

Negotiating Group on Market Access

**STATISTICAL INDICATORS RELATED TO
TARIFF LINES BOUND AT LOW RATES**

Note by the Secretariat¹

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Following a request from Negotiating Group on Market Access concerning the issue of tariff lines bound at low rates, the Secretariat did some analysis on the tariff profiles and related import flows with particular emphasis on low duties. The data were taken from the Consolidated Tariff Schedules (CTS) database and the Integrated Data Base (IDB).² The product coverage is limited to non-agricultural products, i.e. all products not included in the WTO Agreement on Agriculture.

II. FREQUENCY DISTRIBUTION OF BOUND DUTIES AND CORRESPONDING IMPORT FLOWS

2. A frequency distribution of *ad valorem* bound duties at the tariff line level as they appear in the CTS is shown in Table 1. The class intervals for the duty rates were set to one per cent intervals up to five per cent with duty free lines in a separate class interval. Bound duties higher than five per cent and non *ad valorem* duties are also presented to give a complete profile of the bound duties for each Member. The table shows the number of bound tariff lines for each class interval for each Member's schedule and the corresponding percentage based on all bound tariff lines.

3. For Members for which IDB/CTS linked files have already been established the corresponding import flow for each class interval of bound duty are presented in Table 2. Only Members with available import data and with non zero duties at or below 5 percent are retained in this table. The import value corresponding to unbound tariff lines was calculated as the difference between total imports of non-agriculture products and imports for bound tariff lines only. The percentage share was based on total NAMA imports.

¹ This document has been prepared under the Secretariat's own responsibility and without prejudice to the positions of Members and to their rights and obligations under the WTO.

² The CTS includes all WTO Members' consolidated certified concessions on goods. In some cases, the most recent certifications may not yet have been included; in some other cases, uncertified rectifications, modifications and transpositions have already been included.

Table 1. Distribution of final bound duties by duty ranges
(Number of tariff lines and per cent)

Member		Range of <i>ad valorem</i> bound duty							All tariff lines	
		Duty Free	0 <= 1	1 <= 2	2 <= 3	3 <= 4	4 <= 5	> 5		NAV
Albania	No %	3,078 36.4					2,515 29.8	2,857 33.8		8,450 100
Angola	No %							4,441 100.0		4,441 100
Antigua and Barbuda	No %							5,158 100.0		5,158 100
Argentina	No %						10 0.1	8,372 99.9		8,382 100
Armenia	No %	2,212 42.9				162 3.1	167 3.2	2,615 50.7		5,156 100
Australia	No %	967 20.4	291 6.1	14 0.3	16 0.3	23 0.5	528 11.1	2,904 61.2	5 0.1	4,748 100
Bahrain	No %							3,035 100.0		3,035 100
Bangladesh	No %	1 0.7			10 7.5			123 91.8		134 100
Barbados	No %							5,156 100.0		5,156 100
Belize	No %							5,129 100.0		5,129 100
Benin	No %	32 2.3				1 0.1	544 39.5	799 58.1		1,376 100
Bolivarian Rep. of Venezuela	No %							4,864 100		4,864 100
Bolivia	No %							5,755 100.0		5,755 100
Botswana	No %	900 8.0					396 3.5	9,922 88.4		11,218 100
Brazil	No %	102 1.0	5 0.0	1 0.0		5 0.0	2 0.0	10,127 98.9		10,242 100
Brunei Darussalam	No %							5,231 100.0		5,231 100
Bulgaria	No %	657 7.8			8 0.1	9 0.1	462 5.5	7,243 86.4	1 0.0	8,380 100
Burkina Faso	No %	32 2.3				1 0.1	544 39.8	791 57.8		1,368 100
Burundi	No %	20 4.2					80 16.8	375 78.9		475 100
Cambodia	No %	76 1.3						5,816 98.7		5,892 100
Cameroon	No %							4 100.0		4 100
Canada	No %	2,843 37.4	2 0.0	15 0.2	277 3.6	152 2.0	276 3.6	4,015 52.8	23 0.3	7,603 100
Central African Rep.	No %							2,694 100.0		2,694 100
Chad	No %							19 100.0		19 100
Chile	No %	1 0.0			1 0.0			5,102 100.0		5,104 100

Member		Range of ad valorem bound duty							NAV	All tariff lines
		Duty Free	0 <= 1	1 <= 2	2 <= 3	3 <= 4	4 <= 5	> 5		
China	No %	546 8.8	44 0.7	119 1.9	198 3.2	256 4.1	468 7.6	4,547 73.6		6,178 100
Colombia	No %							5,873 100.0		5,873 100
Congo	No %						26 16.5	132 83.5		158 100
Costa Rica	No %	270 4.0					17 0.3	6,499 95.8		6,786 100
Croatia	No %	1,911 30.6		8 0.1	19 0.3	211 3.4	1,992 31.9	2,101 33.7		6,242 100
Cuba	No %	77 8.0	28 2.9	15 1.6	42 4.4	43 4.5	51 5.3	705 73.4		961 100
Côte d'Ivoire	No %	33 2.8			1 0.1	3 0.3	517 43.9	625 53.0		1,179 100
DR of the Congo	No %						42 0.8	5,017 99.2		5,059 100
Djibouti	No %	2 0.0						4,450 100.0		4,452 100
Dominica	No %							4,892 100.0		4,892 100
Dominican Republic	No %							4,436 100.0		4,436 100
Ecuador	No %						111 1.9	5,778 98.1		5,889 100
Egypt	No %	192 3.6		153 2.9	35 0.7		386 7.2	4,590 85.7		5,356 100
El Salvador	No %	213 4.1						4,972 95.9		5,185 100
European Communities	No %	2,525 30.4	20 0.2	608 7.3	1,168 14.1	704 8.5	476 5.7	2,753 33.2	40 0.5	8,294 100
Fiji	No %							1,995 100.0		1,995 100
FYR of Macedonia	No %	3,399 40.6	21 0.3	94 1.1	279 3.3	53 0.6	1,028 12.3	3,492 41.7	10 0.1	8,376 100
Gabon	No %							4,744 100.0		4,744 100
Gambia	No %							24 100.0		24 100
Georgia	No %	1,676 32.2				162 3.1	832 16.0	2,529 48.6		5,199 100
Ghana	No %							55 100.0		55 100
Grenada	No %							5,241 100.0		5,241 100
Guatemala	No %							5,060 100.0		5,060 100
Guinea	No %	33 2.4				1 0.1	554 40.9	768 56.6		1,356 100
Guinea-Bissau	No %							4,321 100.0		4,321 100
Guyana	No %							5,264 100.0		5,264 100
Haiti	No %	154 3.6					173 4.0	3,188 74.0	792 18.4	4,307 100

Member		Range of <i>ad valorem</i> bound duty							NAV	All tariff lines
		Duty Free	0 <= 1	1 <= 2	2 <= 3	3 <= 4	4 <= 5	> 5		
Honduras	No %						37 0.8	4,524 99.2		4,561 100
Hong Kong, China	No %	1,916 100.0								1,916 100
Iceland	No %	3,066 43.9	3 0.0	23 0.3	37 0.5	201 2.9	165 2.4	3,486 49.9	1 0.0	6,982 100
India	No %	218 6.6			14 0.4		10 0.3	2,746 82.7	332 10.0	3,320 100
Indonesia	No %	216 3.5						5,871 96.5		6,087 100
Israel	No %	792 13.9		6 0.1	1 0.0	3 0.1	1,642 28.7	2,704 47.3	564 9.9	5,712 100
Jamaica	No %	20 0.4				190 3.4	23 0.4	5,330 95.8		5,563 100
Japan	No %	3,278 52.2	6 0.1	36 0.6	316 5.0	678 10.8	230 3.7	1,528 24.3	212 3.4	6,284 100
Jordan	No %	482 8.2					1,221 20.7	4,187 71.1	2 0.0	5,892 100
Kenya	No %							71 100.0		71 100
Korea, Republic of	No %	1,424 16.3	58 0.7	124 1.4	14 0.2	5 0.1	424 4.9	6,641 76.2	21 0.2	8,711 100
Kuwait	No %							4,434 100.0		4,434 100
Kyrgyz Republic	No %	1,400 23.1					811 13.4	3,812 62.9	36 0.6	6,059 100
Lesotho	No %							4,437 100.0		4,437 100
Macao, China	No %	807 100.0								807 100
Madagascar	No %	2 0.2					13 1.5	861 98.3		876 100
Malawi	No %							919 100.0		919 100
Malaysia	No %	365 5.9		3 0.0			1,914 31.1	3,860 62.8	9 0.1	6,151 100
Maldives	No %							4,290 100.0		4,290 100
Mali	No %	32 2.0				3 0.2	558 35.2	990 62.5		1,583 100
Mauritania	No %	32 2.3				1 0.1	545 39.6	799 58.0		1,377 100
Mauritius	No %	223 76.1						70 23.9		293 100
Mexico	No %	24 0.2						10,187 99.8	1 0.0	10,212 100
Moldova	No %	1,643 31.6				160 3.1	490 9.4	2,914 56.0		5,207 100
Mongolia	No %	78 1.6					6 0.1	4,654 98.2		4,738 100
Morocco	No %	3 0.0			7 0.1			8,115 99.9		8,125 100
Mozambique	No %						16	4		20

Member		Range of ad valorem bound duty							NAV	All tariff lines
		Duty Free	0 <= 1	1 <= 2	2 <= 3	3 <= 4	4 <= 5	> 5		
	%						80.0	20.0		100
Myanmar	No	44						172		216
	%	20.4						79.6		100
Namibia	No	900					396	9,922		11,218
	%	8.0					3.5	88.4		100
Nepal	No	153					50	4,387		4,590
	%	3.3					1.1	95.6		100
New Zealand	No	2,415				2	457	3,218	237	6,329
	%	38.2				0.0	7.2	50.8	3.7	100
Nicaragua	No							5,259		5,259
	%							100.0		100
Niger	No	32				1	544	3,774		4,351
	%	0.7				0.0	12.5	86.7		100
Nigeria	No							308		308
	%							100.0		100
Norway	No	2,628	1	129	471	428	260	1,217	121	5,255
	%	50.0	0.0	2.5	9.0	8.1	4.9	23.2	2.3	100
Oman	No	587					309	3,945		4,841
	%	12.1					6.4	81.5		100
Pakistan	No						132	1,794		1,926
	%						6.9	93.1		100
Panama	No	151			8		292	6,682		7,133
	%	2.1			0.1		4.1	93.7		100
Papua New Guinea	No							4,477	4	4,481
	%							99.9	0.1	100
Paraguay	No							8,466		8,466
	%							100.0		100
Peru	No							5,968		5,968
	%							100.0		100
Philippines	No	242						2,902		3,144
	%	7.7						92.3		100
Qatar	No	47					15	4,385		4,447
	%	1.1					0.3	98.6		100
Romania	No	404					17	7,892		8,313
	%	4.9					0.2	94.9		100
Rwanda	No	28					62	4,631		4,721
	%	0.6					1.3	98.1		100
Saint Kitts and Nevis	No							5,176		5,176
	%							100.0		100
Saint Lucia	No							5,312		5,312
	%							100.0		100
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	No							5,324		5,324
	%							100.0		100
Senegal	No							4,436		4,436
	%							100.0		100
Sierra Leone	No							4,453		4,453
	%							100.0		100
Singapore	No	983						2,379		3,362
	%	29.2						70.8		100
Solomon Islands	No							4,386	51	4,437
	%							98.9	1.1	100
South Africa	No	900					396	9,922		11,218
	%	8.0					3.5	88.4		100

Member		Range of <i>ad valorem</i> bound duty							All tariff lines	
		Duty Free	0 <= 1	1 <= 2	2 <= 3	3 <= 4	4 <= 5	> 5		NAV
Sri Lanka	No %	10 0.7					360 26.6	968 71.5	16 1.2	1,354 100
Suriname	No %	45 5.8			128 16.6		81 10.5	518 67.0	1 0.1	773 100
Swaziland	No %	900 8.0					396 3.5	9,922 88.4		11,218 100
Switzerland	No %	976 16.1							5,068 83.9	6,044 100
Taipei, Chinese	No %	2,315 31.9	25 0.3	263 3.6	594 8.2	542 7.5	1,278 17.6	2,165 29.8	86 1.2	7,268 100
Tanzania	No %							6 100.0		6 100
Thailand	No %	195 5.8	10 0.3				107 3.2	2,359 70.1	692 20.6	3,363 100
Togo	No %							38 100.0		38 100
Trinidad and Tobago	No %	45 0.8			1 0.0		32 0.6	5,233 98.5		5,311 100
Tunisia	No %							2,670 100.0		2,670 100
Turkey	No %	378 10.0		2 0.1	36 1.0	7 0.2	151 4.0	3,210 84.8		3,784 100
Uganda	No %							132 100.0		132 100
United Arab Emirates	No %	47 1.1					15 0.3	4,384 98.6		4,446 100
United States	No %	4,350 46.0	77 0.8	225 2.4	715 7.6	774 8.2	521 5.5	2,421 25.6	377 4.0	9,460 100
Uruguay	No %							9,224 100.0		9,224 100
Zambia	No %							180 100.0		180 100
Zimbabwe	No %	87 19.9					136 31.1	201 45.9	14 3.2	438 100

Source: CTS database.

Table 2. Imports of non-agricultural products by range of final bound duties for selected Members
(Includes only Members for which schedules contain duties in the range of zero to five per cent and for which a link with their IDB tariff and import data has been established, reference year for imports is 2001 unless indicated otherwise, *Million US dollars and per cent*)

Member		Range of <i>Ad valorem</i> Bound Duty								All non-ag. imports		
		Duty Free	0 <= 1	1 <= 2	2 <= 3	3 <= 4	4 <= 5	> 5	NAV	Bound	Unbound	TOTAL
Argentina	Value %						40 0.2	18,980 99.8		19,020 100.0		19,020 100
Australia	Value %	21,267 36.7	1,837 3.2	112 0.2	265 0.5	51 0.1	3,831 6.6	29,683 51.2	103 0.2	57,148 98.5	843 1.5	57,990 100
Brazil	Value %	1,356 2.5	46 0.1	0 0.0		10 0.0	4 0.0	52,830 97.4		54,245 100.0		54,245 100
Bulgaria	Value %	721 15.7			28 0.6	3 0.1	250 5.4	3,591 78.2	0 0.0	4,593 100.0		4,593 100
Canada (2000)	Value %	89,767 40.1	91 0.0	298 0.1	2,446 1.1	2,476 1.1	4,067 1.8	112,916 50.5	221 0.1	212,283 94.9	11,476 5.1	223,759 100
Chile	Value %				31 0.2			14,686 99.8		14,716 100.0		14,716 100
China	Value %	80,421 34.7	5,188 2.2	8,401 3.6	5,333 2.3	8,253 3.6	19,269 8.3	104,861 45.3		231,726 100.0		231,726 100
Costa Rica	Value %	1,413 23.3					83 1.4	4,559 75.2		6,055 99.8	9 0.2	6,065 100
Croatia	Value %	2,881 34.5		16 0.2	43 0.5	271 3.2	2,081 25.0	3,048 36.6		8,339 100.0		8,339 100
Cuba	Value %	109 2.7	31 0.8	7 0.2	671 16.7	17 0.4	103 2.6	822 20.5		1,761 43.9	2,248 56.1	4,009 100
European Communities	Value %	370,491 50.8	10,453 1.4	28,283 3.9	76,697 10.5	47,582 6.5	31,077 4.3	161,346 22.1	3,870 0.5	729,799 100.0		729,799 100
Honduras	Value %						163 7.3	2,077 92.7		2,241 100.0		2,241 100
Iceland (2000)	Value %	968 40.4		11 0.5	10 0.4	51 2.2	108 4.5	886 37.0	0 0.0	2,034 84.9	360 15.1	2,394 100
India	Value %	3,642 7.7			262 0.6		196 0.4	24,899 52.3	132 0.3	29,131 61.2	18,457 38.8	47,589 100
Jamaica	Value %	87 3.3				22 0.8	5 0.2	2,532 95.7		2,646 100.0		2,646 100
Japan	Value %	191,287 62.1	2,485 0.8	357 0.1	4,800 1.6	15,031 4.9	5,638 1.8	36,368 11.8	1,268 0.4	257,233 83.5	50,845 16.5	308,079 100
Jordan	Value %	559 14.7					537 14.1	2,717 71.3	0 0.0	3,813 100.0		3,813 100
Korea, Republic of	Value %	37,703 28.4	4,390 3.3	1,823 1.4	151 0.1	9 0.0	14,000 10.5	42,926 32.3	81 0.1	101,083 76.1	31,685 23.9	132,768 100

Member		Range of <i>Ad valorem</i> Bound Duty								All non-ag. imports		
		Duty Free	0 <= 1	1 <= 2	2 <= 3	3 <= 4	4 <= 5	> 5	NAV	Bound	Unbound	TOTAL
Malaysia	Value	31,849		18			14,016	10,747	28	56,657	11,170	67,827
	%	47.0		0.0			20.7	15.8	0.0	83.5	16.5	100
Mauritania	Value	0				65	85	77		227	78	305
	%	0.2				21.2	27.9	25.3		74.5	25.5	100
Mongolia	Value	15					0	501		516		516
	%	3.0					0.1	97.0		100.0		100
Norway	Value	18,058	0	387	2,070	2,324	1,292	6,068	618	30,817		30,817
	%	58.6	0.0	1.3	6.7	7.5	4.2	19.7	2.0	100.0		100
Oman	Value	572					490	3,261		4,323		4,323
	%	13.2					11.3	75.4		100.0		100
Sri Lanka	Value	19					397	1,519	14	1,949	2,720	4,670
	%	0.4					8.5	32.5	0.3	41.7	58.3	100
Taipei, Chinese	Value	61,094	1,116	2,190	11,865	5,162	10,637	7,740	406	100,209	51	100,261
	%	60.9	1.1	2.2	11.8	5.1	10.6	7.7	0.4	99.9	0.1	100
United States (2000)	Value	559,646	5,156	25,330	200,173	43,944	33,721	149,341	40,651	1,057,962	52,288	1,110,25
	%	50.4	0.5	2.3	18.0	4.0	3.0	13.5	3.7	95.3	4.7	100

Source: IDB