

ANNEX 2.C
SCHEDULE OF TARIFF COMMITMENTS ON GOODS
COMMITMENTS OF INDIA ON GOODS ORIGINATING
IN THE EFTA STATES

TARIFF COMMITMENTS

NOTES TO INDIA'S SCHEDULES OF TARIFF COMMITMENTS ON GOODS

1. Unless otherwise provided for in this Section, for the purposes of the elimination or reduction of customs duties in accordance with this Section, in the case of ad valorem duties, any fraction less than 0.1 of a percentage point shall be rounded to the nearest one decimal place (in the case of 0.05 per cent, the fraction is rounded to 0.1 per cent), and in the case of specific duties any fraction smaller than 0.01 of one Indian Rupee shall be rounded to the nearest two decimal places (in the case of 0.005, the fraction is rounded to 0.01).
2. The base rate of a custom duty (Basic Customs duty (BCD Rates) + Agriculture Infrastructure and Development Cess (AIDC) + Health Cess + SWS) and staging category for an item are indicated in the Schedule of Specific Tariff Commitments of India on Trade in Goods.
3. Unless otherwise provided for in this Section, for the purposes of this Section, the term "year" means, with respect to the first year, the period from the date of entry into force of the Agreement until 31 December of the same year and, with respect to each subsequent year, the twelve-month period which starts on 1 January of that year.
4. For the purposes of implementing equal annual instalments, the annual instalments shall take place on the first day of each year (for the avoidance of doubt, for the first year the annual instalment will take place on the date of entry into force of the Agreement).
5. The base rate of customs duty and staging category for an item are indicated in column "Base rate" in Schedule of Tariff Commitments of India.
6. The following staging categories shall apply to the elimination of customs duties by India pursuant to Article 2.4 in Chapter 2 (Trade in Goods) of the Agreement:
 - (a) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'EIF' shall be eliminated on the date this Agreement enters into force;
 - (b) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'E5' shall be removed in five equal annual instalments beginning on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty from 1 January of year 5;
 - (c) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'E0 (Eif+5)' shall not be removed in the initial 5 years beginning on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty from 1 January of year 6;
 - (d) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'E5(Eif+5)' shall not be removed in initial 5 years beginning

on the date of entry into force of the Agreement and shall be removed in five equal annual instalments beginning on 1 January of year 6 from the date of entry into force of this Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty from 1 January of year 10;

- (e) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'E7' shall be removed in seven equal annual instalments beginning on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty from 1 January of year 7;
- (f) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'E10' shall be removed in ten equal annual instalments beginning on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and such goods shall be free of customs duty from 1 January of year 10;
- (g) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'R0 to 2.5% End duty' shall be reduced to 2.5% end duty on the date the Agreement enters into force;
- (h) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'R0 to 50% (Eif+5)' shall not be removed in initial 5 years from the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and custom duty on such goods shall be reduced to 50% of the original duty from 1 January of year 6;
- (i) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'R5 to 2.5% End duty' shall be reduced in five equal annual instalments beginning on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and custom duty on such goods shall be reduced to 2.5% end duty from 1 January of year 5;
- (j) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'R5 to 5% End duty' shall be reduced in five equal annual instalments beginning on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and custom duty on such goods shall be reduced to 5% end duty from 1 January of year 5;
- (k) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'R5 to 50%' shall be reduced in five equal annual instalments beginning on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and custom duty on such goods shall be reduced to 50% of the original duty from 1 January of year 5;
- (l) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'R10 to 50%' shall be reduced in ten equal annual instalments beginning on the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and custom duty on such goods shall be reduced to 50% of the original duty from 1 January of year 10;

- (m) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'R5 to 50% (Eif+5)' shall not be removed in initial 5 years from the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and custom duty on such goods shall be reduced in five equal annual instalments beginning on 1 January of year 6 from the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and custom duty on such goods shall be reduced to 50% of the original duty from 1 January of year 10;
- (n) customs duties on originating goods provided for in the items in staging category 'R10 to 50% (Eif+5)' shall not be removed in initial 5 years from the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and custom duty on such goods shall be reduced in ten equal annual instalments beginning on 1 January of year 6 from the date of entry into force of the Agreement, and custom duty on such goods shall be reduced to 50% of the original duty from 1 January of year 15;
- (o) Bound rate on originating good of HS 7108 shall be reduced by 1% (from the existing bound rate of India) on the date this Agreement enters into force;
- (p) Customs duties on originating goods of HS 2204 shall be reduced as set out in the Attachment 1 to Appendix 2.C.3 (Schedule of Specific Tariff Commitments of India on Trade in Goods);
- (q) The originating goods classified under the tariff lines indicated with "Exclusion" shall be excluded from any commitment of reduction or elimination of customs duties.
