canned, etc.: banana, pineapple, goiava, orange, cashew .....	1b	2 1/2 d	1d
70 a b	Hosiery: socks and stockings		15°/o	10°/o
76 a	Piece goods-cotton .....		10°/o	Pref.

Geneva, May 1947

# SOUTH AFRICA

ON

(4) BRAZIL.

## Requests for the reduction of Brazilian Customs Duties.

ARTICLE.	Brazilian Tariff No.	Rate of Duty applicable to South Africa	Surtax.	Nature of Concession desired.
Chrome Ore.	584	2.3 cruzeiros per kg. net.	12%	Removal of both import duty and surtax.
Coal.	279	22.9 cruzeiros per kg. net.	12%	Removal of both import duty and surtax.
Wool in the grease.-	133	1.40 cruzeiros per kg. gross	12%	Removal of both import duty and surtax.
(i) Ordinary.				
(ii) Fine.		2.80 cruzeiros per kg. gross	12%	Removal of both import duty and surtax.
Wool, washed or scoured.	Ex 134	8.0 cruzeiros per kg. gross	12%	- do. -
Asbestos.	569	1.0 cruzeiros per kg. gross	12%	Removal of both import duty and surtax.
(i) Raw.				
(ii) Fibre.		1.0 cruzeiros per kg. gross	12%	- do. -
Fruit, preserved.-	Ex 230	6.24 cruzeiros per legal kg.	12%	50% reduction in both import duty and surtax.
(i) In sugar or honey.				
(ii) Without syrup, crystallised or candied.		15.6 cruzeiros per legal kg.	12%	- do. -
Preserved Crawfish	Ex 91	8.3 cruzeiros per legal kg.	12%	Reduction of import duty to 1.1 cruzeiros and removal of surtax.

Mr. Blomeyer

Geneva, May 29th 1947.

Second Session of the Preparatory  
Committee of the United Nations  
Conference on Trade and Employment.

TO - The Central Secretariat

FROM - Joint Secretariat of Brazilian-South Africa  
Tariff Negotiating Team

Lists of offers have been exchanged by the  
United States of Brazil and Union of South Africa, and  
there are transmitted herewith one copy of each list of  
the offers exchanged.

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For the Brazilian Tariff Ne-  
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Tariff Negotiating Team

PRELIMINARY OFFERS BY THE UNITED STATES OF BRAZIL ON  
RIFF CONCESSIONS TO SOUTH AFRICA

ARTICLE	Rate of Duty applicable to South Africa	surtax	Nature of concession desired	Offers
Chrome Ore	2.3 cruzeiros per kg. net.	12%	Removal of both import duty and surtax.	Agreed
Coal	22.9 cruzeiros	12%	Removal of both import duty and surtax.	Agreed
Wool in the Grease (i) Ordinary	1.40 cruzeiros per kg. gross	12%	Removal of both import duty and surtax.	Answer postponed
(ii) Fine	2.80 cruzeiros per kg. gross	12%	Removal of both import duty and surtax.	Answer postponed
Wool, washed or scoured.	8.0 cruzeiros per kg. gross	12%	- do. -	Answer postponed
Asbestos. (i) Raw.	1.0 cruzeiro per kg. gross	12%	Removal of both import duty and surtax.	Free
(ii) Fiber	1.0 cruzeiro per kg. gross	12%	- do. -	Free
Fruit, preserved (i) in sugar or honey.	6.24 cruzeiros per legal kg.	12%	50% reduction in both import duty and surtax.	To specify
(ii) Without syrup, crystallized or candied.	15.6 cruzeiros per legal kg.	12%	- do. -	
Preserved "Craw fish"	8.3 cruzeiros per legal kg.	12%	Reduction of import duty to 1.1 cruzeiros and removal of surtax.	30%

\* The Brazilian Delegation is not able to negotiate on the surtaxes. Nevertheless, the surtaxes are subject in Brazil to a revision for simplification and elimination in some measure, if possible.

! - As stated by the Head of the Brazilian Delegation (Doc.E/PC/T/PV 2/4) and in accordance with Annexure 10 on Multilateral Trade-Agreement Negotiations of the Report of the First Session of the Preparatory Committee, the Brazilian Government reserves its rights to change the form of its tariff or to readjust the duty rates of its tariff to the extent that their protective incidents is not increased.

Geneva, 27th May 1947.

NOTES CONCERNING THE PROVISIONAL REPLIES OF THE SOUTH  
AFRICAN DELEGATION TO REQUESTS MADE ON IT FOR TARIFF  
CONCESSIONS.

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1. The provisional replies are intended as a basis for negotiation only and are in no way binding on the South African Delegation or on the Government of the Union of South Africa.
  2. The replies assume that reciprocal concessions will be made of a nature adequate to justify the concessions offered by the South African Delegation.
  3. As and when similar replies are sent to other members of the Preparatory Committee copies will be forwarded to all delegations with which the South African Delegation is negotiating.
  4. The remarks column of the schedule indicates the tariff changes which the South African Delegation considers it can offer in the light of present circumstances and on the basis of the above assumptions. Where no remarks are made the South African Delegation regrets that it cannot see its way clear for the present to offer any concession. It nevertheless recognises that the whole position at present is fluid and that events which take place during the Conference may change its views in respect both of the items in which it proposes to make no concessions and of the concessions which it is now tentatively proposing to make.
  5. It need hardly be stressed that the contents of the attached document are privileged and that no recipient should in any way disclose them to any outside party whatsoever.
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LIST OF SOUTH AFRICA'S OFFERS IN RESPONSE TO THE TARIFF REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY BRAZIL.

South African Tariff Item No.	Article.	Unit.	Present Rates of duty.		Rate Requested.		Remarks.
			Min.	Interm.	Min.	Interm.	
12.	Cocoa:						
(a)	Beans, raw		-	Free	-	Free	Prepared to agree to bind, Free.
(c)	Mass, paste or slab, unsweetened; block chocolate, unsweetened; and cocoa butter	per lb.	-	2d.	-	1d.	-
13.	Coffee:						
(a)	Raw	per lb.	Free	1d.	-	Free	-
	Preference British non-self-governing Colonies and Protectorates, and Territories under British Mandate.						
(b)	Roasted or ground	per lb.	-	3d.	-	Bind	-
15.(d)	Rice in the grain		-	Free	-	Bind	Prepared to agree to bind, Free.
22.	Fruits:						
(b)	Bottled, tinned or otherwise preserved, including candied peel, but excluding pulp in bulk and crystallized fruits	per lb.	-	2½d.	-	1d.	Under consideration.
ex (f)	Other pulp in bulk	per lb.	-	2½d.	-	1d.	Under consideration.
31.	Meat pastes, potted or tinned	per lb.	-	3d.	-	1½d.	-
	or	ad val.	-	20%	-	10%	-
33.	Nuts, edible:						
(c)	Other n.e.c.	per lb.	-	2½d.	-	Free	-
53.	Cigars and cigarillos	per lb.	-	10/4d.	-	50% red.	Under consideration.
58.	Tobacco, manufactured	per lb.	-	3/6d.	-	6d.	-
66(a)	Coir, cotton, fibre, flax, grass, hemp, manila, jute, silk and moss, raw, waste and unmanufactured; flock and waste rayon		-	Free	-	Bind	Prepared to agree to bind, Free.
ex 73							
(1)	Textile articles of furnishing and napery, n.e.c.	ad val.	-	15%	-	Preference.	-
178.	Marble:						
(b)	Other, including tombstones and chips	ad val.	-	20%	-	10%	Reserved for negotiation with principal supplier.
180.	Mica and mica manufactures:						
(a)	Lump chimneys and stove fronts	ad val.	-	25%	-	12½%	-
(b)	Other	ad val.	15%	20%	-	10%	-
	Preference U.K. on mica plates for electrical purposes.						
202.	Oils, vegetable, animal and fish, n.e.c.:						
(1)	Maize, groundnut, cotton seed, sesame seed, sunflower seed, mustard seed, rape seed, soya bean, palm, palm kernel and coconut oil	ad val. or per lb.	-	20%	-	10%	-
		per lb.	-	1d. plus a suspended duty of 1d. in operation.	-		-
ex (2)	Castor oil	ad val	-	20%	-	10%	-

South African Tariff Item No.	Article.	Unit.	Proposed rates of duty.		Rates Requested		Remarks.
			Min.	Interm.	Min.	Interm.	
251.	Boots and shoes:						
	(d) All other, of any material, including goloshes	ad val.	-	30%	-	15%	Under consideration.
272.	Joinery:						
	(a)(i) Window and door frames, wooden	ad val.	-	25%	-	15%	-
		or each	-	3/6d.	-	-	-
	(b) Wooden frameworks of houses, including sills, sashes, lintels, staircases, casements, wooden shutters and mouldings	ad val.	-	25%	-	15%	-
279.	Wood:						
	(a) Unmanufactured -						
	(i) softwood (coniferous)	per 100 cub.ft.	Free.	9/-	-	Preference	-
	Preference Canada.						
	(ii) other, except veneer board	ad val	Free	3%	-	Preference	-
	Preference United Kingdom and Canada.						
	(iii) veneer board	ad val	Free	3%	-	Preference	-
				plus a suspended duty of			
	Preference United Kingdom and Canada.	ad val		17% 17%			
				<u>not</u> in operation.			
302(1)	Ladies' handbags	ad val	-	30%	-	15%	Prepared to agree to reduce to 25%.

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LIST OF SOUTH AFRICA'S OFFERS IN RESPONSE TO THE ADDITIONAL  
REQUESTS FOR TARIFF CONCESSIONS SUBMITTED BY BRAZIL.

S.A. Tariff Item No.	Article.	Unit.	Present Duties.		New Duties re- quested by <b>BRAZIL</b>		Remarks.
			Min.	Interm.	Min.	Interm.	
22	Fruits:						
ex(b)	Bottled, tinned or otherwise preserved - Banana, pineapple, guava, orange	per lb.	-	2½d.	-	1d.	Under consideration.
ex 33(c)	Cashew nuts	per lb.	-	2½d.	-	1d.	-
ex 45	Tea -						
(a)	Mate, in packets or tins, not exceeding 10 lb. each in weight	per lb.	-	2d.	-	1d.	-
(b)	Mate, in larger containers	-	-	Free	-	Bind	prepared to agree.
70	Hosiery:						
(a)	Socks	ad val.	10%	15%	-	10%	-
(b)	Stockings	ad val.	10%	15%	-	10%	-
	Preference: United King- dom, Canada and Eire.						
76	Piece goods, not being canvas, blanketing or Kaffir sheeting:						
(a)	Cotton (woven or knitted) -						
(i)	containing 50% or more by weight of cotton but no rayon, the free on board price of which does not exceed 1/3d. per yard	ad val.	5%	10% 1½d.	-	5%	-
(ii)	of cotton and rayon with or without other materials, containing 50% or more by weight of cotton, the free on board price of which does not exceed 1/3d. per yard.	ad val.	5%	10% 1½d.	-	5%	-
ex 224(d)	Caffeine, theobromide, emetine	ad val.	-	15%	-	7½%	-
ex 224(d)	Natural menthol	ad val.	-	15%	-	Free	-
ex 335	Pyrethrum flower or powder and timbo powder	ad val.	-	15%	-	Free	-



*D. Nash.*

S.A.D. 127/12.

South African Delegation to  
Conference on I.T.E.,  
Palais des Nations,  
Geneva.

25th August, 1947.

Sir,

I attach, for your information, a copy of a communication which has been addressed to the Brazilian Delegation on the subject of the tariff negotiations between South Africa and Brazil.

Yours faithfully,

2 HEAD: *A. Beylerveld.*  
~~SOUTH AFRICAN~~ DELEGATION.

Executive Secretary,  
Preparatory Committee of the International  
Conference on Trade and Employment,  
Palais des Nations,  
Geneva.

South African Delegation to  
Conference on I.T.E.,  
Palais des Nations,  
Geneva.

23rd August, 1947.

Sir,

You will recall that in accordance with the procedure for tariff negotiations established by the Preparatory Committee at the commencement of its present session, lists of provisional tariff offers were exchanged between our two Delegations on June 8th.

2. At the time the Brazilian Delegation stated that they were unable to reply to the South African request for a concession on wool as this matter was still receiving your Government's attention. They emphasised, moreover, that it was Brazil's intention to approach the Preparatory Committee for a ruling on the question of the adjustment of the Brazilian import duties, and that their tentative offers to the South African requests were, therefore, subject to review in the light of the Preparatory Committee's decision on this particular point.

3. Since then the question of the adjustment of the Brazilian import duties has been settled, two further tariff meetings have been held between our two Delegations, but the South African Delegation have not yet succeeded in securing a reply from your Delegation to their request on wool.

4. It is hardly necessary for me to emphasise that the question of a concession on wool occupies a predominant position in the South African Delegation's tariff negotiations with Brazil. The South African Delegation have purposely confined their tariff requests on Brazil to a few selected commodities of importance in South Africa's export trade with your country, and as they are unable to assess the benefits that are likely to accrue to South Africa from these negotiations without knowing the exact extent of your offers, if any, on each of the limited number of commodities included in the South African request list, you will, I am sure, appreciate that no good purpose can be served by proceeding with the tariff negotiations between our two Delegations until such time as your Delegation's response to the South African request on wool is made known to my Delegation.

Yours faithfully,

(Sgt.) J.E. Holloway.

HEAD: SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION.

The Head,  
Delegation of Brazil,  
Palais des Nations,  
Geneva.

**DÉLÉGATION  
DES ÉTATS-UNIS DU BRÉSIL.**

Le Secrétaire Exécutif de la Délégation du Brésil présente ses compliments au Secrétaire Exécutif Adjoint de la Commission Préparatoire de la Conférence du Commerce et de l'Emploi et a l'honneur de lui remettre ci-inclus copie de la lettre adressé par le Chef de la Délégation du Brésil au Chef de la Délégation de la Union Sud-Africaine, concernant la liste finale des offres brésiliennes, dont copie est aussi jointe.

L'accord entre les deux pays ayant été fait, la Délégation du Brésil considère définitivement achevées ses négociations bilatérales avec la Union Sud-Africaine sur les concessions tarifaires.

Une copie de la liste en question a déjà été envoyée au Service de Traductions.

Genève, le 18 Octobre, 1947.

Geneva, October 16th, 1947

H.E. J.M. Holloway  
Head of the South Africa Delegation

Excellency,

I have the honour to enclose the final list of offers to South Africa which were mutually agreed upon by our two negotiating teams.

I understand that this letter and yours concerning the final list of offers from South Africa to Brazil ends the bilateral stage of our negotiations on tariff concessions.

The ultimate agreement however is subject to the conclusion of a satisfactory multilateral agreement, which, to become effective, depends on the approval of the Brazilian Government.

On behalf of the Brazilian Team, I avail myself of this opportunity to express our deep satisfaction in regard to the competence and the good will evidenced by the South Africa Team during our negotiations.

It is also my feeling that Brazil and South Africa reached a mutually advantageous agreement and that it constitutes an important contribution to the successful conclusion of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

Yours sincerely,

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A. de Vilhena Ferreira-Braga  
Head of the Brazilian Delegation.

Geneva, October 18th, 1947.

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REVISED LIST OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS BY THE UNITED  
STATES OF BRAZIL TO SOUTH AFRICA

TARIFF ITEM	COMMODITY DESCRIPTION	UNIT	PRESENT RATE OF DUTY	RATE OFFERED
	<u>CLASS VI</u>			
	<u>WOOL</u>			
	<u>Raw or dressed</u>			
133	Raw wool			
/2	Fine, of counts finer than 50's.	G.K.	3,92	1,40
134	Washed or scoured, crude or carbonized, and floss or waste from carding or combing.			
/1	Bleached or natural colour, exclusively wool of counts finer than 50's.	G.K.	11,20	4,00
	<u>CLASS VIII</u>			
	FRUIT, CEREALS, HERBS, VEGETABLES AND THEIR DERIVATIVES			
	Fruit			
230	Preserved:			
	Any other fruit (peaches, pears, apricots, apples, cherries, plums, prunes, berries, except strawber- ries, and mixed fruits for salad made up of the fore- going.			
/5	In alcohol, in syrup or jam, and in jelly, cake or pulp, with sugar or honey	L.K.	8,74	4,20
/6	Without juice, crystallized or prepared and confection- ed in any other way	L.K.	21,84	10,92
	<u>CLASS XVII</u>			
	STONES, EARTHS, MINERALS AND OTHER MINERAL PRODUCTS			
569	Amianth or asbestos:			
/1	Raw	G.T.	1.400,00	Free
/2	In fiber	L.T.	1.400,00	Free
579	Mineral coal or fossils and solid, semi-solid and li- quid products derived from its distillation			
/1	Anthracite: in bulk	R.T.	32,06	Free
/1	Soft coal: in bulk	R.T.	32,06	10,00
584	Chromite (chromite iron or smelting chrome-natural). Ore	R.K.	3,22	Free

FINAL LIST OF OFFERS MADE BY SOUTH AFRICA IN RESPONSE TO THE TARIFF REQUESTS  
SUBMITTED BY BRAZIL.

South African Tariff item number.	Article.	Unit.	Rates as at 10.4.47.		Offers
			Min.	Interm.	
12 (a)	Cocoa: Beans, raw		-	Free	Prepared to bind Free
13 (a)	Coffee: Raw Preference British non-self- governing Colonies and Protectorates and Territories under British Mandate.	per lb.	Free	1d.	Prepared to bind Min. Free, Interm. 1d. per lb.
15 (d)	Rice in the grain		-	Free	Prepared to bind Free
22 (f)	Fruits: Other pulp in bulk, and tamarinds	per lb.	-	2½d.	Prepared to reduce to 30% ad val. or 1½d. per lb. whichever duty shall be the greater.
33 ex (c)	Nuts, edible: Brazil	per lb.	-	2½d	Prepared to reduce to 2d. per lb.
45 (a)	Tea - in packets or tins, not exceeding 10 lb. each in weight	per lb.	-	2d	Prepared to bind rate at 1d. per lb.
(b)	in larger containers		-	Free	Prepared to bind Free
66(a)	Coir, cotton, fibre, flax, grass, hemp, manila, jute, silk and moss, raw, waste and unmanufactured; fleece and waste rayon		-	Free	Prepared to bind Free
180 ex (b)	Mica and mica manufactures: Mica plates for electrical purposes ad val.		15%	20%	Prepared to reduce to 15%.
224 ex (d)	Drugs and medicines, n.e.c.: Caffeine, theobromide, emetine and natural menthol	ad val	-	15%	Prepared to reduce to 10%.
251. (d)	Boots and shoes: All other, of any material, includ- ing goloshes	ad val.	-	30%	Prepared to bind rate at 30%
272 (b)	Joinery: Wooden frameworks of houses, inclu- ding sills, sashes, lintels, stair- cases, casements, wooden shutters and mouldings	ad val	-	25%	Prepared to bind rate at 25%
279 (a) (ii)	Wood: Unmanufactured - other than softwood (coniferous) and veneer board Preference United Kingdom and Canada.	ad val	Free	3%	Prepared to bind rate at 3%.
302(i)	Ladies' handbags	ad val	-	30%	Prepared to reduce to 25%.
70 (a)	Hosiery: Socks	ad val	10%	15%	Prepared to eliminate preference but the rate remains unbound.
279 (a) (i)	Wood: Unmanufactured - softwood (coniferous)	per 100 cu.ft.	Free	9/-	Prepared to reduce intermediate rate to 4s 6d per 100 cubic feet.