

REQUESTS BY THE UNITED STATES FOR CONCESSIONS FROM LIBERIA AT THE FORTHCOMING
TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS AT ANNEX COMMENCING APRIL 11, 1949

Schedule	Para- graph	Commodity	Requested concessions	
			Present Rate	Proposed Agreement Rate
1	7c	Condensed, evaporated or dried milk	\$0.02 per lb.	\$0.015 per lb.
3	1c	Rice, milled or polished	\$1.00 per 100 lbs.	\$1.00 per 100 lbs.
3	2a	Wheat flour	Reserve the right to request a concession	
4	1a	Rubber and synthetic rubber and allied gums and manufactures: Vehicle tires, casings, and inner tubes including those for indus- trial, agricultural, and road building	20% ad val.	20% ad val.
4	1b	Rubber coments, tire sundries, and repair materials, and rubber and friction tape.	30% ad val.	20% ad val.
4	3a	Leaf tobacco	\$0.24 per lb.	\$0.18 per lb.
4	3d	Cigarettes	\$0.30 per 100	\$0.25 per 100
5	1a	Cotton cloth (except laces and mattings) in the piece or bolt; unbleached; bleached white, printed, dyed or colored	30% ad val.	20% ad val.
5	1e	Cotton blankets, towels, bed sheets, pillow cases, table cloths, and table napkins	30% ad val.	25% ad val.
7	1d	Lubricating oil, including paraffine oil	\$0.25 per imp. gal.	\$0.10 per imp. gal.
7	2e	Cement	\$0.10 per 100 lbs.	\$0.10 per 100 lbs.
8	8	Tools, mechanical, mining, carpenters, agricultural, in- cluding garden hoes	Free	Free
8	11a	Lamps and lanterns and parts ex- cept electric	30% ad val.	20% ad val.

Schedule	Para- graph	Commodity	Requested concessions	
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9	2b	Power driven industrial machinery for manufacturing, refrigerating, mining construction, road building and well drilling, and parts.	10% ad val.	10% ad val.
9	6a	Passenger motor vehicles, including auto busses, parts and accessories	10% ad val.	10% ad val.
9	6b	Trucks and trailers, parts, and accessories	10% ad val.	10% ad val.
10	3a	Household, industrial and agricultural insecticides, fungicides, exterminators, deodorants, repellents, and similar preparations, not specially provided for	30% ad val.	10% ad val.
10	4b	Compressed, liquidified and solidified gases	30% ad val.	30% ad val.
10	8b	Common or laundry soap	\$0.04 per lb.	\$0.02 per lb.
11	2c	Dental supplies, including teeth, dental gold, precious or other alloys for repairing teeth and other dental supplies	10% ad val.	10% ad val.

Excellency:

I have the honor to refer to paragraph IV (iv) of the "Memorandum on Tariff Negotiations to be Held in Geneva Commencing 11 April 1949" (GATT/CP.2/26). Pursuant to that paragraph I enclose, under instructions from my Government, two copies of a list of the tariff concessions which it will request from the Liberian Government in these negotiations. As the Government of Liberia is doubtless aware, it is now planned to hold these negotiations at Annecy, France, instead of Geneva as originally contemplated.

My Government also wishes to reserve the right to amend its requests and, particularly, to discuss in the negotiations any other charges, restrictions, or regulations affecting the importation into, or the sale or distribution within, Liberia of products covered by the attached list.

In accordance with the aforementioned paragraph IV (iv), my Government is also transmitting forty copies of the

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enclosed list a nd of this note to Mr. Eric Wyndham-White,
Executive Secretary, Interim Commission for the International
Trade Organization, for transmission to the other
Governments which will participate in the negotiations
at Annecy.

Accept, Excellency, the assurances of my most
distinguished consideration.

Enclosure:

"Requests by the United
States for Concessions
from Liberia".

TARIFF CONCESSIONS REQUESTED BY LIBERIA FROM THE
UNITED STATES

<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description of product</u>	<u>Present Rate</u>	<u>Requested Rate</u>
1684	Palmyra, Piassava and palm leaf fibers, n.e.s....	Free	Bound
1697	India rubber, crude, Latex...	Free	Bound
1732	Oils, expressed or extracted, Palm oil...	Free	Bound

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SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF REQUESTS FOR CONCESSIONS BY
LIBERIA ON PRODUCTS OF INTEREST TO THE UNITED STATES

The United States Delegation has reexamined carefully its request list of March 22, 1949 and wishes to amend its initial request list as indicated in the table below.

These supplementary requests are made ad referendum and are subject to approval by the United States trade agreement organization.

Schedule	Para-graph	Commodity description	Concession : : previously : requested	: Amended : request
3	1g	Rice, paddy, rough or broken	None	Bind present rate of \$0.24 per 100 lbs.
3	2a	Wheat flour	Reserved	Bind present rate of \$1.00 per 100 lbs.
10	3a	Household, industrial and agricultural insecticides, fungicides, exterminators, deodorants, repellents, and similar preparations, not specially provided for	10%	Free
10	4b	Compressed, liquified and solidified gases	30% ad val.	20% ad val.
10	8a	Medicated or perfumed soaps	10¢ lb.	5¢ lb.
11	2c	Dental supplies, including: teeth, dental gold, precious or other alloys: for repairing teeth and other dental supplies	10% ad val.	Free

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MEMORANDUM TO ACCOMPANY UNITED STATES INITIAL OFFER LIST
TO LIBERIA

The Delegation of Liberia is doubtless aware that the granting of tariff concessions by the United States is made pursuant to the Trade Agreements Act. Under that Act public announcement of intention to enter into tariff negotiations with each country is made, and a list of products on which the United States will consider granting concessions is issued. Also, under the Act as presently in force, copies of these lists are transmitted to the United States Tariff Commission. The Commission is required to make a report to the President not later than 120 days after receipt of the list with respect to each article in the list.

That report has now been made in respect of the lists of items, including that for Liberia, which accompanied the public notice of December 17, 1948, and the attached list contains the tariff concessions which the United States is prepared to offer in respect of the items on the Liberian list.

The offers in the attached list are expressed in terms which will facilitate reference to United States import statistics; the items are identified by statistical class numbers in accordance with Schedule A, United States Department
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of Commerce Statistical Classification of Imports into the United States, September 1, 1946 edition, as well as by tariff paragraphs. In the final agreement slight variations in the language used may be necessary in order to have a definitive legal description of the product involved, but the coverage of products will not be changed.

The United States Delegation desires to make clear that the offers of tariff concessions made by the United States are made (1) in the light of the requests for tariff concessions made by the United States upon the acceding countries, and (2) on the assumption that the tariff negotiations between the other governments participating in the Ancey negotiations will result in substantial benefits to the United States.

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LIST OF ITEMS UPON WHICH THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA OFFERS TARIFF CONCESSIONS
TO LIBERIA

Tariff Act of 1930 Paragraph	1947 Statistical Number	Commodity Description	Rate of Duty	
			Present	Proposed
1684	3409.300	Palmyra, piassava, and palm leaf fibers, n.e.s.	Free	Bind Free
1697	2011.000	India rubber, crude (not including jelutong or pontianak): Latex	Free	Bind Free
1732	2243.000	Oils, expressed or extracted: Palm oil	Free	Bind ^{1/} Free

1/ Subject to item 54 of Schedule XX of the General Agreement on
Tariffs and Trade.

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INITIAL LIST OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS OFFERED BY LIBERIA TO THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description of Product</u>	<u>Present Rate</u>	<u>Offered Rate</u>
<u>Sch. 3</u> 1b	Rice, paddy rough or broken... per 100lbs.	24cts	Bound
1c	Rice, milled or polished... per 100 lbs.	\$1.00	Bound
Ex 2a	Wheat flour... per 100 lbs.	\$1.00	Bound
<u>Sch. 4</u> 1b	Rubber cements, tire sundries, and repair materials and rubber and friction tape... ad.val.	30%	20%
1a	Vehicle tires, casings and inner tubes...	20%	Bound
3a	Tobacco leaf... per lb.	24cts.	18cts.
<u>Sch. 7</u> 1d	Lubricating oil, including paraffine oil... per. Imp. gal.	25cts.	15cts.
2e	Cement... per 100 lbs.	10cts.	Bound
<u>Sch. 8.</u> 8	Tools, agricultural, horticultural, carpenters or mechanics not specially provided for...	Free	Bound Free
11a	Lamps and lanterns and parts, except electric... ad.val.	30%	20%
<u>Sch. 9</u> 2b	Power driven industrial machinery for manufacturing, refrigeration, mining, construction, road building, and well drilling and parts... ad.val.	10%	Bound
5	Agricultural and horticultural machinery appliances and parts, n.s.p.(not including motor vehicles.)... ad.val.	10%	Free
6a	Passenger vehicles, parts and accessories...	10%	Bound
6b	Trucks and trailers, parts and accessories..	10%	Bound
<u>Sch. 10</u> 2	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products n.s.b.(In case of dispute, the Director of public Health and Sanitation shall be the final authority as to the admissibility of articles under this paragraph.) ad.val.	30%	Free
3a	Household, industrial and agricultural		

INITIAL LIST OF TARIFF CONCESSIONS OFFERED BY LIBERIA TO THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (Cont.)

<u>Tariff Item</u>	<u>Description of product</u>	<u>Present Rate</u>	<u>Offered Rate</u>
3a	insecticides, fungicides, exterminators deodorants, repellents and similar preparations, n.o.p... ad.val.	30%	Free
4b	Compressed, liquified and solidified gases... ad.val.	30%	20%
6	Fertilizers and fertilizer materials...	30%	Free
8a	Toilet, medicated or perfumed soaps... per lb.	10cts	8cts.
8b	Common or laundry soaps... per lb.	4cts.	3cts.
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2c	Dental supplies, including teeth, dental gold, precious or other alloys for repairing teeth and other dental supplies... ad.val.	10%	Free

It should be noted that all imports into Liberia
are subject to a surtax of 15% of the tariff duty.

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LIST OF TARIFF SCHEDULES OFFERED BY LIBERIA TO THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
May 15, 1949

Para.	Description	Present Rate	Offered Rate
7c	Condensed, evaporated or dried milk	\$0.02 lb.	Bind
1b	Rice, paddy rough or broken	\$0.84 per 100 lbs.	Bind
1c	Rice, milled or polished	\$1.00 per 100 lbs.	Bind
2a	Wheat flour	\$1.00 per 100 lbs.	Bind
1a	Vehicle tires, casings and inner tubes	25%	Bind
1b	Rubber cements, tire annulars, and repair materials and rubber and friction tape	30% ad valorem	20% ad valorem
1c	Rubber footwear, including boots and shoes Minimum	40% ad valorem \$0.48 pair	20% ad valorem \$0.24 pair
1d	Footwear with rubber or composition soles and fabric tops or uppers Minimum	40% ad valorem \$0.24 pair	20% ad valorem \$0.12 pair
3a	Tobacco leaf	\$0.24 per lb.	\$0.18 per lb.
3b	Cigars	40% ad valorem	30% ad valorem
3d	Cigarettes	\$0.20 per 100	Bind
1a	Cotton cloth (except laces and mattings) in the piece or bolt, unbleached; bleached white, printed, dyed or colored	30% ad valorem	Bind
1d	Cotton tents and remnants	\$0.24 lb.	\$0.12 lb.
1e	Cotton blankets, towels, head-ties, and mosquito nettings	30% ad valorem	25% ad valorem
1d	Lubricating oil, including paraffine oil	\$0.25 per imp. gal.	\$0.18 1/2 per imp. gal.
2a	Cement	\$0.10 per 100 lbs.	Bind
3	Tools, agricultural, horticultural, carpenters or mechanics not specially provided for	Free	Bind Free

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Para.	Description	Present Rate	Offered Rate
11a	Lamps and lanterns and parts, except electric	30% ad valorem	20% ad valorem
2b	Power driven industrial machinery for manufacturing, refrigeration, mining, construction, road building, and well drilling and parts	10% ad valorem	Bind
5	Agricultural and horticultural machinery appliances and parts n.s.p. (not including motor vehicles)	10% ad valorem	Free
6a	Passenger vehicles, parts and accessories	10%	Bind
6b	Trucks and trailers, parts and accessories	10%	Bind
2	Medicinal and pharmaceutical products n.s.b. (In case of dispute, the Director of public Health and Sanitation shall be the final authority as to the admissibility of articles under this paragraph.)	30%	Free
3a	Household, industrial and agricultural insecticides, fungicides, exterminators, deodorants, repellents and similar preparations, n.o.p.	30% ad valorem	Free
4b	Compressed, liquified and solidified gases	30% ad valorem	20% ad valorem
6	Fertilizers and fertilizer materials	20%	Free
8a	Toilet, medicated or perfumed soaps	\$0.10 per lb.	\$0.03 per lb.
8b	Common or laundry soap	\$0.04 per lb.	\$0.03 per lb.
2c	Dental supplies, including teeth; dental gold, precious or other alloys for repairing teeth and other dental supplies	10% ad valorem	Free

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4	1e	Rubber footwear, including boots and shoes	40% ad val.	20% ad val.
		Minimum	\$0.48 pair	\$0.24 pair
4	1f	Footwear with rubber or composition soles and fabric tops or uppers	40% ad val.	20% ad val.
		Minimum	\$0.24 pair	\$0.12 pair
4	3c	Cigars	40% ad val.	30% ad val.

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LIBERIAN DELEGATION
GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE
ANNECY

May 13, 1949

Mr. E. Wyndham White
Executive Secretary
GATT
Annecy, France

Dear Mr. White;

We have the honor to inform you that in a meeting held today, May 13, 1949, between the United States and Liberia the two delegations agreed to the tariff concessions as set forth in the lists of offers exchanged.

Enclosed please find two copies of the final list of tariff concessions offered by each country.

For Liberia


John W. Cooper

For the United States


Horace Smith

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