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### **PART VI**

#### **DISSEMINATION OF IDB INFORMATION**

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## **A. DISTRIBUTION OF IDB INFORMATION**

When a submission stored in the IDB is considered as final, and with the authorization of the country concerned, the IDB files are unloaded from the data base and made available to WTO Members. The IDB information can be made available as follows:

- (1) The Secretariat has developed a PC application system as a joint project with the World Bank which provides IDB information and tools for data analyses both at the tariff line level and at summary levels. The PC application system and associated files are distributed to WTO Members on a CD-ROM.

The IDB CD-ROM data base contains information relating to tariffs, import statistics and product descriptions stored at the tariff line level, as well as reference files containing both global (information common to all markets) and national (market specific) information.

The application system was designed to permit the analysis of IDB information from the tariff line level up to an overall level for an individual market. The reports available in the IDB CD-ROM are:

- Tariff Line Query,
- Tariff Averages,
- Tariff and Trade Profiles,
- Imports Summary,
- Principal Suppliers,
- Status of Bindings and
- GSP/LDC Preferences.

The reports can be produced for several classifications of products - for levels of the HS nomenclature: two-digit, four-digit, six-digit and HS Sections, for various groupings of products, for the ISIC Rev.3 classification and for the SITC Rev.3 classification. An additional feature of the application is the provision of tools for the selection of products based on tariff and trade criteria.

The IDB CD-ROM is described in PART VI Addendum - "The IDB CD-ROM"

- (2) The Secretariat has developed a series of programs which are used to prepare analytical reports at the request of Delegations and users within the Secretariat. These programs operate on the ICC mainframe and were used in the past to support the Uruguay Round of trade negotiations and to produce the "Review and Assessment of Schedules of Concessions" for the Market Access Negotiations. IDB tariff information and import statistics are unloaded from the data base and converted to the formats of the Tariff Study files, the predecessor to the IDB. The output is produced either in hard-copy form or on PC diskettes in a formatted manner, suitable for use with PC software such as spreadsheets. Reports are available at the tariff line level and at summary levels.
- (3) Another series of programs produce copies of IDB files at the tariff line level in several formats, either on computer tapes or on PC diskettes. A description of the formats available is contained in this document.

## **B. REPORTS AVAILABLE IN THE SECRETARIAT**

Mainframe application systems developed by the Secretariat are available to analyze IDB information. The information is unloaded from the data base and converted to the formats required by the application programs. For each reporter, tariff information and import statistics are merged into a single file and standard trade aggregates are calculated for each tariff line. These files are used as the source of information for the IDB reporting programs.

Reports similar to those of the IDB CD-ROM (listed above) can be compiled on the mainframe. Other reports available are:

- at the tariff line level,
  - Tariff Concession Evaluation,
  - Detail Listing;
- at summary levels of the HS nomenclature or for standard product groups,
  - Agricultural Products - Profile of Tariff Reductions and Scope of Special Safeguard,
  - Industrial Products - Imports, Scope of Bindings, Tariff Averages and Coverage of Concessions.

In addition to print output, files can be created to permit the downloading of the information to a PC for further processing.

### **1. Reports at the tariff line level**

#### **1.1 Tariff concession evaluation**

This report presents tariff and import information for a partner, group of partners or a standard trade aggregate in a given reporter's market.

Selection criteria can be applied on the basis of the nomenclature, on the value of imports, on the rank or share of the partner for which the evaluation is requested and on the level of duties. The selection criteria is similar to that described in PART VI Addendum - "The IDB CD-ROM".

A summary of the selection criteria which can be applied is as follows:

#### **Nomenclature**

Tariff lines can be selected at various levels of the HS (or CCCN) nomenclature - two-digit, four-digit, five-digit or six-digit, or at the tariff line level. Several chapters, four-digit headings, six-digit headings and/or tariff lines can be specified for a given evaluation. Petroleum products can be included or excluded from the selection.

#### **Trade aggregate**

Either an individual partner, group of partners or a standard trade aggregate can be selected as the trade aggregate used for imports in the evaluation.

- Duty type** One MFN duty can be selected for the evaluation - either the MFN Bound duty, the statutory duty or the effectively applied duty.
- Import value** The tariff lines can be selected by fixing a threshold in the value of imports for the partner or partner group for which the evaluation is requested.
- Rank/share** The tariff lines can be selected according to the rank among all suppliers of the partner for which the evaluation is requested, or according to the share in total imports of the partner or partner group selected. If the partner is a GSP beneficiary, an additional selection criterion can be the partner's rank among all GSP beneficiaries.
- Duty level** Tariff lines can be selected according to the level of the duty requested.

The report is presented in three parts. The first part shows tariff and import information at the tariff line level for each item selected. The other parts present summary information for all tariff lines extracted for both the selected duty and the post-Uruguay duty.

#### **Tariff line information**

The tariff information printed is the tariff line, the product description, the duty selected and the corresponding duty codes. The Post-Uruguay duty rate is also shown and the applied duty can also be printed on request. The trade information presented is the imports from the partner or partner group for which the evaluation is requested, imports from all origins and imports from MFN origins, excluding GSP and other preferential origins. Optionally, other trade aggregates can be shown. For each trade aggregate reported, the report shows the rank and share of the partner or partner group for which the evaluation is requested, along with the first five suppliers.

#### **Tariff and trade profiles**

The second part of the report shows tariff and trade profiles in terms of the number of lines and imports from the partner or partner group and corresponding imports from all origins. Totals are printed for agriculture, industry and all products combined.

#### **Tariff averages**

The third part of the report shows simple and trade-weighted tariff averages of the duties extracted and the standard deviation of the simple average. The weighted average is calculated on the basis of imports of the partner or partner group selected. The averages are shown for agriculture, industry and all products combined.

Printing of the first part of the report showing detailed tariff line information can be suppressed, or the information to be printed can be limited to reduce the volume of the report. The first part of the report can be printed in several sequences: tariff line number, decreasing value of imports from the partner or partner group, rank of the partner or partner group, decreasing value of the duty rate.

A simplified form of this report can be provided on PC diskettes in a formatted manner, suitable for use with PC spreadsheet software.

### **1.2 Detail listing**

This report prints duty and import information at the tariff line level. The information printed is for the most part the same as for the "Tariff Line Query" described in PART VI Addendum - "The IDB CD-ROM".

## **2. Reports at summary levels**

The summary reports can be produced for Multi-Lateral Trade Negotiations (MTN) product categories (refer to PART VI - Addendum for the definition of these product categories).

### **2.1 Agricultural Products - Profile of Tariff Reductions and Scope of Special Safeguard**

This summary is compiled for agricultural products. It shows:

- number of tariff lines - total, duty-free and not available,
- value of imports for the import weighting pattern,
- simple average of tariff reductions offered on dutiable tariff lines,
- number of tariff lines and corresponding weight imports by ranges of tariff reduction percentages,
- percentage of tariff lines subject to tariffication on which the special safeguard provision has been indicated.

The report can be compiled for trade patterns World, MFN+ GSP, GSP or WTO Members.

### **2.2 Industrial Products - Scope of Bindings, Tariff Averages and Coverage of Concessions**

This summary is compiled for industrial products. It shows :

- number of tariff lines excluding not available duties,
- value of imports for the import weighting pattern excluding not available imports,
- percentages of bound tariff lines and corresponding weight imports for the Pre-Uruguay situation and as a result of the concessions offered,
- weighted tariff averages for the Pre-Uruguay situation and as a result of the concessions offered and the percentage change,
- percentages of tariff lines and corresponding weight imports where a concession was made,
- percentages of tariff lines and corresponding weight imports where the base rate was already bound duty-free,
- percentages of tariff lines and corresponding imports where the base rate was unbound duty-free and where no concessions were made,
- percentages of tariff lines and corresponding imports where no concession was made,
- percentages of tariff lines and corresponding imports where the base rate or concession was not available.

The report can be compiled for trade patterns World, MFN+ GSP, GSP or WTO Members.



### **C. IDB FILE COPIES**

IDB information can be disseminated to users on various media and in various formats at the tariff line level. IDB information is unloaded on sequential files according to the formats described in section D of this document. The unloading procedure creates copies of individual files for a given reporter and reference year. The appropriate reference files are also provided (country codes, quantity units, etc.). The file copies can be obtained on the following media:

- (1) Sequential files on magnetic tape for processing on mainframe computers:

Magnetic tapes can be created in EBCDIC or ASCII character representations and in densities of 6250 bits per inch (bpi) or 1600 bpi.

- (2) Sequential files on PC diskettes:

The sequential unloaded files are transferred to a PC where they are compressed using data compression software. The compressed files are copied to PC diskettes accompanied by the software to decompress the data. Also provided on the PC diskettes are the reference files described above.

The Secretariat uses 3.5-inch high-density diskettes (1.4 or 2.8 megabytes). If required, the following types of diskettes can be provided:

- 3.5-inch double-density (720 kilobytes)
- 5.25-inch high-density (1.2 megabytes)
- 5.25-inch double-density (360 kilobytes).

## D. IDB FILE FORMATS AND CONTENTS

### Types of formats available

For IDB file copies, the tariff and import files can be made available either in the IDB standard formats or in the Tariff Study<sup>1</sup> formats described below. The Tariff Study formats are made available to those WTO Members still using these formats in their own application systems. The Tariff Study format files use IDB codes for countries and quantity units and Tariff Study codes for the duty information. Both sets of formats can be made available on either computer tapes or on PC diskettes.

The standard formats for the IDB reference files which accompany the data files when a request for file copies is made to the Secretariat are also described below.

### Notations used in the files formats

In the descriptions of the formats, each individual data element is followed by an attribute containing a series of symbols:

- (1) Data type : A numeric data element can only contain decimal numbers. An alphanumeric data element can contain letters, numbers, blanks or other characters. "N" is used for numeric data and "A" for alphanumeric data.
- (2) Element length : (n) is used to indicate the number of characters. For numeric fields containing decimal places, the format (nVm) has been used, with "n" giving the number of integer digits, "V" indicating the place of the implied decimal point and "m" giving the number of decimal places.
- (3) Field justification : Justification indicates if the value of a data element should be aligned on the left or the right. "RJ" indicates right justification and "LJ" left justification.
- (4) Padding character : The padding character is the value which should be used to fill unused characters in the field. "0" indicates zero digit padding and "b" indicates blank character padding. The "b" character has also been used in the formats to denote a physical blank character.

The following example shows how the physical recording of a number is affected by its data type, length, justification and padding.

Number	Format	Position in field				
		1	2	3	4	5
789	A(5)/LJ/b	7	8	9		
789	N(5)/RJ/0	0	0	7	8	9
789	N(4V1)/RJ/0	0	7	8	9	0
78.9	N(4V1)/RJ/0	0	0	7	8	9

In the example for "78.9", the implied decimal place is between positions 4 and 5.

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<sup>1</sup>The Tariff Study application system is the predecessor to the IDB.

## 1. Import statistics file

### 1.1 Standard format - key

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 41	A(41)	Comprises the year, reporting country, direction of trade, tariff item, partner, tariff treatment and type of relation.
<b>Year</b>	1 - 2	N(2)	Year of the import statistics.
<b>Reporting country</b>	3 - 7	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code.
<b>Filler</b>	8 - 12	A(5)/LJ/b	Not used.
<b>Direction of trade</b>	13 - 13	N(1)	"1" for imports; other codes are reserved for future use in order to use the same format to record exports or re-exports.
<b>Tariff item</b>	14 - 34	A(21)/LJ/b	Tariff item number.
<b>Partner country</b>	35 - 39	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code for trading partner or aggregate.
<b>Tariff treatment</b>	40 - 40	N(1)	Identifies the tariff treatment applicable to each tariff item for each partner. The tariff treatment can be used to link the imports statistics to their corresponding duty recorded in the coded tariff file. 0 = most-favoured-nation 1 = free-trade area 2 = zone-zone (trade between preferential areas) 3 = other preferential agreements 4 = GSP (most-favoured-nation) 5 = GSP (other preferences) 6 = GSP (general) 8 = general 9 = unspecified. If the tariff treatment is not provided in the submission, it is set to the value recorded in the type of relation.
<b>Type of relation</b>	41 - 41	N(1)	Identifies the type of tariff relation between the reporting country and each trading partner. The codes used are the same as for the tariff treatment described above.
<b>DATA</b>	42 - 120	A(79)	See next page for layout:

## 1. Import statistics file

### 1.2 Standard format - data

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 41	A(41)	Comprises the year, reporting country, direction of trade, tariff item, partner, tariff treatment and type of relation.
<b>Customs value - U.S. dollars</b>	42 - 54	N(13)/RJ/0 (unsigned)	The equivalent of the customs value in U.S. dollars.
<b>Customs value - National currency</b>	55 - 67	N(13)/RJ/0 (unsigned)	Customs value or, if the customs value was not provided in the submission, the CIF value in national currency.
<b>Primary quantity unit</b>	68 - 72	A(5)LJ/b	WTO 3-digit quantity unit code, indicating the primary unit of quantity in which import volumes are recorded.
<b>Primary quantity</b>	73 - 85	N(13)/RJ/0 (unsigned)	Import volume in the primary unit of quantity.
<b>Supplementary quantity unit</b>	86 - 90	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit quantity unit code: this element is informed when the duty attached to the item is expressed in a form using two units of quantity (e.g. 1\$/KG plus 2\$/PCE); if this element is informed, the supplementary quantity is informed; if this element is blank, the supplementary quantity is blank.
<b>Supplementary quantity</b>	91 - 103	N(13)/RJ/0 (unsigned) or A(13)/LJ/b	Import volume in the supplementary unit of quantity: if this element is informed, the supplementary quantity unit is informed; if this element is blank, the supplementary quantity unit is blank.

### 1.3 Dataset characteristics:

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 120 characters

Block length: 23400 characters

## 2. Coded tariff file

### 2.1 Standard format - key

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 66	A(66)	Comprises the year, reporting country, tariff line, measure type, duty type, partner, validity period and record number.
<b>Year</b>	1 - 2	N(2)	Year of the coded tariff submission.
<b>Reporting country</b>	3 - 7	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code.
<b>Filler</b>	8 - 12	A(5)/LJ/b	Not used.
<b>Tariff line</b>	13 - 37	A(25)	Tariff line number which comprises:
<b>Tariff item</b>	13 - 33	A(21)/LJ/b	Tariff item number,
<b>Non-tariff suffix</b>	34 - 35	A(2)	Non-tariff suffix: blank in the coded tariff file,
<b>Tariff suffix</b>	36 - 37	A(2)	Tariff suffix : blank, "00" or "01-"99".
<b>Validity period</b>	38 - 53	A(16)	Format: YYYYMMDDYYYYMMDD:
<b>Start-date</b>	38 - 45		
<b>End-date</b>	46 - 53	A(8)/LJ/b A(8)/LJ/b	Start date of duty or blank if undetermined. End-date of duty or blank if undetermined.
<b>Measure type</b>	54 - 55	N(2)	"10" for customs tariff measures; other codes are used for non-tariff measures.
<b>Partner country</b>	56 - 60	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code for bilateral A.V.E's; "000 " when the duty applies to all countries; an aggregate code may be used when the duty applies to a group of countries.
<b>Duty type</b>	61 - 63	A(3)/LJ/b	"01"-"09", "09B" and "09F" for MFN duties;"10 "-"49" and "80 "-"99" for other duties; the first position is the tariff treatment code which can be used to link the duty to its corresponding imports statistics which are recorded by tariff treatment.
<b>Record number</b>	64 - 66	A(3)	Comprises record type, language and sequence number:
<b>Record type</b>	64 - 64	N(1)	"1" for the duty rate and its various codes, "2" for the normalized coding of non ad valorem duties, "3" for text attached to the duty, "4" for footnotes.
<b>Language code</b>	65 - 65	A(1)	Blank for record types "1" and "2", "1"-"3" for record types "3" and "4", "1" for English; "2" for French; "3" for Spanish.
<b>Sequence Number</b>	66 - 66	A(1)	Blank for record types "1" and "2", "0"-"9" to indicate the order of text and footnote records.
<b>DATA</b>	67 - 144	A(78)	Varies according to the record type as indicated in the following pages:

## 2. Coded tariff file

### 2.2 Standard format - Record type 1: Duty rate and codes

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 66	A(66)	Comprises the year, reporting country, tariff line, measure type, duty type, partner, validity period and record number.
<b>Duty rate</b>	67 - 72	N(3V3)/RJ/0	Free duties are recorded as 000000. Rates higher than "999.997" per cent are recorded as 999998. Unavailable rates are recorded as 999999.
<b>Nature</b>	73 - 73	A(1)	"A" = Ad valorem duty, "S" = Specific duty, "C" = Compound duty, "M" = Mixed duty, "V" = Variable duty, "O" = Other duty, "T" = Tariffed measure.
<b>Estimation</b>	74 - 74	A(1)	"E" = Estimation supplied by the reporting country, "C" = Estimation calculated by the WTO Secretariat, Blank = Not applicable.
<b>A.V.E. calculation method</b>	75 - 75	A(1)	"1" = Calculation based on WTO imports, "2" = Calculation based on MFN imports, "3" = Calculation based on total imports, "9" = Other method, Blank = Not applicable.
<b>Averaging method</b>	76 - 76	A(1)	"S" = Simple average, "W" = Weighted average, Blank = Not applicable.
<b>Binding status</b>	77 - 77	A(1)	"B" = Bound at prevailing duty rate, "C" = Bound at one ceiling duty rate, "D" = Bound at different duty levels, "U" = Unbound duty, Blank = Not applicable: only for non-MFN duties.
<b>Binding coverage</b>	78 - 78	A(1)	"X" = Binding covering part of the tariff line, Blank = Not applicable.
<b>Limitation status</b>	79 - 79	A(1)	"C" = Ceiling or other limitation, "Q" = Quota or other quantitative limitation, "S" = Safeguard measure, Blank = Not applicable.
<b>Duty coverage</b>	80 - 80	A(1)	"X" = Duty covering part of the tariff line, Blank = Not applicable.

## 2. Coded tariff file

## 2.3 Standard format - Record type 2: Normalized coding

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 66	A(66)	Comprises the year, reporting country, tariff line, measure type, duty type, partner, validity period and record number.
<b>Part 1</b>	67 - 92	A(26)	Each part is composed of an ad valorem and a specific duty which may be linked together by the first operator of the part; each part can be linked to the next part by its second operator.
<b>Ad valorem rate 1</b>	67 - 72	N(3V3)/RJ/0 or A(6)	Blank if not applicable; Otherwise numeric and not "000000".
<b>Operator 1</b>	73 - 73	A(1)	Blank if ad valorem rate 1 is blank; Otherwise "R", "P" or "M" <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Value 1</b>	74 - 86	N(8V5)/RJ/0 or A(13)	Blank if not applicable; Otherwise numeric and not "000000".
<b>Quantity unit 1</b>	87 - 91	A(5)/LJ/b	Blank if value 1 is blank; Otherwise WTO 3-digit quantity unit code.
<b>Operator 2</b>	92 - 92	A(1)	Blank, "R", "P", "M", "H", or "L" <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Part 2</b>	93 - 118	A(26)	See description for Part 1.
<b>Ad valorem rate 2</b>	93 - 98	N(3V3)/RJ/0 or A(6)	Blank if not applicable; Otherwise numeric and not "000000".
<b>Operator 3</b>	99 - 99	A(1)	Blank, "R", "P", "M", "H" or "L" <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Value 2</b>	100 - 112	N(8V5)/RJ/0 or A(13)	Blank if not applicable; Otherwise numeric and not "000000".
<b>Quantity unit 2</b>	113 - 117	A(5)/LJ/b	Blank if value 2 is blank; Otherwise WTO 3-digit quantity unit code.
<b>Operator 4</b>	118 - 118	A(1)	Blank, "R", "P", "M", "H", or "L" <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Part 3</b>	119 - 144	A(26)	See description for Part 1.
<b>Ad valorem rate 3</b>	119 - 124	N(3V3)/RJ/0 or A(6)	Blank if not applicable; Otherwise numeric and not "000000".
<b>Operator 5</b>	125 - 125	A(1)	Blank, "R", "P", "M", "H" or "L" <sup>2</sup> .
<b>Value 3</b>	126 - 138	N(8V5)/RJ/0 or A(13)	Blank if not applicable; Otherwise numeric and not "000000".
<b>Quantity unit 3</b>	139 - 143	A(5)/LJ/b	Blank if value 2 is blank; Otherwise WTO 3-digit quantity unit code.
<b>Operator 6</b>	144 - 144	A(1)	Blank, "H", or "L" <sup>2</sup> .

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<sup>2</sup> See next page for operator values

## 2. Coded tariff file

### 2.3 Standard format - Record type 2: Normalized coding (continued)

Values of the normalized coding operators are as follows:

- "R" for "or",
- "P" for "plus",
- "M" for "minus",
- "H" for "whichever is higher",
- "L" for "whichever is lower",
- Blank for not applicable.

Tables "A" and "B" on the following pages illustrate the coding of various types of duties which can be found in customs tariffs. Certain cases can be coded in various ways, depending on the order in which the ad valorem and specific parts are coded. These cases have the same group number in the tables.

The cases illustrated in tables "A" and "B" have been translated into a logical table which is used in the coded tariff conversion in order to determine if the normalized coding recorded in submissions is correct. If additional valid cases are submitted, they will be added to the table.

Table "A" contains the cases which will be recorded in the standard formats.

Table "B" contains cases which are the logical equivalent of the table "A" case and group number indicated. The difference between each of these cases and its table "A" counterpart is the position in which the operator is coded. These table "B" cases are automatically converted to their table "A" counterpart in the conversion phase, in order to reduce the number of cases, thus making calculations using the normalized coding simpler.

When two operators are shown together, it means that the operator can have either value. For example, "PM" means that either "P" or "M" can be coded for the operator in question. In these examples, "KG" stands for kilogramme and "PCE" stands for piece.



**2. Coded tariff file****2.3 Standard format - Record type 2: Normalized coding (continued)****Table A - cases recorded in the standard formats**

Case-Group	Rate1	Oper1	Value Unit1	Oper2	Rate2	Oper3	Value Unit2	Oper4	Rate3	Oper5	Value Unit3	Oper6
1-1			2\$/KG									
2-2			2\$/KG	PM			2\$/PCE					
3-3	10%	PM	2\$/KG									
4-3			2\$/KG	PM	10%							
5-4	10%	PM	2\$/KG	R			3\$/KG	HL				
6-4			2\$/KG	PM	10%	R	3\$/KG	HL				
7-4			3\$/KG	R	10%	PM	2\$/KG	HL				
8-4			3\$/KG	R			2\$/KG	PM	10%	HL		
9-5	10%	PM	2\$/KG	R			2\$/PCE	PM	11%	HL		
10-5	10%	PM	2\$/KG	R	11%	PM	2\$/PCE	HL				
11-5			2\$/KG	PM	10%	R	2\$/PCE	PM	11%	HL		
12-5			2\$/KG	PM	10%	R			11%	PM	2\$/PCE	HL
13-6	10%	PM	2\$/KG	R	12%	HL						
14-6	12%	R			10%	PM	2\$/KG	HL				
15-6	12%	R	2\$/KG	PM	10%	HL						
16-6			2\$/KG	PM	10%	R			12%	HL		
17-7	10%	PM	2\$/KG	R	12%	HL		R	11%	HL		
18-8	10%	PM	2\$/KG	PM			2\$/PCE					
19-8			2\$/KG	PM	10%	PM	2\$/PCE					
20-8			2\$/KG				2\$/PCE	PM	10%			
21-9	10%	R	2\$/KG	HL								
22-9			2\$/KG	R	10%	HL						
23-10	10%	R	2\$/KG	HL		R	2\$/PCE	HL				
24-10			2\$/KG	R	10%	HL		R			2\$/PCE	HL
25-11	12%	R	2\$/KG	HL		R			11%	HL		
26-11			2\$/KG	R	12%	HL		R	11%	HL		
27-12	10%	R	2\$/KG	HL		R			12%	PM	1\$/KG	HL
28-12	10%	R	2\$/KG	HL		R	1\$/KG	PM	12%	HL		
29-12			2\$/KG	R	10%	HL		R	12%	PM	1\$/KG	HL
30-13			2\$/KG	R			2\$/PCE	HL				
31-14	30%	R	2\$/KG	PM			2\$/PCE	PM	10%	HL		
32-15			2\$/KG	R	10%	HL		PM	10%			
<b>Field no.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>

## 2. Coded tariff file

### 2.3 Standard format - Record type 2: Normalized coding (continued)

**Table B - cases converted to their table A counterparts**

Case-Group	Rate1	Oper1	Value Unit1	Oper2	Rate2	Oper3	Value Unit2	Oper4	Rate3	Oper5	Value Unit3	Oper6
2-2			2\$/KG			PM	2\$/PCE					
5-4	10%	PM	2\$/KG			R	3\$/KG	HL				
8-4			3\$/KG			R	2\$/KG	PM	10%	HL		
9-5	10%	PM	2\$/KG			R	2\$/PCE	PM	11%	HL		
12-5			2\$/KG	PM	10%			R	11%	PM	2\$/PCE	HL
14-6	12%			R	10%	PM	2\$/KG	HL				
16-6			2\$/KG	PM	10%			R	12%	HL		
18-8	10%	PM	2\$/KG			PM	2\$/PCE					
20-8			2\$/KG				2\$/PCE	PM	10%			
24-10			2\$/KG	R	10%	HL				R	2\$/PCE	HL
24-10			2\$/KG	R	10%			HL		R	2\$/PCE	HL
25-11	12%	R	2\$/KG	HL				R	11%	HL		
25-11	12%	R	2\$/KG			HL		R	11%	HL		
27-12	10%	R	2\$/KG	HL				R	12%	PM	1\$/KG	HL
27-12	10%	R	2\$/KG			HL		R	12%	PM	1\$/KG	HL
30-13			2\$/KG			R	2\$/PCE	HL				
31-14	30%	R	2\$/KG			PM	2\$/PCE	PM	10%	HL		
<b>Field no.</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>

## 2. Coded tariff file

### 2.4 Standard format - Record types 3 and 4: Text and footnotes

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 66	A(66)	Comprises the year, reporting country, tariff line, measure type, duty type, partner, validity period and record number.
<b>Text</b>	67 - 136	A(70)	Text relating to the duty for record type "3"; Footnote relating to the duty for record type "4".  Note that French and Spanish texts should be recorded using upper case characters, since there is no standard code used to represent accented characters.

### 2.5 Dataset characteristics:

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 144 characters

Block length: 23472 characters

### 3. Textual tariff file

#### 3.1 Standard format - key

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 39	A(39)	Comprises the year, reporting country, tariff line, element number, sub-element number, language code and sequence number.
<b>Year</b>	1 - 2	N(2)	Year of the textual tariff submission.
<b>Reporting country</b>	3 - 7	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code.
<b>Tariff line</b>	8 - 32	A(25)	Tariff line number which comprises:
<b>Tariff item</b>	8 - 28	A(21)/LJ/b	Tariff item number,
<b>Non-tariff suffix</b>	29 - 30	A(2)	Non-tariff suffix: blank in the textual tariff file
<b>Tariff suffix</b>	31 - 32	A(2)	Tariff suffix : blank, "00" or "01-"99".
<b>Element number</b>	33 - 34	N(2)	Identifies the type of information recorded: 02 - Legal product description, 03 - Information on present concession, 04 - Present instrument, 05 - Present Initial Negotiating Right (INR), 06 - First Instrument, 07 - Earlier concession instrument and INRs, 08 - Reference to earlier INRs, 09 - Abbreviated product description, 10 - Earlier concession duty.
<b>Sub-element</b>	35 - 36	A(2)	Blank for all elements except "02", "07" and "10". For element "02", "99" indicates a tariff line description; "01"-"98" indicates a tariff heading description; For elements "07" and "10", "01"-"99" for each concession identified.
<b>Language code</b>	37 - 37	A(1)/LJ/b	"1"-"3" for elements "02" and "09"; blank for other elements. "1" for English; "2" for French; "3" for Spanish.
<b>Sequence number</b>	38 - 39	A(2)/LJ/b	"01"-"04" for element "09"; "01"-"99" for other elements: Indicates the order of text records for elements "02", "03", "08", "09" and "10". Indicates the occurrence number for elements "04", "05", "06" and "07".
<b>DATA</b>	40 - 117	A(78)	Varies according to the element number as indicated in the following pages:

### 3. Textual tariff file

#### 3.2 Standard format - Elements 02, 03, 08, 09, 10

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 39	A(39)	Comprises the year, reporting country, tariff line, element number, sub-element number, language code and sequence number.
<b>Footnote number</b>	40 - 43	N(4)/RJ/0 or A(4)	Footnote number which was transferred from element "11" of the submission format; blank if no footnote was recorded.
<b>Filler</b>	44 - 45	A(2)/LJ/b	Not used.
<b>Indent</b>	46 - 47	A(2)/LJ/b	For element "02", may be blank or "01"-"99" to indicate the number of characters that text should be indented; for other elements, blank.
<b>Text</b>	48 - 117	A(70)/LJ/b	Textual information.  Note that French and Spanish texts should be recorded using upper case characters, since there is no standard code used to represent accented characters.

#### 3.3 Standard format - Elements 04, 06

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 39	A(39)	Comprises the year, reporting country, tariff line, element number, sub-element number, language code and sequence number.
<b>Footnote number</b>	40 - 43	N(4)/RJ/0 or A(4)	Footnote number which was transferred from element "11" of the submission format; blank if no footnote was recorded.
<b>Instrument</b>	44 - 53	A(10)/LJ/b	For element "04", the WTO legal instrument containing the present concession; for element "06", the WTO legal instrument through which the concession was first established.

### 3. Textual tariff file

#### 3.4 Standard format - Element 05

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 39	A(39)	Comprises the year, reporting country, tariff line, element number, sub-element number, language code and sequence number.
<b>Footnote number</b>	40 - 43	N(4)/RJ/0 or A(4)	Footnote number which was transferred from element "11" of the submission format; blank if no footnote was recorded.
<b>Present INR</b>	44 - 48	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO alphameric INR country code.

#### 3.5 Standard format - Element 07

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 39	A(39)	Comprises the year, reporting country, tariff line, element number, sub-element number, language code and sequence number.
<b>Footnote number</b>	40 - 43	N(4)/RJ/0 or A(4)	Footnote number which was transferred from element "11" of the submission format; blank if no footnote was recorded.
<b>Earlier instrument</b>	44 - 53	A(10)/LJ/b	WTO legal instrument containing the earlier concession.
<b>Earlier INR</b>	54 - 58	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO alphanumeric INR country code.
<b>INR coverage</b>	59 - 59	A(1)/LJ/b	X = INR is held on part of the tariff line, Blank = not applicable.

### 3. Textual tariff file

#### 3.6 Structure of the textual tariff file key

The conversion programs format the records of the textual tariff file in order to have fixed length records which better suit the requirements of display and reporting. The key is formatted as follows:

Submission format					IDB standard format				
Element	Sub-element		Occur- rences	Data level	Element	Sub- element	Language	Sequence	Data level
	Language	Sequence							
(2) <sup>3</sup>	(1) <sup>3</sup>	(2) <sup>3</sup>	(2) <sup>3</sup>	(2) <sup>3</sup>	(2) <sup>3</sup>	(2) <sup>3</sup>	(1) <sup>3</sup>	(2) <sup>3</sup>	(2) <sup>3</sup>
02	L	XX		LV	02	LV	L	XX	n.a.
03			VL		03			NN	
04			NN		04			NN	
05			NN		05			NN	
06			NN		06			NN	
07		XX	NN		07	XX		NN	
07		XX	VL		10	XX		NN	
08			VL		08			NN	
09	L	XX			09		L	XX	

#### 3.7 Dataset characteristics:

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 117 characters

Block length: 23400 characters

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<sup>3</sup> (n) = length of field

#### 4. Tariff footnote file

##### 4.1 Standard format

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 14	A(14)	Comprises the year, reporting country, footnote number, language code and sequence number.
<b>Year</b>	1 - 2	N(2)	Year of the tariff footnote file.
<b>Reporting country</b>	3 - 7	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code.
<b>Footnote number</b>	8 - 11	N(4)/RJ/0	Contains the footnote number which is used to link the footnote to the corresponding element(s) recorded in the textual tariff file.
<b>Language code</b>	12 - 12	N(1)	"1"-"3"; "1" for English; "2" for French; "3" for Spanish.
<b>Sequence number</b>	13 - 14	N(2)/RJ/0	"01"-"99"; indicates the line number of the record.
<b>DATA</b>	15 - 84	A(70)	Text of the footnote.

##### 4.2 Dataset characteristics:

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 84 characters

Block length: 23436 characters



## 5. Coded non-tariff file

### 5.1 Standard format - key

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 66	A(66)	Comprises the year, reporting country, C.U. member, tariff line, measure type, measure code, country affected, validity period and record number.
<b>Year</b>	1 - 2	N(2)	Year of the coded non-tariff submission.
<b>Reporting country</b>	3 - 7	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code.
<b>C.U. member</b>	8 - 12	A(5)/LJ/b	If the reporting country is a Customs Union, may contain the WTO 3-digit country code of the member country; otherwise blank.
<b>Tariff line</b>	13 - 37	A(25)	Tariff line number which comprises:
<b>Tariff item</b>	13 - 33	A(21)/LJ/b	Tariff item number,
<b>Non-tariff suffix</b>	34 - 35	A(2)	Non-tariff suffix: blank or "01"-"99",
<b>Tariff suffix</b>	36 - 37	A(2)	Tariff suffix : blank in the coded non-tariff file.
<b>Validity period</b>	38 - 53	A(16)	Format: YYYYMMDDYYYYMMDD:
<b>Start-date</b>	38 - 45	A(8)/LJ/b	Start date of measure or blank if undetermined
<b>End-date</b>	46 - 53	A(8)/LJ/b	End-date of measure or blank if undetermined
<b>Measure type</b>	54 - 55	N(2)	"11" for import restriction; "61" for export restriction;
<b>Country affected</b>	56 - 60	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code identifying the country or group of countries to which the measure applies; "000" when the measure applies to all countries.
<b>Measure code</b>	61 - 63	N(3)	The first position identifies the type of measure; "1" = licensing; "2" = quota; "3" = prohibition; "9" = other quantitative restriction.
<b>Record number</b>	64 - 66	A(3)	Comprises record type, language and sequence number:
<b>Record type</b>	64 - 64	N(1)	"1" for WTO bodies; "2" for references to WTO documents; "3" for references to GATT Articles; "4" for textual information; "5" for footnotes.
<b>Language code</b>	65 - 65	A(1)	Blank for record types "1" and "2" and "3"; "1"-"3" for record types "4" and "5"; "1" for English; "2" for French; "3" for Spanish.
<b>Sequence Number</b>	66 - 66	A(1)	Blank for record type "1"; "0"-"9" to indicate the record number for record types "2" and "3" or the order of text for record types "4" and "5".
<b>DATA</b>	67 - 136	A(70)	Varies according to the record type as indicated in the following pages:

## 5. Coded non-tariff file

### 5.2 Standard format - Record type 1: WTO bodies

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 66	A(66)	Comprises the year, reporting country, C.U. member, tariff line, measure type, measure code, country affected, validity period and record number.
<b>Body 1</b>	67 - 68	A(2)	WTO body to which the restriction was notified; AG = Trade in Agricultural products, QR = Notification to the Market Access Committee, NT = Non-tariff measures inventory of reverse notifications.
<b>Body 2</b>	69 - 70	A(2)	See description for body 1.
<b>Body 3</b>	71 - 72	A(2)	See description for body 1.
<b>Body 4</b>	73 - 74	A(2)	See description for body 1.
<b>Body 5</b>	75 - 76	A(2)	See description for body 1.

### 5.3 Standard format - Record type 2: WTO documents

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 66	A(66)	Comprises the year, reporting country, C.U. member, tariff line, measure type, measure code, country affected, validity period and record number.
<b>Document 1</b>	67 - 76	A(10)/LJ/b	WTO document number.
<b>Document 2</b>	77 - 86	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for document 1.
<b>Document 3</b>	87 - 96	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for document 1.
<b>Document 4</b>	97 - 106	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for document 1.
<b>Document 5</b>	107 - 116	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for document 1.
<b>Document 6</b>	117 - 126	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for document 1.
<b>Document 7</b>	127 - 136	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for document 1.

## 5. Coded non-tariff file

### 5.4 Standard format - Record type 3: GATT Articles

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 66	A(66)	Comprises the year, reporting country, C.U. member, tariff line, measure type, measure code, country affected, validity period and record number.
<b>GATT Article 1</b>	67 - 76	A(10)/LJ/b	GATT Article number.
<b>GATT Article 2</b>	77 - 86	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for GATT Article 1.
<b>GATT Article 3</b>	87 - 96	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for GATT Article 1.
<b>GATT Article 4</b>	97 - 106	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for GATT Article 1.
<b>GATT Article 5</b>	107 - 116	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for GATT Article 1.
<b>GATT Article 6</b>	117 - 126	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for GATT Article 1.
<b>GATT Article 7</b>	127 - 136	A(10)/LJ/b	See description for GATT Article 1.

### 5.5 Standard format - Record types 4 and 5: Text and footnotes

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 66	A(66)	Comprises the year, reporting country, C.U. member, tariff line, measure type, measure code, country affected, validity period and record number.
<b>Text</b>	67 - 136	A(70)	Text relating to the measure for record type "4"; Footnote relating to the measure for record type "5";  Note that French and Spanish texts should be recorded using upper case characters, since there is no standard code used to represent accented characters.

### 5.6 Dataset characteristics:

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 136 characters

Block length: 23392 characters

## 6. Textual non-tariff file

### 6.1 Standard format

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 44	A(44)	Comprises the year, reporting country, C.U. member, tariff line, element number, sub-element number, language code and sequence number.
<b>Year</b>	1 - 2	N(2)	Year of the textual non-tariff submission.
<b>Reporting country</b>	3 - 7	A(5)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code.
<b>C.U. member</b>	8 - 12	A(5)/LJ/b	If the reporting country is a Customs Union, may contain the WTO 3-digit country code of the member country; otherwise blank.
<b>Tariff line</b>	13 - 37	A(25)	Tariff line number which comprises:
<b>Tariff item</b>	13 - 33	A(21)/LJ/b	Tariff item number,
<b>Non-tariff suffix</b>	34 - 35	A(2)	Non-tariff suffix: "01"-"99",
<b>Tariff suffix</b>	36 - 37	A(2)	Tariff suffix : blank in the textual non-tariff file,
<b>Element number</b>	38 - 39	N(2)	Identifies the type of information recorded: 02 - Full-text product description, 09 - Abbreviated product description.
<b>Sub-element</b>	40 - 41	A(2)/LJ/b	Blank.
<b>Language code</b>	42 - 42	N(1)	"1"-"3": "1" for English; "2" for French; "3" for Spanish.
<b>Sequence number</b>	43 - 44	N(2)/RJ/0	"01"-"04" for element "09"; "01"-"99" for element "02"; Indicates the order of text records.
<b>DATA</b>	45 - 122	A(78)	As follows:
<b>Filler</b>	45 - 52	A(8)/LJ/b	Not used,
<b>Text</b>	53 - 122	A(70)	Text. Note that French and Spanish texts should be recorded using upper case characters, since there is no standard code used to represent accented characters.

### 6.2 Dataset characteristics

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 122 characters

Block length: 23424 characters

## 7. Global reference file

### 7.1 Standard format - key

The global reference file contains all types of global reference information. The type of information is identified by the record type. The format of the records and the record keys vary according to the record type.

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>Common key</b>	1 - 8	A(8)	Comprises the record type; see following pages:
<b>Rest of record</b>	9 - 103	A(95)	Varies according to the record type as indicated in the following pages:

### 7.2 Global reference file - country codes record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 11	A(11)	Comprises the record type and country code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"GCTY" for global country codes; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>Country code</b>	9 - 11	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code.
<b>Language</b>	12 - 12	A(1)	"1" for English, "2" for French, "3" for Spanish, blank if not applicable; this code indicates the WTO official language in which documentation is to be forwarded to the country.
<b>Filler</b>	13 - 13	A(1)	Not used.
<b>Country abbreviation 2 characters</b>	14 - 15	A(2)	WTO 2-character alphabetic country abbreviation.
<b>Country abbreviation 3 characters</b>	16 - 18	A(3)	WTO 3-character alphanumeric country abbreviation.
<b>Country abbreviation 8 characters</b>	19 - 26	A(8)/LJ/b	WTO 8-character alphanumeric country abbreviation.
<b>Country name</b>	27 - 46	A(20)/LJ/b	Country name.
<b>Update date</b>	47 - 54	A(8)	Date of record update; format: YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	55 - 58	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

## 7. Global reference file

### 7.3 Global reference file - Initial Negotiating Rights record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 11 or 1-8 + 24-26	A(11)	There are 2 keys for the global INR file: the record type and country code, or the record type and INR code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"GINR" for global INR codes; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>Country code</b>	9 - 11	N(3)	WTO 3-digit country code; if the country holding the INR (recorded in the INR code below) is a member of a Customs Union, the country code will contain the WTO 3-digit code of the Customs Union and the INR code will contain the WTO 3-digit code of the member country; this method of recording was necessary in order to be able to link the INRs recorded in the textual tariff file to information recorded for the customs union in other files; for non-C.U. members, the country code and INR code have the same values.
<b>Update date</b>	12 - 19	A(8)	Date of record update; format: YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	20 - 23	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>INR code</b>	24 - 26	N(3)	WTO 3-digit country code of the holder of the INR; see description of country code above.

## 7. Global reference file

### 7.4 Global reference file - Customs Union member countries definition record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 14	A(14)	Comprises the record type, C.U. code and C.U. member code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"GCUD" for global Customs Union definition; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>Customs Union code</b>	9 - 11	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code of the Customs Union.
<b>Customs Union member code</b>	12 - 14	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code of the member of the Customs Union.
<b>Start-year</b>	15 - 18	A(4)	Format: YYYY; Year in which the C.U. member joined the Customs Union.
<b>End-year</b>	19 - 22	A(4)	Format: YYYY; Year in which the C.U. member left the Customs Union; blank if not applicable.
<b>Update date</b>	23 - 30	A(8)	Date of record update; format: YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	31 - 34	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

### 7.5 Global reference file - quantity units record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 11	A(11)	Comprises the record type and quantity unit code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	GQUN" for global quantity unit codes; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>Quantity unit code</b>	9 - 11	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code.
<b>Quantity unit abbreviation</b>	12 - 14	A(3)	WTO 3-character alphabetic quantity unit abbreviation.
<b>Quantity unit symbol</b>	15 - 27	A(13)/LJ/b	WTO 13-character alphanumeric quantity unit symbol.
<b>Quantity unit name</b>	28 - 67	A(40)/LJ/b	Quantity unit name.
<b>Update date</b>	68 - 75	A(8)	Date of record update; format: YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	76 - 79	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

## 7. Global reference file

### 7.6 Global reference file - non-tariff measure codes record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 13	A(13)	Comprises the record type, measure type and measure code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"GNTM" for global measure codes; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>Measure type</b>	9 - 10	N(2)	"11" for import measures and "61" for export measures.
<b>Measure code</b>	11 - 13	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code.
<b>Measure symbol</b>	14 - 21	A(8)/LJ/b	WTO 8-character alphanumeric measure symbol.
<b>Measure name</b>	22 - 91	A(70)/LJ/b	Measure name.
<b>Update date</b>	92 - 99	A(8)	Date of record update; format:YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	100 - 103	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

### 7.7 Global reference file - legal instruments record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 18	A(18)	Comprises the record type and instrument.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"GLEG" for legal instruments; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>Instrument</b>	9 - 18	A(10)	WTO legal instrument symbol.
<b>Update date</b>	19 - 26	A(8)	Date of record update; format:YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	27 - 30	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.



## 7. Global reference file

### 7.8 Global reference file - documents record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 18	A(18)	Comprises the record type and document code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"GDOC" for WTO documents; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>Document code</b>	9 - 18	A(10)	WTO document code.
<b>Document symbol</b>	19 - 88	A(70)	WTO document symbol.
<b>Update date</b>	89 - 96	A(8)	Date of record update; format: YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	97 - 100	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

### 7.9 Global reference file - Articles record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 8 + 11 - 20	A(11)	Comprises the record type and Article code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"GART" for GATT Articles; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>GATT Part</b>	9 - 10	A(2)	Part of the General Agreement in which the Article is found.
<b>Article code</b>	11 - 20	A(10)	GATT Article code.
<b>Article symbol</b>	21 - 90	A(70)	GATT Article symbol.
<b>Update date</b>	91 - 98	A(8)	Date of record update; format: YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	99 - 102	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

## 7. Global reference file

### 7.10 Global reference file - aggregates record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 14	A(14)	Comprises the record type and aggregate code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"GAGG" for global aggregates definition - at the moment only the WTO Member definition is stored for this record type.
<b>Aggregate code</b>	9 - 11	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code of the aggregate: "900" for WTO Members; aggregate codes can range from "900" through "999".
<b>Aggregate member code</b>	12 - 14	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code of the member of the aggregate.
<b>Start-year</b>	15 - 18	A(4)	Format: YYYY; First year for which the member should be included in the aggregate.
<b>End-year</b>	19 - 22	A(4)	Format: YYYY; Last year for which the member should be included in the aggregate; blank if not applicable.
<b>Update date</b>	23 - 30	A(8)	Date of record update; format: YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	31 - 34	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

### 7.11 Dataset characteristics

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 103 characters

Block length: 23381 characters

## 8. National reference file

### 8.1 Standard format

The national reference file contains all types of national reference information. The type of information is identified by the record type. The format of the records and the record keys vary according to the record type.

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>Common key</b>	1 - 13	A(13)	Comprises the record type, reporting country and year; see following pages:
<b>Rest of record</b>	14 - 40	A(27)	Varies according to the record type as indicated in the following pages:

### 8.2 National reference file - country codes record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 16 or (1 - 13 + 17 - 21)	A(16) or A(18)	There are 2 keys for the national country file: the record type, reporting country, year and WTO partner country code or the record type, reporting country, year and national partner country code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"NCTY" for national country codes; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>Reporting country</b>	9 - 11	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code.
<b>Year</b>	12 - 13	N(2)	Reference year.
<b>WTO partner code</b>	14 - 16	N(3)	WTO 3-digit country code.
<b>National partner code</b>	17 - 21	A(5)/LJ/b	National country code.
<b>Type of relation</b>	22 - 22	A(1)	The type of tariff relation between the reporting country and the trading partner; see the standard format for the import statistics file for code values.
<b>LDC indicator</b>	23 - 23	A(1)	"1" if the country is a least developed country (LDC) entitled to differentiated preferential treatment; blank not applicable.
<b>Update date</b>	24 - 31	A(8)	Date of record update; format: YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	32 - 35	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

## 8. National reference file

### 8.3 National reference file - Initial Negotiating Rights record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 16 or ( 1 - 13 + 29 - 33)	A(16) or A(18)	There are 2 keys for the national INR file: the record type, reporting country, year and WTO INR code or the record type, reporting country, year and national INR code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"NINR" for national INR codes; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>Reporting country</b>	9 - 11	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code.
<b>Year</b>	12 - 13	N(2)	Reference year.
<b>WTO INR code</b>	14 - 16	N(3)	WTO 3-digit INR code.
<b>Update date</b>	17 - 24	A(8)	Date of record update; format:YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	25 - 28	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>National INR code</b>	29 - 33	A(5)/LJ/b	National INR code.

### 8.4 National reference file - quantity units record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 16 or (1 - 13 + 17 - 21)	A(16) or A(18)	There are 2 keys for the national quantity unit file: the record type, reporting country, year and WTO quantity unit code or the record type, reporting country, year and national quantity unit code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"NQUN" for national quantity unit codes; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>Reporting country</b>	9 - 11	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code.
<b>Year</b>	12 - 13	N(2)	Reference year.
<b>WTO quantity unit code</b>	14 - 16	N(3)	WTO 3-digit quantity unit code.
<b>National quantity unit code</b>	17 - 21	A(5)/LJ/b	National quantity unit code.
<b>Update date</b>	22 - 29	A(8)	Date of record update; format:YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	30 - 33	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

## 8. National reference file

### 8.5 National reference file - non-tariff measure codes record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 18 or (1 - 15 + 19 - 28)	A(18) or A(25)	There are 2 keys for the national measure code file: the record type, reporting country, year, measure type and WTO measure code or the record type, reporting country, year, measure type and national measure code.
<b>Record type</b>	1 - 8	A(8)/LJ/b	"NNTM" for national measure codes; other codes are used for other types of information.
<b>Reporting country</b>	9 - 11	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code.
<b>Year</b>	12 - 13	N(2)	Reference year.
<b>Measure type</b>	14 - 15	N(2)	"11" for import measures; "61" for export measures.
<b>WTO measure code</b>	16 - 18	N(3)	WTO 3-digit measure code.
<b>National measure code</b>	19 - 28	A(10)/LJ/b	National measure code.
<b>Update date</b>	29 - 36	A(8)	Date of record update; format:YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	37 - 40	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

### 8.6 Dataset characteristics

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 40 characters

Block length: 23440 characters

## 9. Reporting country file

### 9.1 Standard format

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 8	A(8)	Comprises the reporter, year, sub-domain and version.
<b>Reporting country</b>	1 - 3	N(3)	WTO 3-digit code.
<b>Year</b>	4 - 5	N(2)	Reference year of the sub-domain.
<b>Sub-domain</b>	6 - 7	A(2)	"TM" for import statistics, "TC" for coded tariff, "TT" for textual tariff, "TF" for tariff footnotes, "NC" for coded non-tariff, "NT" for textual non-tariff.
<b>Version</b>	8 - 8	N(1)	"0"-"9" to indicate the version of the file.
<b>DATA</b>	9 - 114	A(106)	Various according to the sub-domain as follows:

## 9. Reporting country file

### 9.2 Reporting country file: Import statistics record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 8	A(8)	Comprises the reporter, year, sub-domain and version.
<b>Period coverage</b>	9 - 24	A(16)	Format: YYYYMMDDYYYYMMDD:
<b>Start-date</b>	9 - 16	A(8)/LJ/b	Start date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>End-date</b>	17 - 24	A(8)/LJ/b	End date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>Treatment codes</b>	25 - 34	A(10)	A series of ten flags ranging from flag 0 to flag 9, indicating the corresponding tariff treatment codes applied by the reporting country; the seventh flag is not used since treatment code "7" does not exist in the import statistics file; each flag has a value of "X" if the reporting country applies the corresponding tariff treatment or blank if not applicable.
<b>HS indicator</b>	35 - 35	A(1)	A flag indicating the level of the HS nomenclature in which the import statistics are recorded; "4", "5" or "6"; blank if the reporting country does not use the HS nomenclature.
<b>Exchange rate</b>	36 - 48	N(4V9)	The amount of national currency equal to one US dollar: used to calculate the US dollar value recorded in the import statistics file.
<b>Imports currency</b>	49 - 58	A(10)	Currency unit used in the import statistics file.
<b>Currency adjustment factor</b>	59 - 71	N(7V6)	The ratio of the imports currency to the duties currency recorded in the normalized coding of specific duties in the coded tariff file.
<b>Supplementary quantity indicator</b>	72 - 72	A(1)	"1" if supplementary quantities are recorded in the import statistics file; blank if not applicable.
<b>System of trade</b>	73 - 82	A(10)/LJ/b	The system of trade of the reporting country (general or special).
<b>Valuation basis</b>	83 - 92	A(10)/LJ/b	The valuation basis of import values (c.i.f., f.o.b., etc).
<b>Type of reference year</b>	93 -102	A(10)/LJ/b	Fiscal or calendar.
<b>Update date</b>	103 -110	A(8)	Date of record update; format:YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	111 -114	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

## 9. Reporting country file

### 9.3 Reporting country file: Coded tariff record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 8	A(8)	Comprises the reporter, year, sub-domain and version.
<b>Period coverage</b>	9 - 24	A(16)	Format: YYYYMMDDYYYYMMDD:
<b>Start-date</b>	9 - 16	A(8)/LJ/b	Start date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>End-date</b>	17 - 24	A(8)/LJ/b	End date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>HS indicator</b>	25 - 25	A(1)	A flag indicating the level of the HS nomenclature in which the tariff information is recorded; "4", "5" or "6"; blank if the reporting country does not use the HS nomenclature.
<b>Duties currency</b>	26 - 35	A(10)/LJ/b	Currency unit used in the normalized coding of specific duties.
<b>Duty assessment</b>	36 - 45	A(10)/LJ/b	Basis for assessing specific duties (net weight, gross weight, etc).
<b>Update date</b>	46 - 53	A(8)	Date of record update; format:YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	54 - 57	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

### 9.4 Reporting country file: Textual tariff record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 8	A(8)	Comprises the reporter, year, sub-domain and version.
<b>Period coverage</b>	9 - 24	A(16)	Format: YYYYMMDDYYYYMMDD:
<b>Start-date</b>	9 - 16	A(8)/LJ/b	Start date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>End-date</b>	17 - 24	A(8)/LJ/b	End date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>HS indicator</b>	25 - 25	A(1)	A flag indicating the level of the HS nomenclature in which the tariff information is recorded: "4", "5" or "6"; blank if the reporting country does not use the HS nomenclature.
<b>Update date</b>	26 - 33	A(8)	Date of record update; format:YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	34 - 37	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.



## 9. Reporting country file

### 9.5 Reporting country file: Tariff footnote record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 8	A(8)	Comprises the reporter, year, sub-domain and version.
<b>Period coverage</b>	9 - 24	A(16)	Format: YYYYMMDDYYYYMMDD:
<b>Start-date</b>	9 - 16	A(8)/LJ/b	Start date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>End-date</b>	17 - 24	A(8)/LJ/b	End date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>HS indicator</b>	25 - 25	A(1)	A flag indicating the level of the HS nomenclature in which the tariff information is recorded: "4", "5" or "6"; blank if the reporting country does not use the HS nomenclature.
<b>Update date</b>	26 - 33	A(8)	Date of record update; format: YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	34 - 37	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

### 9.6 Reporting country file: Coded non-tariff record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 8	A(8)	Comprises the reporter, year, sub-domain and version.
<b>Period coverage</b>	9 - 24	A(16)	Format: YYYYMMDDYYYYMMDD:
<b>Start-date</b>	9 - 16	A(8)/LJ/b	Start date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>End-date</b>	17 - 24	A(8)/LJ/b	End date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>HS indicator</b>	25 - 25	A(1)	A flag indicating the level of the HS nomenclature in which the tariff information is recorded: "4", "5" or "6"; blank if the reporting country does not use the HS nomenclature.
<b>Update date</b>	26 - 33	A(8)	Date of record update; format: YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	34 - 37	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Document number</b>	38 - 47	A(10)/LJ/b	The WTO document number containing the year of the notification; this document number is automatically generated in coded non-tariff record type "2" records.

## 9. Reporting country file

### 9.7 Reporting country file: Textual non-tariff record

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 8	A(8)	Comprises the reporter, year, sub-domain and version.
<b>Period coverage</b>	9 - 24	A(16)	Format: YYYYMMDDYYYYMMDD:
<b>Start-date</b>	9 - 16	A(8)/LJ/b	Start date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>End-date</b>	17 - 24	A(8)/LJ/b	End date of the period for which the information recorded for the sub-domain and version refers.
<b>HS indicator</b>	25 - 25	A(1)	A flag indicating the level of the HS nomenclature in which the tariff information is recorded: "4", "5" or "6"; blank if the reporting country does not use the HS nomenclature.
<b>Update date</b>	26 - 33	A(8)	Date of record update; format: YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
<b>Update time</b>	34 - 37	A(4)	Time of record update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.

### 9.8 Dataset characteristics

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 114 characters

Block length: 23370 characters

## 10. Harmonized System nomenclature files

### 10.1 Standard format

There are two Harmonized System nomenclature files - one containing abbreviated HS descriptions and another containing full HS descriptions. Their formats are identical.

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
Update date	1 - 8	A(8)	Date of record update; format:YYYYMMDD; for the Secretariat's internal use.
Update time	9 - 12	A(4)	Time of record creation or update; format: HHMM; for the Secretariat's internal use.
KEY	13 - 21	A(9)	Comprises the HS number, language code and sequence number.
HS number	13 - 18	A(6)/LJ/b	Harmonized system number - 2-digit, 4-digit, 5-digit and 6-digit.
Language code	19 - 19	N(1)	"1" for English; "2" for French; "3" for Spanish.
Sequence number	20 - 21	N(2)	"01"-"04" for abbreviated HS description; "01"-"99" for full HS description.
Text	22 - 91	A(70)	HS description.

### 10.2 Dataset characteristics

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 91 characters

Block length: 23387 characters

## 11. Import statistics file - Tariff Study format

### 11.1 Tariff Study format

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 26	A(26)	Comprises the reporting country, year, tariff item, partner, type of relation and tariff treatment.
<b>Reporting country</b>	1 - 3	A(3)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code.
<b>Year</b>	4 - 5	N(2)	Year of the import statistics.
<b>Tariff item</b>	6 - 18	A(13)/LJ/b	Tariff item number - <u>13 characters</u> .
<b>Partner country</b>	19 - 21	A(3)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code for trading partner or aggregate.
<b>Filler</b>	22 - 22	A(1)/LJ/b	Not used.
<b>Type of relation</b>	23 - 23	N(1)	Identifies the type of tariff relation between the reporting country and each trading partner. The codes used are the same as for the tariff treatment described below.
<b>Tariff treatment or quantity unit</b>	24 - 26	A(3)/LJ/b	Identifies the tariff treatment applicable to each tariff item for each partner. The tariff treatment can be used to link the imports statistics to their corresponding duty recorded in the coded tariff file. 0 = most-favoured-nation 1 = free-trade area 2 = zone-zone (trade between preferential areas) 3 = other preferential agreements 4 = GSP (most-favoured-nation) 5 = GSP (other preferences) 6 = GSP (general) 8 = general 9 = unspecified If the tariff treatment is not provided in the submission, it is set to the value recorded in the type of relation. When the partner recorded is "999" (all origins), this field contains the WTO 3-digit quantity unit code, indicating the primary unit of quantity in which import volumes are recorded .
<b>Customs value - U.S. dollars</b>	27 - 38	N(12)/RJ/0 (unsigned)	The equivalent of the customs value in U.S. dollars.
<b>Primary quantity</b>	39 - 52	N(14)/RJ/0 (unsigned)	Primary import volume.

## **11. Import statistics file - Tariff Study format**

### **11.2 Dataset characteristics:**

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 52 characters

Block length: 23452 characters

## 12. Tariff file - Tariff Study format

### 12.1 Tariff Study format

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 23	A(23)	Comprises the reporting country, year, tariff line and record type.
<b>Reporting country</b>	1 - 3	A(3)/LJ/b	WTO 3-digit country code.
<b>Year</b>	4 -5	N(2)	Year of the coded tariff submission.
<b>Tariff line</b> <b>Tariff item</b> <b>Tariff suffix</b>	6 - 20 6 - 18 19 - 20	A(15) A(13)/LJ/b A(2)	Tariff line number which comprises: Tariff item number, Tariff suffix : blank, "00" or "01"-"99".
<b>Record type</b>	21 - 23	A(3)	Identifies the type of information recorded as follows: DE1 = First line of product description, DE2 = Second line of product description, 01B = MFN pre-Uruguay duty, 01F = MFN post-Uruguay duty, 03B = MFN statutory applied duty, 04B = MFN temporary applied duty, 06B = GSP duty applicable to GSP countries, 07B = LDC duty applicable to LDC countries 08B = Preferential duty - free-trade area, 09B = Pref. duty - Zone-Zone agreement, 10B = Preferential duty - other agreement, 11B = Preferential duty - other agreement, 12B = General duty.
<b>DATA</b>	24 - 89	A(66)	Product description for record types DE1 and DE2. Duty information for other record types.
<b>Duty rate and codes</b>	24 - 33	A(10)	See next page for details.
<b>Normalized coding</b>	34 - 48	A(15)	See next page for details.
<b>Duty in text form</b>	49 - 81	A(33)	Text.
<b>Period of validity for temporary duties</b> <b>Start date</b> <b>End date</b>	82 - 89 82 - 85 86 - 89	A(8) A(4) A(4)	Recorded for duty type 04B:  Format = YYMM Format = YYMM

## 12. Tariff file - Tariff Study format

### 12.2 Tariff Study format - record types 01B - 12B: Duty information

Data element	Position	Attribute	Description
<b>KEY</b>	1 - 23	A(23)	Comprises the reporting country, year, tariff line and record type.
<b>Duty rate</b>	24 - 27	N(3V1)/RJ/0	Free duties are recorded as 0000. Rates higher than "999.7" per cent are recorded as 9998. Unavailable rates are recorded as 9999.
<b>Nature</b>	28 - 28	A(1)	blank = Ad valorem duty; "1" = Specific duty; "2" = Compound duty; "3" = Mixed duty; "4" = Variable duty; "5" = Tariffed measure.
<b>Binding status</b>	29 - 29	A(1)	Blank = Bound at prevailing duty rate; "1" = Bound at one ceiling duty rate; "2" = Unbound duty; "3" = Bound at various rates.
<b>Binding coverage</b>	30 - 30	A(1)	Blank = Fully bound; "1" = Binding covering part of the tariff line.
<b>Duty coverage</b>	31 - 31	A(1)	Blank = Duty applied to all products; "1" = Tariffication for MFN duties and partial product coverage for non-MFN duties.
<b>Estimation</b>	32 - 32	A(1)	blank = Not estimated; "1" = Estimation supplied by the reporting country; "2" = Estimation calculated by the WTO Secretariat; "3" = Simple average of tariff sub-items (recorded only on tariff items with suffix = "00").
<b>Limitation status</b>	33 - 33	A(1)	Blank = No limitation; "1" = Safeguard provision for MFN duties and ceiling limitation for non-MFN duties; "2" = Quota or other quantitative limitation for non-MFN duties; "3" = Country exclusion for non-MFN duties.
<b>Normalized coding</b> <b>Value</b> <b>Quantity unit</b> <b>Rate</b> <b>Operator</b>	34 - 48 34 - 40 41 - 43 44 - 47 48 - 48	A(15) N(5V2) A(3) N(3V1) A(1)	Duty expression: Value in national currency, IDB quantity unit, Ad valorem rate, "+ " = whichever is higher, "- " = whichever is lower.

### **12.3 Dataset characteristics:**

Record format: Fixed block

Record length: 892 characters

Block length: 23407 characters