

**Committee on Agriculture
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ELEMENTS OF SPECIAL PRODUCT MODALITIES

Communication from Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Malaysia,
New Zealand, Paraguay, Thailand, United States and Uruguay

The following communication, dated 8 April 2008, is being circulated at the request of Australia, Canada, Costa Rica, Malaysia, New Zealand, Paraguay, Thailand, United States and Uruguay.

Selection

1. Entitlement to a maximum of 8 per cent of tariff lines, guided by indicators to be agreed.

Treatment

2. Tier One: entitlement to 4 per cent of tariff lines each of which shall take a tariff cut of 25 per cent.
3. Tier Two: entitlement to 4 per cent of tariff lines each of which shall take a tariff cut of 15 per cent.

'Super Specials'

4. If there is to be consideration of a smaller cut than required under tier two, it shall be limited to 1 per cent of tariff lines (accommodated within the overall 4 per cent for tier two Special Products).
5. A product or products will not be eligible for a minimal cut if:
 - o imports of that product account for more than 0.5 per cent of the value of the Member's total agricultural imports; or
 - o imports of all such products collectively account for more than 8 per cent of the value of the Member's total agricultural imports; or
 - o imports of that product from other developing countries account for 40 per cent or more of the Member's total imports of that product; or
 - o the special product cut on any tariff line would leave the bound rate above the applied rate.

Average

6. Special Product cuts shall be included in the average cut referred to in paragraph 65.
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