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COMMUNICATION FROM THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

Market Access for Least Developed Countries

The following communication has been received from the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Mauritius.

During the High-Level Meeting on Integrated Initiatives for the Development of Trade of Least-Developed Countries held in Geneva on 27-28 October 1998, Ambassador D. Baichoo informed of the intention of the Government of Mauritius to offer duty free access for a certain number of products originating from least-developed countries.

I am pleased to inform you that the commitment undertaken by the Government of Mauritius has now been given legal effect. The list of products was promulgated in the Mauritius Official Gazette No. 101 of 19 September 1998, (which is attached).

LEGAL SUPPLEMENT

To the Government of Mauritius No. 101 of 19 September 1998

Government Notice No. 148 of 1998

THE CUSTOMS TARIFF ACT **Regulations made by the Minister under sections 10 and 11 of** **the Customs Tariff Act**

1. These regulations may be cited as the Customs Tariff (Least Developed Countries) Regulations, 1998.
2. In these regulations:

"least developed countries" means the countries specified in the First Schedule of these regulations.
3. Goods which:
 - (a) Are specified in the Second Schedule
 - (b) Originate from a least developed country; and
 - (c) Are covered by a certificate of origin referred to in the Customs Tariff Regulations 1989.

shall, notwithstanding the First Schedule to the Customs Tariff Act, be subject to customs duty at the rate specialised in Second Schedule.

Made by the Minister on 11 September 1998.

FIRST SCHEDULE *(regulation 2)*

Afghanistan	Liberia
Angola	Madagascar
Bangladesh	Malawi
Benin	Maldives
Bhutan	Mali
Burkina Faso	Mauritania
Burundi	Mozambique
Cambodia	Myanmar
Cape Verde	Nepal
Central African Republic	Niger
Chad	Rwanda
Comoros	Samoa
Democratic Republic of Congo	Sao Tome and Principe

Djibouti	Sierra Leone
Equatorial Guinea	Solomon Islands
Eritrea	Somalia
Ethiopia	Sudan
Gambia	Togo
Guinea	Tuvalu
Guinea-Bissau	Uganda
Haiti	United Republic of Tanzania
Kiribati	Vanuatu
Lao People's Democratic Republic	Yemen
Lesotho	Zambia

SECOND SCHEDULE*(regulation 3)*Description

Heading No.	H.S.	Description	Statistical Unit	Customs Duty %
03.06		Crustaceans, whether in shell or not, live, fresh, chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; crustaceans, in shell, cooked by steaming or by boiling in water, whether or not chilled, frozen, dried, salted or in brine; flours, meals and pellets of crustaceans, fit for human consumption - Not Frozen -- Rock lobster and other sea crawfish (Palinurus spp. Panulirus spp. Jasns spp.)		
	0306.219	--- Other	kg	0
08.04		Dates, figs, pineapples, avocados, guavas, mangoes and mangosteens, fresh or dried		
	0804.50	-Guavas, mangoes, and mangosteens	kg	0
82.01		Hand tools, the following: spades, shovels, mattocks, picks, hoes, forks, and rakes; axes, bill hooks and similar hewing tools; secateurs and pruners of any kind; scythes, sickles, hay knives, hedge shears, timber wedges and other tools of a kind used in agriculture, horticulture or.		
	8201.40	- Axes, bill hooks and similar hewing tools.	kg	0
82.02		Hand saws: blades for saws of all kinds (including slitting, slotting or toothless saw blades).		
	8202.10	- Hand saws	kg	0
82.03		Files, rasps, pliers (including cutting pliers), pincers, tweezers, metal cutting shears, pipecutters, bold croppers, perforating punchers and similar hand tools.		
	8203.10	- Files, rasps and similar tools	kg	0