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AGREEMENT ON ASEAN PREFERENTIAL TRADING ARRANGEMENTS

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The Agreement on ASEAN Preferential Trading Arrangements was signed by the Governments of the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Republic of the Philippines, the Republic of Singapore and the Kingdom of Thailand on 24 February, 1977. This Agreement which provides a framework for the expansion of intra-ASEAN trade had been ratified by all member governments.

Under this arrangement, the first batch of trade preferences exchanged on a total of 71 items covering both primary and manufactured goods has been agreed upon by the ASEAN Economic Ministers. This will be implemented on 1 January, 1978.

Details such as the BTN numbers, product description, existing tariff and the margin of trade preferences granted by each of the ASEAN countries are attached.

Apart from the preferences exchanged on the 71 items, additional preferences were exchanged on 506 items during the last Meetings of the Committee on Trade and Tourism and the Trade Preferences Negotiating Group. These will be implemented after they are approved by the ASEAN Economic Ministers at their forthcoming meeting in Jakarta early next year.

Products which are granted trade preferences must meet with the rules of origin and the exports of such eligible products must be accompanied by a Certificate of Origin before the trade preferences can be given. Manufacturers who are interested in taking advantage of the trade preferences should therefore contact the Certificate of Origin Office of the Department of Trade for the procedures governing the application of Certificates of Origin.

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FIRST BATCH OF TRADE CONCESSIONS EXCHANGED AMONG ASEAN COUNTRIES

COUNTRY	BTN CODE	DESCRIPTION OF PRODUCT	EXISTING RATE	TRADE PREFERENCES	
				Margin of Preference on Existing Rate	Other Preferences
Indonesia	Ex 40.11.70	Tyres and tubes for off the road vehicles (tractors, graders, earth movers, industrial) <u>except sizes (i) 12.4/11 x 28</u> <u>(ii) 16.9/14 x 31</u>	Rp 340/kg	10%	Priority import from the Philippines for semester I 1978 amount to 180,500 MT
	28.56.10	Calcium carbide	15%	10%	
	25.23.20	Portland cement	Rp 3000/mt	0%	
	Ex 87.12.20	Parts and accessories of articles falling within heading No 87.09 (Motor cycles, autcycles and cycles fitted with an auxiliary motor, with or without side cars; side cars of all kinds) <u>except chains</u>	60%	10%	
	90.28.00	Electrical measuring, checking, analysing or automatically controlling instruments and apparatus	20%	10%	
	25.23.90	Cement Clinker	Rp 3000/mt		Priority purchase
	10.05.01	Maize, other than seeds	50%	10%	
	ex 20.02.90	Canned vegetables	5%	10%	
	82.09.10	Knives with cutting blades, for tapping rubber or for incising rubber trees	20%	10%	
	71.02.10	Industrial diamonds	20%	1%	
	48.08.00	Filter blocks of paper pulp	20%	10%	
	ex 48.15.95	Facial tissues	60%	10%	
	ex 48.21.90	Sanitary towels	50%	10%	
	10.07.20	Sorghum	5%	10%	
	11.01.90	White rice flour	5%	10%	

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Malaysia	59.04.400	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not of manila hemp	15%	15%	Quota relaxation to be considered
	84.51.100	Portable typewriters	25%	10%	
	84.51.210	Typewriters electric	25%	10%	
	Ex 19.03.000	<u>Vermicilli and noodles made from rice</u>	\$6/cwt	15%	
	28.42.100	Soda ash	0%	Binding 0%	
	01.02	Live animals (cattle)	0%	Binding 0%	
	07.01	Vegetables	0%	Binding 0%	
	07.01.100	Potatoes	0%	Binding 0%	
	21.02.300	Onions	0%	Binding 0%	
	21.02.100	Extracts, concentrate of coffee	20¢/lb	Binding 20¢/lb	
	10.06	Rice	0%		Annual contract
	10.05.000	Maize	0%		Annual contract
	25.01.900	Other salts	0%	Binding 0%	
	25.20.000	Gypsum	0%	Binding 0%	
	17.01.103	Raw sugar (polarisation 95° - 98°)	\$156.8/ton		Annual contract
	03.02.150	Sharks fin	20%	10%	
Philippines	Ex 27.13	Paraffin wax	20%	10%	
	Ex 70.10 B	<u>Glass jars for baby foods</u>	50%	20%	
	Ex 84.51	<u>Portable electric typewriters</u>	20%	20%	
	70.06	Cast, rolled, drawn or blown glass (including flashed or wired glass) in rectangles, surface ground or polished, but not further worked	70%	30%	
	B	Other			

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	02.01	Meat or offal from bovine cattle	10%	30%	
	10.05	Maize	70%	20%	
	Ex 07.05 B	Mango beans (green and yellow)	50%	20%	
	Ex 15.07 A	Palm oil (crude and refined)	20%	20%	
	Ex 15.07 B	Palm kernel oil	50%	20%	
	25.20 B	Crude gypsum	20%	20%	
	27.01	Anthracite coal	10%	20%	
	Ex 85.24	Graphite and carbon electrode	30%	10%	
	Ex 40.11 A	Tractor tyres	30%	10%	
	Ex 84.62	Ball bearings	10%	10%	
SINGAPORE	61.02.220	Kain lepas and kain sarong batek	15%	10%	
	33.06.510	Shampoo	20%	0% Binding	
	17.01.100	Beet sugar and cane sugar, solids: raw	\$308.56/mt		
	42.02.910	Handbags, pochettes, purses, wallets, brief-cases, portfolios, scholars satchels; other than articles falling under 42.02.110, 120 and 200	Nil	5% absolute	
	60.04.910	Undergarments, cotton knitted or crocheted not elastic	15%	10%	
	60.04.990	Undergarments, not wholly of cotton	15%	10%	
	60.05.000	Outergarments, other articles not knitted or crocheted not elastic	15%	10%	
	61.04.100	Undergarments, infants, not knitted or crocheted	15%	10%	
	61.01.900	Outergarments for men excluding sarongs and dhoties	15%	10%	
					LTQC to the Philippines for 12,000-24,000 m. tons. Exemption of import duty on LTQC.

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	61.02.100	Undergarments for infants	15%	10%	
	61.03.100	Shirts not knitted or crocheted	15%	10%	
	61.03.900	Men's and boys' undergarments, other	15%	10%	
	61.05.210	Handkerchiefs, wholly of cotton	15%	10%	
	61.09.200	Brassieres	15%	10%	
THAILAND	29.42.10	Quinine including its salts	0%	0%	3-year LTQC to Indonesia
	15.13.01	Margarine	60%	15%	
	59.04.14	Twine, cordage, ropes and cables, plaited or not of manila hemp	15%	20%	
	84.62.01	Ball bearings	15%	20%	
	44.04	Sawn timber	1%	30%	
	44.05.39	Other lumber non-coniferous	2%	10%	
	07.01	Vegetables	50% or Bht 5.00/kg	30%	
	07.06	Vegetables	50%	30%	
	78.02.01	Lead base rods solder	15%	10%	
	38.11.26	Insecticides	30%	10%	
	09.08.21	Nutmeg not powdered	25% or Bht 2.20/kg	10%	
	09.04.22	Chilly not powdered	25% or Bht 2.20/kg	10%	
	27.12.01	Paraffin wax	30% or Bht 1.40/kg	10%	
	38.11.29	Other kinds of chemicals for agricultural use	5%	10%	