

SOUTH-AFRICA

GATT. 1949 TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS: THE LIST OF REQUESTS
MADE BY FINLAND ON SOUTH AFRICA.

<u>Tariff item</u>	<u>Articles</u>	<u>Requests</u>
273	Plywood	
	(a) Alder and birch, not exceeding 4 mm. in thickness	Consolidation of suspension of the additional duty of s. 2 d. 9 per cubic foot for plywood of birch.
	(b) Other	Reduction of the rate of duty for plywood and block- board faced with birch from s. 3 per cubic foot or 25 % ad valorem, whichever duty shall be the greater, to s. 3 per cubic foot.

1949 TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS.CONCESSIONS REQUESTED FROM FINLAND.

Tariff Item No.	Tariff Description.	Present ordinary import duty	Request.
08-009	Grapes, fresh	81 marks per kilo nett	Reduce ordinary import duty to Free for period 1st February/ 31st May.
ex 08-010	Raisins	27 marks per kilo (includes internal packing)	Bind existing most-favoured-nation rate.
08-017	Pears, fresh	54 marks per kilo (includes internal packing)	Bind existing most-favoured-nation rate.
13-001	Mimosa bark (wattle)	Free	Bind Free
28-047	Chromium Sulphate	Free	Bind Free
ex 28-098	Fish liver oil for medicinal purposes, put up for retail sale, the weight, including packing, not exceeding 1.5 kilos	36 marks per kilo	Reduce to 12 marks per kilo.
ex 28-099	Fish liver oils for medicinal purposes, other	18 marks per kilo	Reduce to 6 marks per kilo.
30-001	Extract of Mimosa (wattle)	Free	Bind Free
36-001	Sheep, lamb and goatskins, raw, not fur	Free	Bind Free
38-001	Furskins, not dressed, merino sheep and karakul	270 marks per kilo	Reduce to Free.

ex 47-001/.....

Tariff Item No.	Tariff Description.	Present ordinary import duty	Request.
ex 47-001	Wool, in the grease and scoured	Free	Bind Free
ex 61-003	Diamonds, cut or uncut	Free	Bind Free.

NOTE: The Union Government might still submit requests for tariff concessions on wines and potable spirits (tariff items 22-006 to 22-013) but such requests, if any, will only be formulated after discussions between the Union and Finnish Delegations.

Note to the Executive Secretariat.

NEGOTIATIONS UNION OF SOUTH-AFRICA - FINLAND.

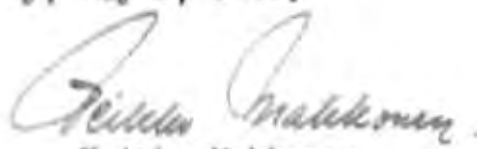
We have the honour to inform you that the first meeting on Tariff Negotiations between the Union of South-Africa and Finland has been held on Mai 2, 1949.

According to the procedure fixed by the document GATT/TN.1A/1, we herewith hand over to you two copies of the lists of offers that have been exchanged.

The next meeting has been fixed on Friday, May 6 at 15 p.m.

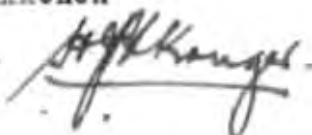
Annecy, May 2, 1949.

For Finland:


Veikko Makkonen

For the Union of South-Africa

H. Kruger



Concessions granted by Finland to
Union of South Africa.

<u>Finnish</u> <u>Custom</u> <u>Tariff</u> <u>n:o</u>	<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Present rate</u> <u>of duty in</u> <u>Finnish marks</u> <u>per kg.</u>	<u>Concession</u>
13-001	Mimosa bark (wattle)	free	binding
28-047	Chromium Sulphate	free	binding
ex 28-098	Fish liver oil for medicinal purposes, put up for retail sale, the weight, including packing, not exceeding 1.5 kilos		These goods are cleared under item 15-005 for which the present rate is 4:50
ex 28-099	Fish liver oils for medicinal purposes, other		-"-
30-001	Extract of Mimosa (wattle)	free	binding
36-001	Sheep, lamb and goatskins, raw, not fur	free	binding
ex 47-001	Wool, in the grease and scoured	free	binding
ex 61-003	Diamonds, cut or uncut	free	binding

OFFERS IN RESPONSE TO TARIFF CONCESSIONS REQUESTED BY FINLAND.

Tariff Item N°	Article.	Unit.	Present Rate of Duty		Requested Rate		Remarks.
			Min.	Interm.	Min.	Interm.	
			L. s. d.	L. s. d.	L. s. d.	L. s. d.	
273 (a)	Plywood: Alder and birch, not exceeding 4 m.m. in thickness	per cubic foot		0. 1. 3. plus a suspended duty (not in force) of	Elimination of the suspended duty of		No offer.
		per cubic foot		0. 2. 9.		0. 2. 9.	
(b)	Other	per cubic foot or ad valorem		0. 3. 0. 25% whichever duty shall be the greater		0. 3. 0.	No offer. Please refer to Schedule XVIII to G.A.T.T.

Hotel Verdun,

ANNECY.

3rd June, 1949.

Completion of the Bilateral Stage of
Tariff Negotiations between the
Union of South Africa and Finland.

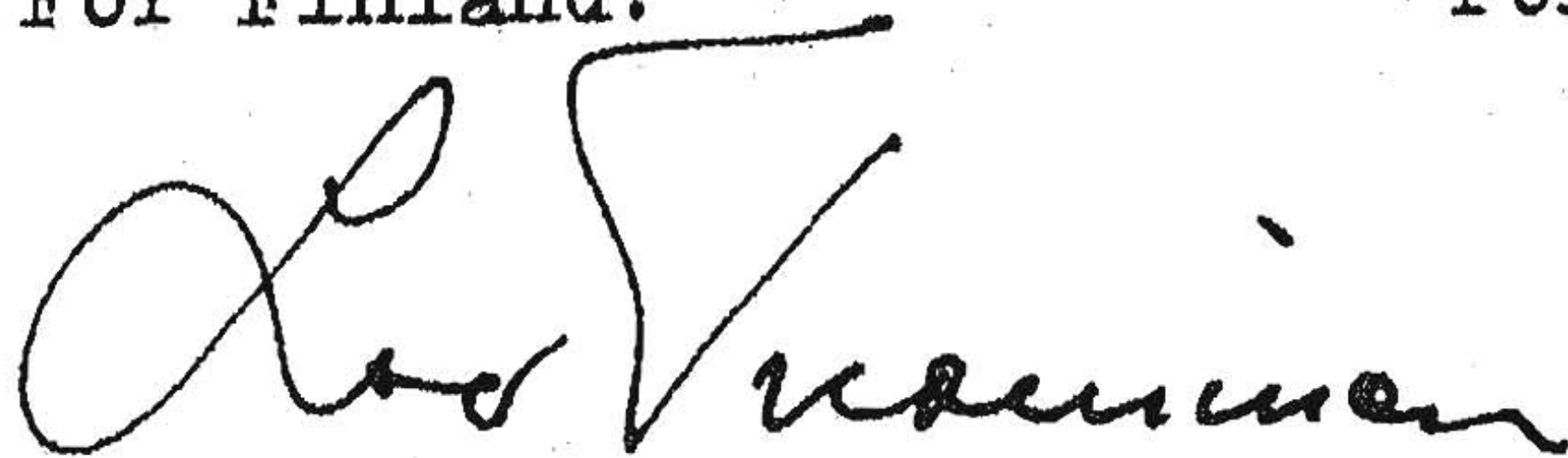
Dear Sir,

We have to advise you that the bilateral stage of tariff negotiations between the Union of South Africa and Finland has been completed.

In accordance with document GATT/TN.1/16,
Copy Nos 6+7 of South Africa's list and Copy No 1+2
of Finland's list of concessions are enclosed.

Yours faithfully,

For Finland:



For Union of South Africa:



The Executive Secretary,
I.C.I.T.O.,
Hotel Verdun,
ANNECY.

Copy Nr 1
SECRET

List of final offers made by Finland

to Union of South Africa.

Finnish Custom Tariff No -----	Commodity -----	Present rate of duty in Finnish marks per kg -----	Offer -----
I3-001	Mimosa bark	free	binding
28-047	Chromium Sulphate	free	binding
30-001	Extract of Mimosa	free	binding
	Raw hides or skins, such as fresh, salted, dried, limed and pickled hides or skins, hides and skins freed from the hair - even if split or cut :		
36-001	Sheep, lamb and goatskins, ~~any animal skins~~	free	binding
or 47-001	Wool, in the grease and scoured	free	binding
or 61-003	Diamonds, cut or uncut	free	binding

UNITED STATES OF SOUTH AFRICA.

LIST OF FINAL OFFERS MADE TO FINLAND.

Tariff Item No	Article.	Unit.	Present Rate of Duty		Offers.
			Min.	Intern. (m.f.n.)	
			£. s. d.	£. s. d.	
279	Wood:				
(a)	Unmanufactured -				
(1)	softwood (coniferous)	per 100 cu.ft.	"Free Preference: Canada.	0. 4. 6.	Prepared to bind the rate of 4/6d per 100 cu.ft.
295	Paper:				
ex (b)	Graphitized, lithographic transfer, oiled, waxed, trans- parent cellulose, lined bottle tissue, plain tissue and greaseproof (plain or corrugated), and cover paper for use in the process of manufacturing boots and shoes	-		Free	Prepared to bind "Free".
(d)	Plain or composite, n.e.e. -				
ex (11)	cigarette paper in the original mill reels or rolls			Free	Prepared to bind "Free".

DELEGATION FINLANDAISE.

Annecy, le 28 juin 1949.

Monsieur le Secrétaire Exécutif,

J'ai bien reçu le texte codifié de la liste de l'Union Sud-Africaine de concessions tarifaires que vous avez bien voulu m'adresser aux fins d'examen et d'approbation.

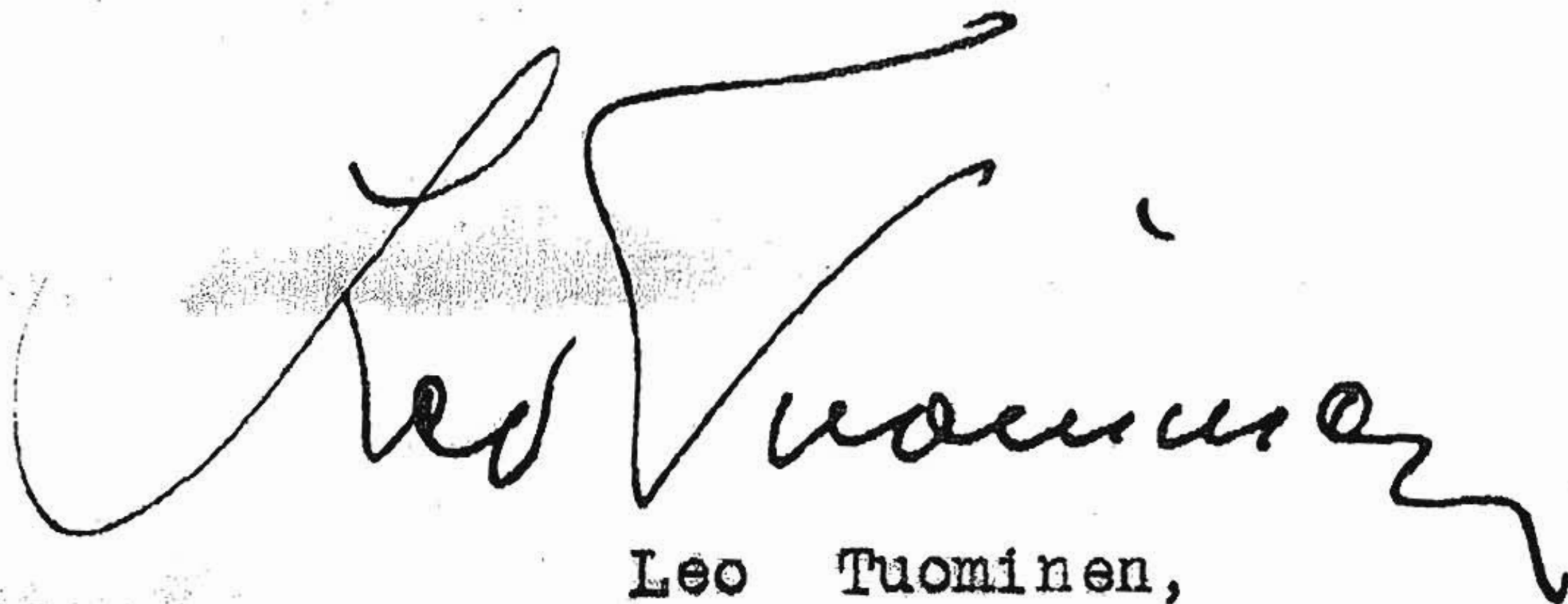
A mon regret, j'ai constaté que les concessions accordées par l'Union Sud-Africaine à la Finlande ne figurent pas sur ladite liste. En conséquence, je vous fais parvenir ci-joint la liste des offres finales en question et vous prie de vouloir bien insérer les positions en question dans la liste de l'Union Sud-Africaine de concessions.

J'attire votre attention sur le fait qu'aussi longtemps que les listes de conces-

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-sions de Genève et d'Annecy sont considérées comme listes indépendantes, il est, à l'avis de la délégation finlandaise, indispensable et conforme aux principes régissant les négociations de Gatt que l'on mentionne les concessions directes obtenues au cours des négociations bilatérales d'Annecy dans les listes de concessions établies à Annecy, même si ces concessions ont déjà été mentionnées dans les listes de Genève.

Veuillez agréer, Monsieur le Secrétaire Exécutif, l'assurance de ma haute considération.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Leo Tuominen'.

Leo Tuominen,
Vice-Président
de la Délégation finlandaise.

Secret.

Copy N:o 1.

Union of South Africa.

List of final offers made to Finland.

Tariff Item N:o	Article	Unit	Present Rate of Duty		Offers
			Min.	Interm. (m.f.n.)	
			L. s. d.	L. s. d.	
279	Wood:				
(a)	Unmanufactured -				
(i)	softwood (coniferous)	per loo cu.ft.	^x Free ^x Preference: Canada.	0. 4. 6.	Prepared to bind the rate of 4/6d per loo cu.ft.
295	Paper:				
ex (b)	Graphitized, lithographic transfer, oiled, waxed, transparent cellulose, lined bottle tissue, plain tissue and greaseproof (plain or corrugated), and cover paper for use in the process of manufacturing boots and shoes -			Free	Prepared to bind "Free"
(d)	Plain or composite, n.e.e., -				
ex (ii)	cigarette paper in the original mill reels or rolls			Free	Prepared to bind "Free"

30 June 1949

Mr. G. J. Steyn
Delegation of South Africa
Hotel Verdun
Annecy.

Dear Mr. Steyn:

As agreed in our conversation I am enclosing a translation of the letter addressed to the Executive Secretary by the Vice-Chairman of the Finnish Delegation.

I should like to hear from you as soon as it is possible.

Very truly yours,

G. Maggio

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Copy of letter addressed to the Executive Secretary
by the Finnish Delegation

DELEGATION OF FINLAND

Annecy, June 28, 1949

I have received the consolidated text of the South African list of concessions which you addressed to me for examination and approval.

I regret to notice that the concessions granted to Finland by the Union of South Africa do not appear on this list. I am consequently sending you a list of the final offers in question and would request you kindly to insert the relevant items in the South African list of concessions.

I call your attention to the fact that as long as the Geneva and Annecy lists of concessions are considered independent lists, it is, in the opinion of the Finnish delegation essential, and in accordance with the principles governing the GATT negotiations, that the direct concessions obtained in the course of bilateral negotiations at Annecy be mentioned in the consolidated lists set up at Annecy even if these concessions are mentioned in the Geneva lists.

(Sgd.) Leo Tuominen

Vice-Chairman of the
Finnish Delegation

DELEGATION OF THE UNION OF
SOUTH AFRICA



DÉLÉGATION DE L'UNION DE
L'AFRIQUE DU SUD

Hotel Verdun,

ANNECY,

13th July, 1949.

The Executive Secretary,
I.T.O. Interim Commission,
Hotel Verdun,
ANNECY.

Dear Sir,

I attach, for your information, a copy of a communication which I have addressed to the Vice-Chairman of the Finnish Delegation regarding Finland's request that the concessions appearing in South Africa's final list of offers made to that country should be incorporated in the South African consolidated schedule of concessions negotiated at Annecy.

Yours faithfully,

Jeff Steyn
For SOUTH AFRICAN DELEGATION.

Hotel Verdun,

ANNECY,

13th July, 1949.

Sir,

South Africa's Final List of Offers
made to Finland.

I have the honour to refer to the discussion which I had with you yesterday afternoon concerning your Delegation's request that the concessions appearing in the final list of offers made to Finland by South Africa should be incorporated in the South African consolidated schedule of concessions negotiated at Annecy.

2. As I had the honour to explain to you in the course of our discussions, it is my Delegation's impression that your request must be due to a misunderstanding as to what the South African negotiating team actually agreed to do when the tariff negotiations between South Africa and Finland were finalized.

3. It had all along been my Delegation's understanding that we would include in South Africa's final offer list to Finland those concessions appearing in the Geneva schedule to which Finland attached particular importance, but that these concessions would not be duplicated in the Annecy schedule. In fact, the South African Delegation has, in the course of its negotiations at Annecy, consistently refused the requests of other acceding countries for duplication in the Annecy schedule of items appearing in our Geneva schedule despite the fact that some of these items were included in our lists of direct offers to the countries concerned.

4. Since it is explicitly provided in paragraph 2 of the Draft Protocol of Accession that, upon entry into force of the Protocol with respect to each acceding government, that government shall become a contracting party as defined in Article XXII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, it seems to my Delegation that Finland would, upon acceding to the General Agreement, automatically receive full title to all the South African concessions in the Geneva schedules regardless of whether or not any of these concessions has been duplicated in the Annecy schedule.

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Mr. Leo Tuominen,
Vice-Chairman,
Finnish Delegation,
Hotel Imperial Palace,
ANNECY.

5. In the course of the negotiations between our two Delegations it was agreed, however, that South Africa would include in its final offer list to Finland those concessions appearing in the Geneva schedule to which your Delegation attached particular importance, thus ensuring that, quite apart from any ordinary title which Finland would secure to these concessions under the most favoured nation provisions of the General Agreement, your country would have a special position inasmuch as it would be regarded as one of the countries with which the concessions in question were initially negotiated.

6. I should, therefore, like to confirm the assurance verbally conveyed to you in the course of our discussions yesterday afternoon, that the non-inclusion in the South African consolidated schedule of Annecy concessions of the items appearing in South Africa's final offer list to Finland does not in any way change your country's status with regard to the latter concessions. These concessions remain offers made to Finland direct and in respect of which Finland will, in terms of Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, be regarded as a country with which the concessions referred to were initially negotiated.

7. I trust that, in the light of the explanations furnished above, your Delegation will agree not to press your request for duplication in the South African consolidated schedule of Annecy concessions of those items in our Geneva schedule on which direct offers were made to Finland in the course of the tariff negotiations between our two Delegations.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your obedient servant,


for South African Delegation.

DELEGATION OF THE UNION OF
SOUTH AFRICA



DÉLÉGATION DE L'UNION DE
L'AFRIQUE DU SUD

Hotel Verdun,

ANNECY,

19th July, 1949.

The Executive Secretary,

Interim Commission of the International
Trade Organisation,

HOTEL VERDUN.

Dear Sir,

With reference to my letter of the 13th July under cover of which I forwarded a copy of a communication to the Finnish Delegation concerning Finland's request that the concessions appearing in South Africa's final list of offers made to that country should be incorporated in the South African consolidated schedule of concessions negotiated at Annecy, I now attach, for completion of your records, a copy of the Finnish Delegation's reply.

Yours faithfully,

Esht Steyn
for South African Delegation.

FINNISH DELEGATION

No 284

Annecy, 15.7.1949.

Sir,

This is to confirm the receipt of your letter of 13th July regarding South Africa's final list of offers made to Finland and the Finnish request to see the concessions appearing in the final list mentioned above incorporated in the South African consolidated schedule of concessions negotiated at Annecy.

I have taken note of your statement that even if those concessions are not mentioned in the South African consolidated schedule of concessions at Annecy, they will remain offers made to Finland direct and in respect of which Finland will, in terms of Article XXVIII of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, be regarded as a country with which the concessions referred to were initially negotiated.

In the light of this explanation the Finnish Delegation will agree not to press its request for duplication in the South African consolidated schedule of Annecy concessions of those items in your Geneva schedule on which direct offers were made to Finland in the course of the tariff negotiations at Annecy.

Sincerely yours

Leo Tuominen
Vice-Chairman of the
Finnish Delegation

Mr. G.J.F. Steyn,
South African Delegation,
Hôtel Verdun, 19.
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