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Obstacles to consumption

Background

1. In accordance with Article 33 of the International Coffee Agreement 2001 (attached as Annex I) Members should recognize the utmost importance of achieving the greatest possible increase of coffee consumption as rapidly as possible, in particular through the progressive removal of any obstacles which may hinder such increase.
2. This document contains the latest information received which should enable the Council to assess compliance by Member countries with the provisions of Article 33. Members were requested to inform the Organization of any changes contained in document ICC-90-7 by 20 August 2005 (see documents ED-1958/05 and ED-1961/05).
3. Annexes II-A and II-B contain information on taxes and duties, laws and regulations applied to coffee exports and imports by Member countries. Annex II-B also contains information on the VAT applied to coffee in the retail sector in importing Member countries and in selected non-member countries where information is available. According to the Rules on Statistics (contained in document EB-3830/02) Members are required to keep the Organization up to date when revisions on this matter take place in their countries.
4. It should be noted that EU member states charge a Common Customs Tariff (CCT) applied on all goods imported from outside their borders. However, each EU member may apply excise duty and VAT at different levels. Detailed information on the CCT applied by EU members can be obtained from www.europa.eu.int. Annexes III-A to III-C contain information on import duties for green, roasted and soluble coffee imported into the EU, from selected origins, based on the system of duty reduction (Generalised System of Preference – GSP) under specific classification of the Harmonized System (HS).
5. Reports containing updated information received from Members on these issues will be circulated to the Council annually. All Members are requested to inform the Executive Director of any measures adopted in their countries in connection with the provisions of Article 33, and of any changes to current levels of taxes and duties on coffee exports and/or imports.

Action

The Council is requested to consider this report.

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE AGREEMENT 2001

ARTICLE 33

Removal of obstacles to consumption

- (1) Members recognize the utmost importance of achieving the greatest possible increase of coffee consumption as rapidly as possible, in particular through the progressive removal of any obstacles which may hinder such increase.
- (2) Members recognize that there are at present in effect measures which may to a greater or lesser extent hinder the increase in consumption of coffee, in particular:
 - (a) import arrangements applicable to coffee, including preferential and other tariffs, quotas, operations of government monopolies and official purchasing agencies, and other administrative rules and commercial practices;
 - (b) export arrangements as regards direct or indirect subsidies and other administrative rules and commercial practices; and
 - (c) internal trade conditions and domestic and regional legal and administrative provisions which may affect consumption.
- (3) Having regard to the objectives stated above and to the provisions of paragraph (4) of this Article, Members shall endeavour to pursue tariff reductions on coffee or to take other action to remove obstacles to increased consumption.
- (4) Taking into account their mutual interest, Members undertake to seek ways and means by which the obstacles to increased trade and consumption referred to in paragraph (2) of this Article may be progressively reduced and eventually, wherever possible, eliminated, or by which the effects of such obstacles may be substantially diminished.
- (5) Taking into account any commitments undertaken under the provisions of paragraph (4) of this Article, Members shall inform the Council annually of all measures adopted with a view to implementing the provisions of this Article.
- (6) The Executive Director shall prepare periodically a survey of the obstacles to consumption to be reviewed by the Council.
- (7) The Council may, in order to further the purposes of this Article, make recommendations to Members which shall report as soon as possible to the Council on the measures adopted with a view to implementing such recommendations.

Exporting countries						
	Taxes on exports of coffee			Taxes on imports of coffee		
	Green	Roasted	Soluble	Green	Roasted	Soluble
Angola	3% on FOB value			not applicable		
Benin @						
Bolivia						
Brazil	No export taxes			10%	10%	16%
Burundi						
Cameroon @						
Central African Rep. @						
Colombia						
Congo, Dem. Rep. of						
Congo, Rep. of @						
Costa Rica						
Côte d'Ivoire @						
Cuba	no export taxes					
Dominican Republic	no export taxes			no coffee imports (15-30% CIF+12%VAT)		
Ecuador	2% on FOB value		0%	10%	15%-20%	20%
El Salvador	no export taxes			10-15%	15%	15%
Equatorial Guinea @						
Ethiopia						
Gabon @						
Ghana						
Guatemala						
Guinea						
Haiti						
Honduras						
India						
Indonesia						
Jamaica	no export taxes			0%	40%	-
Kenya						
Madagascar @						
Malawi	no export taxes					
Mexico	no export taxes					
Nicaragua	no export taxes			5%; 15% on decaf (10% if imported from Mexico)	15% (10% if imported from Mexico)	15% (non-Central America); 10% from Mexico; 0% Dom Rep
Nigeria						
Papua New Guinea	no export taxes					
Paraguay						
Philippines	40%			30%	35%	35%
Rwanda						
Tanzania	no export taxes			no import taxes		
Thailand				30% in quota; 90% out quota		40% in quota; 49% out quota
Togo @						
Uganda						
Venezuela						
Vietnam	no export taxes			20%	50%	50%
Zambia						
Zimbabwe						

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@ denotes member of the OAMCAF group

Importing countries		
	Import duty and VAT	Excise duty
Austria	EU legislation applies - VAT: 20%	
Belgium	EU legislation applies - VAT: 6%	Green: €0.1983/kg; Roasted: €0.2479/kg; Extracts: €0.6941/kg
Cyprus	Green: 0%; Roasted: 92.1% on Greek type coffee and 36% others; Soluble: 9% to 20% pending on HS code	
Denmark	EU legislation applies - VAT: 25%	Green: DKr 5.345/kg; Roasted: DKr 6.54/kg; Extracts: DKr 14.17/kg
Estonia	VAT:18%	
Finland	EU legislation applies - VAT: 17%	No import rates
France	EU legislation applies - VAT: 5.5%	
Germany	EU legislation applies - VAT: 7%	Roasted: €2.19kg; Extracts: €4.78/kg
Greece	EU legislation applies - VAT: 9%	
Ireland	EU legislation applies - VAT: 0%	
Italy	EU legislation applies - VAT: 20%, 10% soluble	
Japan	information on file - VAT: 5% (consumption tax)	
Latvia	VAT:18%	Roasted and Soluble: LVL 50/100kg
Lithuania	VAT:18%	
Luxembourg	EU legislation applies - VAT: 3%	
Malta	VAT:0%	
Netherlands	EU legislation applies - VAT: 6%	
Norway	Duty of 1.43% - VAT: 23%	Roasted: 0.4% food tax +NOK 0.49/kg customs duty; Soluble: 0.4% food tax + 0.3% research tax + NOK 0.17/kg customs duty
Poland	VAT: 22%	
Portugal	EU legislation applies - VAT: 12%	
Slovakia	VAT: 19%	
Slovenia	VAT: 8.5%	
Spain	EU legislation applies - VAT: 7%	None
Sweden	EU legislation applies - VAT: 12% retail, 25% restaurants, coffee shops	
Switzerland	information on file - VAT: 2%	Special national fees apply on coffee
United Kingdom	EU legislation applies - VAT: 0%	
USA	No duty on green, roasted and soluble; preparations with a basis of coffee between 10%-20%; VAT (sales tax) varies from state to state	
Australia	Green: 2%; Roasted: A\$0.07/kg; Soluble: A\$0.66/kg	
Canada	Green: 0%; Roasted: Can\$ 0.0415/kg; Soluble: Can\$0.1432/kg	
China	8% on imports; VAT: 20%	
Russian Federation	0% on green; 10% of customs value on roasted and soluble with a minimum of € 0.50/kg	
Turkey	between 11% to 13% for green and roasted coffee	

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Coffee under the HS Tariff Classification 901.110.00 (Green coffee not-decaffeinated)

Country of origin	Full rate of duty	Quota	Preferential rate
Australia	0%		
Brazil	0%		
Canada	0%		
Colombia	0%		
Costa Rica	0%		
Ethiopia	0%		0% with Form A; 0% EUR.1 (LOME)
Honduras	0%		
India	0%		
Indonesia	0%		
Jamaica	0%		0% with Form A; 0% EUR.1 (LOME)
Kenya	0%		0% with Form A; 0% EUR.1 (LOME)
Kuwait	0%		
Norway	0%		0% (EEA)
Papua New Guinea	0%		0%EUR.1 (LOME)
Phillipines	0%		
Romania	0%		
Saudi Arabia	0%		
Singapore	0%		
South Africa	0%		0% EUR.1 (Agreement EU)
South Korea	0%		
Switzerland	0%		
Taiwan	0%		
Tanzania	0%		0% with Form A; 0% EUR.1 (LOME)
Uganda	0%		0% with Form A; 0% EUR.1 (LOME)
USA	0%		

Coffee under HS Tariff Classification No. 901.120.00 (Green coffee decaffeinated)

Country of origin	Full rate of duty	Quota	Preferential rate
Australia	8.3%		
Brazil	8.3%		
Canada	8.3%		
Colombia	8.3%		0% with Form A (GSP)
Costa Rica	8.3%		0% with Form A (GSP)
Ethiopia	8.3%		0% with Form A (GSP); EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
Honduras	8.3%		0% with Form A (GSP)
India	8.3%		4.8% with Form A (GSP)
Indonesia	8.3%		4.8% with Form A (GSP)
Jamaica	8.3%		4.8% GSP EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
Kenya	8.3%		4.8% GSP EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
Kuwait	8.3%		4.80%
Norway	8.3%		0% (EEA)
Papua New Guinea	8.3%		4.8% GSP EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
Phillipines	8.3%		4.80%
Romania	8.3%		0% (Agreement EU)
Saudi Arabia	8.3%		4.8% GSP EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
Singapore	8.3%		
South Africa	8.3%		4.8% GSP EUR.1 (EU agreement) 0%
South Korea	8.3%		
Switzerland	8.3%		
Taiwan	8.3%		
Tanzania	8.3%		0% GSP EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
Uganda	8.3%		0% GSP EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
USA	8.3%		

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EUR.1 = movement certificate

EEA = European Economic Area

Coffee under the HS Tariff Classification 901.210.00 (Roasted coffee not-decaffeinated)

Country of origin	Full rate of duty	Quota	Preferential rate
Australia	7.5%		
Brazil	7.5%		
Canada	7.5%		
Colombia	7.5%		0% with form A (GSP)
Costa Rica	7.5%		0% with form A (GSP)
Ethiopia	7.5%		0% GSP; 0% EUR.1 (LOME)
Honduras	7.5%		0% GSP
India	7.5%		2.6% GSP
Indonesia	7.5%		2.6% GSP
Jamaica	7.5%		2.6% GSP 0%EUR.1 (LOME)
Kenya	7.5%		2.6% GSP 0%EUR.1 (LOME)
Kuwait	7.5%		2.6% GSP
Norway	7.5%		0% (EEA)
Papua New Guinea	7.5%		2.6% GSP 0%EUR.1 (LOME)
Phillipines	7.5%		2.6% GSP
Romania	7.5%		0% (Agreement EU)
Saudi Arabia	7.5%		2.6% GSP
Singapore	7.5%		
South Africa	7.5%		2.6%GSP 0% EUR.1 (Agreement EU)
South Korea	7.5%		
Switzerland	7.5%		
Taiwan	7.5%		
Tanzania	7.5%		0% GSP 0% EUR.1 (LOME)
Uganda	7.5%		0% GSP 0%EUR.1 (LOME)
USA	7.5%		

Coffee under HS Tariff Classification No. 901.220.00 (Roasted coffee decaffeinated)

Country of origin	Full rate of duty	Quota	Preferential rate
Australia	9.0%		
Brazil	9.0%		
Canada	9.0%		
Colombia	9.0%		0% GSP
Costa Rica	9.0%		0% GSP
Ethiopia	9.0%		0% GSP EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
Honduras	9.0%		0% GSP
India	9.0%		3.1%
Indonesia	9.0%		3.1%
Jamaica	9.0%		3.1% GSP EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
Kenya	9.0%		3.1% GSP EUR.1.(LOME) 0%
Kuwait	9.0%		3.1%
Norway	9.0%		0% (EEA)
Papua New Guinea	9.0%		3.1% GSP EUR.1.(LOME) 0%
Phillipines	9.0%		3.1%
Romania	9.0%		0% (Agreement EU)
Saudi Arabia	9.0%		3.1%
Singapore	9.0%		
South Africa	9.0%		3.1% GSP EUR.1 (EU agreement) 0%
South Korea	9.0%		
Switzerland	9.0%		
Taiwan	9.0%		
Tanzania	9.0%		0% GSP EUR 1. (LOME) 0%
Uganda	9.0%		0% GSP EUR 1. (LOME) 0%
USA	9.0%		

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Coffee under HS Tariff Classification No. 210.111.11.00 (Coffee extracts, essences and concentrates with a coffee-based dry matter content of 95% or more by weight)

Country of origin	Full rate of duty	Quota	Preferential rate
Australia	9%	0%	
Brazil	9%	0%	
Canada	9%	0%	
Colombia	9%	0%	0%GSP
Costa Rica	9%	0%	0%GSP
Ethiopia	9%	0%	0%GSP EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
Honduras	9%	0%	0%GSP
India	9%	0%	3.1%GSP
Indonesia	9%	0%	3.1% GSP
Jamaica	9%	0%	3.1% GSP EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
Kenya	9%	0%	3.1% GSP EUR.1.(LOME) 0%
Kuwait	9%	0%	3.10%
Norway	9%	0%	
Papua New Guinea	9%	0%	3.1 % GSP EUR.1 (LOME) 0%
Phillipines	9%	0%	3.1% GSP
Romania	9%	0%	
Saudi Arabia	9%	0%	3.1% GSP
Singapore	9%	0%	
South Africa	9%	0%	3.1% GSP EUR.1 (EU agreement)
South Korea	9%	0%	
Switzerland	9%	0%	0% EUR.1 (EU agreement)
Taiwan	9%	0%	
Tanzania	9%	0%	0%GSP EUR 1. (LOME)0%
Uganda	9%	0%	0%GSP EUR.1 (LOME)0%
USA	9%	0% + 7%	

Coffee under HS Tariff Classification No. 210.111.19.00 (Other coffee extracts, essences and concentrates)

Country of origin	Full rate of duty	Quota	Preferential rate
Australia	9%		
Brazil	9%		
Canada	9%		
Colombia	9%		0% GSP
Costa Rica	9%		0% GSP
Ethiopia	9%		0% GSP; 0% EUR.1 (LOME)
Honduras	9%		0% GSP
India	9%		3.1% GSP
Indonesia	9%		3.1% GSP
Jamaica	9%		3.1% GSP 0%EUR.1 (LOME)
Kenya	9%		3.1% GSP 0% EUR.1 (LOME)
Kuwait	9%		3.1% GSP
Norway	9%		
Papua New Guinea	9%		3.1%GSP 0% EUR.1 (LOME)
Phillipines	9%		3.1% GSP
Romania	9%		
Saudi Arabia	9%		3.1% GSP
Singapore	9%		
South Africa	9%		3.1%GSP 3.7% EUR.1 (EU Agreement)
South Korea	9%		
Switzerland	9%		
Taiwan	9%		
Tanzania	9%		0% GSP 0% EUR.1 (LOME)
Uganda	9%		0% GSP 0%EUR.1 (LOME)
USA	9% + 7%		

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