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Draft Modalities for the Sectoral Tariff Elimination in the Raw Material Sector

Communication from the United Arab Emirates

Addendum

The following communication, dated 24 July 2008, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of the United Arab Emirates.

1. As proposed in the previous communication of 3 May 2007 (TN/MA/W37/Add.4/Rev1), tariff elimination in the raw materials sector is an important component of a successful outcome of the Doha Development Agenda, especially considering paragraph 16 of the Mandate. Raw materials are the fuel of the world economy. Their liberalisation would contribute in many key areas to achieving a fair level playing field and to widening the range of competitively priced products. This would encourage competition, innovation, investment (notably in downstream transformation), price stability and predictability (or at least reduction in speculative price volatility), all this promoting healthier and more transparent markets, as well as jobs growth. It would be equally beneficial to developed and developing countries.

2. In accordance with paragraph [12(a)] of the NAMA modalities, this document sets out modalities for the [reduction or] elimination of tariffs on raw materials identified in the list in annex ("Indicative product coverage for raw materials") as one of the non-mandatory sectoral initiatives.

Procedure/Process

3. Participants in the raw materials sectoral initiative are expected to fulfil the commitments described in these modalities if "critical mass" is reached, that is, if WTO Members representing [90] per cent of global trade in raw materials have indicated their intent to participate.

4. Members are encouraged to notify proponents and the WTO Secretariat of their participation in the raw materials sectoral initiative no later than two months after the establishment of NAMA modalities. When submitting its comprehensive draft schedule, each Member that notified its participation ("participants") shall have its commitments relating to raw materials incorporated on a conditional basis in conformity with the modalities therein.

5. Participants should meet no later than one month after the submission of comprehensive draft schedules to review the state of participation and decide how to proceed.

Principal Sectoral Modality

6. Participants will eliminate tariffs on the products identified in the list annexed ("indicative product coverage for raw materials") [immediately at the entry into force of the DDA results].

Special and Differential Treatment

7. [Developing Member participants may apply flexibility options].

Product Coverage

9. A possible product coverage list is contained in the attached annex. The ultimate decision on product coverage rests with the participants in the agreement.

Annex 1

Indicative product coverage for raw materials

HS 2002	POSSIBLE TARIFF LINES FOR INCLUSION
2501	SALT (INCLUDING TABLE SALT AND DENATURED SALT) AND PURE SODIUM CHLORIDE, WHETHER OR NOT IN AQUEOUS SOLUTION OR CONTAINING ADDED ANTI-CAKING OR FREE-FLOWING AGENTS; SEA WATER.
2505	NATURAL SANDS OF ALL KINDS, WHETHER OR NOT COLOURED, OTHER THAN METAL BEARING SANDS OF CHAPTER 26.
2515	MARBLE, TRAVERTINE, ECAUSSINE AND OTHER CALCAREOUS MONUMENTAL OR BUILDING STONE OF AN APPARENT SPECIFIC GRAVITY OF 2.5 OR MORE, AND ALABASTER, WHETHER OR NOT ROUGHLY TRIMMED OF MERELY CUT, BY SAWING OR OTHERWISE, INTO BLOCKS OF SLABS OF A RECTANGULAR SHAPE.
2516	GRANITE PORPHYRY, BASALT, SANDSTONE AND OTHER MONUMENTAL OR BUILDING STONE, WHETHER OR NOT ROUGHLY TRIMMED OR MERELY CUT, BY SAWING OR OTHERWISE, INTO BLOCKS OR SABLs OF A RECTANGULAR (INCLUDING SQUARE) SHAPE
2519	NATURAL MAGNESIUM CARBONATE (MAGNESITE); FUSED MAGNESIA; DEAD-BURNED (SINTERED) MAGNESIA, WHETHER OF NOT CONTAINING SMALL QUANTITIES OF OTHER OXIDES ADDED BEFORE SINTERING; OTHER MAGNESIUM OXIDE, WHETHER OR NOT PURE.
2520	GYPSUM; ANHYDRITE; PLASTERS (CONSISTING OF CALCINED GYPSUM OR CALCIUM SULPHATE) WHETHER OR NOT COLOURED, WITH OR WITHOUT SMALL QUANTITIES OF ACCELERATORS OR RETARDERS.
2523	PORTLAND CEMENT, ALUMINOUS CEMENT, SLAG CEMENT, SUPERSULPHATE CEMENT AND SIMILAR HYDRAULIC CEMENTS, WHETHER OR NOT COLOURED OR IN THE FORM OF CLINKERS.
2530	MINERAL SUBSTANCES NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OR INCLUDED
2601	IRON ORES AND CONCENTRATES, INCLUDING ROASTED IRON PYRITES:
2601.11	-- Non-agglomerated
2601.12	-- Agglomerated
2602.00	MANGANESE ORES AND CONCENTRATES, INCLUDING FERRUGINOUS MANGANESE ORES AND CONCENTRATES WITH A MANGANESE CONTENT OF 20% OR MORE, CALCULATED ON THE DRY WEIGHT.
2603.00	COPPER ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2604.00	NICKEL ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2605.00	COBALT ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2606.00	ALUMINIUM ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2607.00	LEAD ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2608.00	ZINC ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2609.00	TIN ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2610.00	CHROMIUM ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2611.00	TUNGSTEN ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2612.00	URANIUM OR THORIUM ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2614.00	TITANIUM ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2615.00	NIObIUM, TANTALUM, VANADIUM OR ZIRCONIUM ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2616.00	PRECIOUS METAL ORES AND CONCENTRATES
2620.00	ASH AND RESIDUES (OTHER THAN FROM THE MANUFACTURE OF IRON OR STEEL), CONTAINING ARSENIC, METALS OR THEIR COMPOUNDS
2701	COAL; BRIQUETTES, OVOIDS AND SIMILAR SOLID FUELS MANUFACTURED FROM COAL.
2704	COKE AND SEMI-COKE OF COAL, OF LIGNITE OR OF PEAT, WHETHER OR NOT AGGLOMERATED; RETORT CARBON.

HS 2002	POSSIBLE TARIFF LINES FOR INCLUSION
2707	OILS AND OTHER PRODUCTS OF THE DISTILLATION OF HIGH TEMPERATURE COAL TAR; SIMILAR PRODUCTS IN WHICH THE WEIGHT OF THE AROMATIC CONSTITUENTS EXCEEDS THAT OF THE NON-AROMATIC CONSTITUENTS.
2708	PITCH AND PITCH COKE, OBTAINED FROM COAL TAR OR FROM OTHER MINERAL TAR.
2709	PETROLEUM OILS AND OILS OBTAINED FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS.
2710	PETROLEUM OILS AND OILS OBTAINED FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS, OTHER THAN CRUDE; PREPARATIONS NOT ELSEWHERE SPECIFIED OF INCLUDED, CONTAINING BY WEIGHT 70% OF MORE OF PETROLEUM OILS OR OILS OBTAINED FROM BITUMINOUS MINERALS, THESE OILS BEING THE BASIC.
2711	PETROLEUM GASES AND OTHER GASEOUS HYDROCARBONS.
2715.00	BITUMINOUS MIXTURE BASED ON NATURAL ASPHALT, ON NATURAL BITUMEN, ON PETROLEUM BITUMEN, ON MINERAL TAR OR MINERAL TAR PITCH (FOR EXAMPLE, BITUMINOUS MASTICS, CUT-BACKS)
2818	ARTIFICIAL CORUNDUM, WHETHER OR NOT CHEMICALLY DEFINED; ALUMINIUM OXIDE; ALUMINIUM HYDROXIDE.
2820	MANGANESE OXIDES.
7101	PEARLS, NATURAL OR CULTURED, WHETHER OR NOT WORKED OR GRADED BUT NOT STRUNG, MOUNTED OR SET; PEARLS, NATURAL OR CULTURED, TEMPORARILY STRUNG FOR CONVENIENCE OF TRANSPORT.
7102	DIAMONDS, WHETHER OR NOT WORKED, BUT NOT MOUNTED OR SET
7203	FERROUS PRODUCTS OBTAINED BY DIRECT REDUCTION OF IRON ORE AND OTHER SPONGY FERROUS PRODUCTS, IN LUMPS, PELLETS OR SIMILAR FORMS; IRON HAVING A MINIMUM PURITY BY WEIGHT IN LUMPS, PELLETS OR SIMILAR FORMS
7204	FERROUS WASTE AND SCRAP; REMELTING SCRAP INGOTS OF IRON OR STEEL
	- WASTE AND SCRAP OF ALLOY STEEL:
7204.21	-- OF STAINLESS STEEL
7204.29	-- OTHER
	- OTHER WASTE AND SCRAP
7204.49	-- OTHER
7401	COPPER MATTES; CEMENT COPPER (PRECIPITATED COPPER):
7401.10	- Copper mattes
7401.20	- Cement copper (precipitated copper)
7402.00	UNREFINED COPPER; COPPER ANODES FOR ELECTROLYTIC REFINING.
7403	REFINED COPPER AND COPPER ALLOYS, UNWROUGHT:
7403.1	Refined copper :
7403.11	- Cathodes and sections of cathodes
7403.12	- Wire-bars
7403.13	- Billets
7403.19	- Other
7403.2	- Copper alloys:
7403.21	- Copper-zinc base alloys (brass)
7403.22	- Copper-tin base alloys (bronze)
7403.23	- Copper-nickel base alloys (cupro-nickel) or copper-nickel-zinc base alloys (nickel silver)
7403.29	- Other copper alloys (other than master alloys of heading 7405)
7404.00	COPPER WASTE AND SCRAP
7405.00	MASTRAL ALLOYS OF COPPER
7406	COPPER POWDERS AND FLAKES:
7406.10	-Powders of non-lamellar structure
7406.20	-Powders of lamellar structure; flakes
7501	NICKEL MATTES, NICKEL OXIDE SINTERS AND OTHER INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS OF NICKEL METALLURGY.

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7502	UNWROUGHT NICKEL.
7504	NICKEL POWDERS AND FLAKES
7601	UNWROUGHT ALUMINIUM
7601.10	Aluminium, not alloyed
7601.20	Aluminium alloys
7602.00	ALUMINIUM WASTE SCRAP
7603	ALUMINIUM POWDERS AND FLAKES :
7603.10	-powders of non-lamellar structure
7603.20	-powders of lamellar structure
7801	UNWROUGHT LEAD
7901	UNWROUGHT ZINC
8104	MAGNESIUM AND ARTICLES THERE OF, INCLUDING WASTE AND SCRAP:
8104.1	-Unwrought magnesium :
8104.11	- Containing at least 99.8% by weight of magnesium
8104.19	- Other
8104.20	-waste and scrap
8104.30	-raspings, turnings and granules, graded according to size; powders
8105	COBALT MATTES AND OTHER INTERMEDIATE PRODUCTS OF COBALT METALLURGY; COBALT AND ARTICLES THEREOF, INCLUDING WASTE AND SCRAP
8111.00	MANGANESE AND ARTICLES THEREOF, INCLUDING WASTE AND SCRAP