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TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS 1956

Preliminary Requests by the Government of the United States
of America for Tariff Concessions from the
Government of India

September 1955

The attached list of requests is subject to alteration in the light of information which the Government of the United States may obtain pursuant to its formal public notice of intention to undertake trade-agreement negotiations with the Government of India. Such public notice is required under the Trade Agreements Act of 1934, as amended, the legislative authority under which the United States undertakes these tariff negotiations.

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PRELIMINARY REQUESTS

Tariff Concessions which the Government of the UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA requests from the Government of INDIA

Tariff Item No.	Description of Products	Present rate of duty	Proposed rate of duty
24(3)	Tobacco, unmanufactured	Rs. 9-6 plus 5% of the duty	Rs. 3-4 plus 3% of the duty
281	Patent or proprietary medicines as defined in clause (d) of Section 3 of the Drugs Act, 1940 (XXIII of 1940), not containing spirit and not otherwise specified	50%	25%
28(3)	Sulphur	Free	Free
28(26)	Penicillin in bulk	20%	10%
28(26A)	Penicillin and its products not otherwise specified	30%	15%
28(27)	Antibiotics such as streptomycin, gramicidin, tyrocidine and tyrothricin	20%	10%
29	Cinematograph films, not exposed	3 pies per linear foot plus 5% of the duty	3 pies per linear foot plus 5% of the duty
29(1)	Cinematograph films, exposed	4 annas per linear foot plus 5% of the duty	2 annas per linear foot plus 5% of the duty
36(2)	Skins (other than fur skins) tanned or dressed and unwrought leather	31 1/4%	15%
Ex 52	Apparel, hosiery, haberdashery, millinery and drapery, not otherwise specified Ex: Old or used clothing	80%	40%
60(5)	Electric lighting bulbs for torches and auto- mobiles	50%	25%
60(2)	Electric lighting bulbs not otherwise specified	100%	25%
63(10)	Steel, tinplates and tinned sheets, including tin taggers, and cuttings of such plates, sheets or taggers	1 1/2 times excise duty on steel ingots plus Rs. 59 per ton plus 1/4 of total duty	Reduce British preference

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Tariff Item No.	Description of products	Present rate of duty	Proposed rate of duty
64	Copper, wrought and manufactures of copper, all sorts not otherwise specified	37 4/5%	20%
Ex71	Hardware, ironmongery and tools, all sorts not otherwise specified, including incandescent mantles but excluding machine tools and agricultural implements: Ex: Builder's hardware of iron, steel, brass and bronze Ex: Hacksaw blades Ex: Files and rasps	31 1/4% 31 1/4% 31 1/4%	15% 15% 15%
Ex63(28)	All sorts of iron and steel and manufactures thereof not otherwise specified: Ex: Earth moving and shifting machinery	31 1/4%	10%
Ex72	Machinery, namely, such of the following as are not otherwise specified: Ex: Earth moving and shifting machinery Ex: Pumping machinery, of all kinds	10 1/2% 10 1/2%	10% 5%
72(39)	Power and distribution transformers up to 2500 KVA and 37.5 KV on the H.T. side (primary voltage being over 250) excluding furnace rectifiers and flame-proof transformers	10%	10%
Ex72(1)	Textile machinery and apparatus by whatever power operated (not otherwise specified: Ex: Cotton textile machinery	10 1/2%	5%
72(34)	The following cotton textile machinery and apparatus and parts thereof, by whatever power operated, namely, spinning ring frames, spinning rings, spindles and plain looms	10 1/2%	5%
72(5)	Domestic refrigerators and parts therefor, such as are specifically designed for use with such refrigerators, (including electric and thermo-dynamic)	30%	15% and add "including electric and thermo-dynamic to classification"
72(18)	Mining machinery	10 1/2%	5%
72(26)	Typewriters	20%	10%
72(27)	Component parts of typewriters	20%	10%
72(28)	Office machines, all sorts, (electrical and non-electrical), not otherwise specified, operated by manual labor or requiring for their operation less than one-quarter of one brake-horse-power and component parts thereof	20%	10% and add "electrical and non-electrical" to classification

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Tariff Item No.	Description of Products	Present rate of duty	Proposed rate of duty
Ex73	Electrical instruments, apparatus and appliances, not otherwise specified, excluding telegraphic and telephonic Ex: Industrial sewing machines and parts	37 1/2%	Reduce U.K. and Colonial preference
73(4)	Complete wireless receivers	50%	Reduce U.K. and Colonial preference
73(10)	Electric valves specially designed for wireless reception instruments	50%	Reduce U.K. and Colonial preference
73(11)	Component parts, amplifiers and loud speakers of wireless reception instruments other than electric valves	50%	Reduce U.K. and Colonial preference
73(12)	Combination radio-phonographs	54%	Reduce U.K. and Colonial preference
Ex72(d)	Control gear self-acting or otherwise, and transmission-gear designed for use with any machinery above specified and also with squirrel cage electric motors of one-quarter of one brake horse power and above, Ex: Switches and circuit breakers	5 1/4%	5%
Ex73(1)	Electrical control gear and transmission gear, namely, switches (excluding switchboards), fuses and current-breaking devices of all sorts and descriptions, designed for use in circuits of less than ten amperes and at a pressure not exceeding 250 volts; Ex: Switches and circuit breakers	37 1/2%	5%
Ex73(2)	Switchboards designed for use in circuits of less than ten amperes and at a pressure not exceeding 250 volts	31 1/2%	15%
73(8)	Carbons, electric	20%	10%
73(9)	Electro-medical apparatus	20%	10%

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Concessions requested by India from USA.

Preliminary List of Products

<u>U.S. Tariff Paragraph No.</u>	<u>Name of Commodity</u>
Ex 911	Cotton bedspreads, block printed by hand, no fringe
Ex 911	Cotton bureau covers, block printed by hand, no fringe
Ex 911	Table and bureau covers, centre pieces, runners, scarfs, napkins, and doilies of plain woven cotton cloth and n.e.p.f., if block printed by hand
Ex 921	Cotton carpets and carpetings
Ex 911	Cotton centre pieces, block printed by hand, no fringe
Ex 904	Cotton cloth, printed dyed or coloured of yarn numbers appropriate to handloom cloth
Ex 909	Cotton cloth containing silk, rayon or other synthetic textiles, terry woven
Ex 1529	Embroideries (cotton) n.s.p.f.
Ex 921	Floor coverings
Ex 1116-7	Carpets, not made on power driven loom, with mixed hair
Ex 1529	Lace hand made over 2" wide - not over \$ 50 lb. of cotton
Ex 1529	Lace hand-made of silk over 2" wide not over \$ 50 lb.
Ex 1529	Lace hand-made, metal thread, rayon, silk and wool over 2" wide not over \$ 50 lb.
Ex 1529	Lace hand-made n.e.s. 2" wide, metal thread, cotton, rayon silk and wool
Ex 411	Basket, bamboo
Ex 1503	Ivory beads
Ex 1531	Leather handbags, n.e.s.
Ex 397	Brass articles
Ex 1021	Bamboo mats
Ex 1022	Pile mats and floor coverings of cocoa fibre
Ex 911	Knitted doilies