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ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Economic Cooperation Strategy outlined. On 12 November 2003, the leaders of Cambodia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Myanmar and Thailand announced a new economic initiative aimed at accelerating growth and promoting regional cooperation. The strategy was agreed by the four countries at a summit held from 10 to 12 November 2003 in Myanmar and expressed their commitment to boost trade and investment; improving agricultural and industrial cooperation; and promoting tourism and job creation. During the summit, Thailand announced the establishment of Ayeyawadi-Chao Praya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy which would set up a line of credit to give financial support to carry out road projects in the other three nations concerned.

US-ASEAN Business Council, 13 November 2003

<http://www.us-asean.org/headlines.asp>

First rail trip between China and Mongolia of the Trans-Asian Railway project. On 8 November 2003, China and Mongolia launched the cargo train service between the port of Tianjin (China) and Ulaanbaatar (Mongolia). The new train service is part of a project sponsored by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) to connect Asia and Europe by a rail network. The countries involved - China, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Republic of Korea and Russian Federation - have recently agreed to boost rail movement across borders and recognize the role of railways in regional economic development. The ESCAP project is intended to provide land-bridge services linking two of the world's most economically active regions, northeast Asia and the European Union.

United Nations News, 7 November 2003

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=8823&Cr=asia&Cr1=pacific>

ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN)

ASEAN-Australia Development Cooperation Programme launched. The Australian government has launched a USD 31.7 million aid program to strengthen economic integration and competitiveness in the ASEAN region. Priorities for the program include trade issues, such as agricultural pests, disease and safety issues, improved customs and quarantine services, food quality standards, e-commerce, the labor market and human resources development planning and the competitiveness of small and medium enterprises. The program has three main components: interrelated capacity-building activities on economic integration and competitiveness; the regional partnership scheme including smaller collaborative activities enhancing regional development; and the regional economic policy support facility with a policy research facility on economic issues within the ASEAN Secretariat. The AADCP is a new phase of the ASEAN-Australia Economic Cooperation Program, which started in 1974.

US-ASEAN Business Council, 31 October 2003

<http://www.us-asean.org/headlines.asp>

AUSTRALIA

Australia and China sign Trade and Economic Framework. On 24 October 2003, Australia and China signed the Australia-China Trade and Economic Framework to enhance trade and investment linkages between the two countries. The Framework sets the agenda for the bilateral trade and economic relationship over the coming years. It covers a wide range of activities on different issues and sectors including agriculture, clothing and footwear, education, energy and mining, ICT, investment, services, textiles and policy issues including food safety, health, customs cooperation and intellectual property rights. The Australia-China Framework follows Australia's free trade agreements signed with Singapore and Thailand, as well as the trade and economic framework signed in July 2003 with Japan.

Australia Trade Ministry

Media Release (MVT85/ 2003), 24 October 2003

http://www.trademinister.gov.au/releases/2003/mvt085_03.html

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

Proposal to extend and enhance GSP scheme. On 29 October 2003, the European Commission presented to the European Council of Ministers a proposal to extend and enhance the current Generalized System of Preferences (GSP). The Commission has proposed to extend the current GSP scheme for the period 1 January 2005 to 31 December 2005, beyond its current expiry date on 31 December 2004. It has also proposed to amend the current GSP so that trade preferences are only adjusted (“graduated”) for the large beneficiaries of the GSP system. Under the proposal, developing countries accounting for less than 1 per cent of GSP imports will not be graduated. Lastly, the EU Commission has also proposed to adjust the conditions for the application of the special benefits under the GSP “social scheme”, so that preferences are enhanced if beneficiaries give proof of progress towards the incorporation and application of internationally agreed social standards.

EU Trade News, 29 October 2003

http://europa.eu.int/comm/trade/issues/global/gsp/pr291003_en.htm

INDONESIA

Bilateral cooperation with Tajikistan improved. On 28 October 2003, Indonesia and Tajikistan signed a series of agreements to improve bilateral cooperation in several sectors. The Agreements signed between the two countries include the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on foreign affairs, MOU on avoidance of double taxation, MOU on investment promotion and protection and MOU on the establishment of joint commission. Indonesia and Tajikistan also signed the MOU on bilateral trade cooperation and MOU on tourism cooperation. Annual volume of bilateral trade between Indonesia and Tajikistan is about USD 300,000. Tajikistan exports cotton to Indonesia and Indonesia sells polyester yarn and cotton yarn to Tajikistan.

Indonesia Export Promotion Agency, 29 October 2003

<http://www.nafed.go.id/news/index.php?artc=883>

SINGAPORE

Regulation on Imports and Exports amended. On 11 November 2003, Singapore approved a series of amendments to its Regulation of Imports and Exports intended to safeguard the country as a major trading hub and boost its reputation as a responsible trade partner. Under the amended regulation, the Minister of Trade and Industry can forbid the export of certain goods - currently limited to textiles and garments - unless they meet conditions that comply with preferential tariff arrangements between Singapore and its trade partners. The changing of origin labels on goods traded through Singapore - previously not an offence - will now be penalized with a maximum fine of 100,000 Singapore Dollars (about USD 58,500) or three times the goods' value, or/and jail for two years for first-time offenders. For subsequent offences, the fine will be doubled and the jail sentence increased to three years.

US-ASEAN Business Council, 13 November 2003

<http://www.us-asean.org/headlines.asp>

UZBEKISTAN

New customs facility on border with Afghanistan. On 9 November 2003, Uzbekistan opened a new customs facility at Hairatan on the border with Afghanistan. The customs facility is located a few kilometers from the city of Termez, which has efficient transport links with much of Central Asia. The new facility will allow closer inspection of vehicles and cargo, thereby enabling increased traffic across the border. It will also enable the linking of the countries of Central Asia through trans-Afghan transport corridors to the sea.

Asian Development Bank - Media Center, 14 November 2003

<http://www.adb.org/>

CUSTOMS REGULATIONS AND CHARGES CT-70

CHINA

China designates 3 ports for new pharmaceutical and biomedical imports. With effect from 1 January 2004, China has appointed Beijing, Shanghai and the southern city of Guangzhou as the sole ports of entry for imports of biomedical products and other pharmaceutical goods to be sold in the country for the first time. The biomedical products include vaccines and hematological products. After this new designation, from 1 January 2004, all imported drugs will be allowed to enter China from 18 designated ports, including Beijing, Shanghai and the northern municipality of Tianjin.

Hong Kong (China) Trade and Industry Department

Industry News, 4 November 2003

<http://my.tdctrade.com/chinainfohub/show.asp?articleID=28473&catID=8>

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

Tariffs: Import duties in the cereals sector. The Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1951/2003 of 4 November 2003, effective from 5 November 2003, was adopted to amend the import duties in the cereals sector referred to in Article 10(2) of Regulation (EEC) No. 1766/92. The import duties fixed in Annexes I and II to the amended Regulation (EC) No. 1936/2003 are hereby replaced by Annexes I and II to this Regulation.

ANNEX I

Import duties for the products covered by Article 10(2) of Regulation (EEC) No. 1766/92

CN Code	Description	Import duty ⁽¹⁾ (EUR/ton)
1001 10 00	Durum wheat high quality	0.00
	medium quality	0.00
	low quality	0.00
1001 90 91	Common wheat seed	0.00
ex 1001 90 99	Common high quality wheat other than for sowing	0.00
1002 00 00	Rye	10.80
1005 10 90	Maize seed other than hybrid	32.48
1005 90 00	Maize other than seed ⁽²⁾	32.48
1007 00 90	Grain sorghum other than hybrids for sowing	10.80

⁽¹⁾ For goods arriving in the Community via the Atlantic Ocean or via the Suez Canal [Article 2(4) of Regulation (EC) No. 1249/96], the importer may benefit from a reduction in the duty of:

- EUR 3 per ton, where the port of unloading is on the Mediterranean Sea, or
- EUR 2 per ton, where the port of unloading is in Ireland, the United Kingdom, Denmark, Sweden, Finland or the Atlantic coasts of the Iberian peninsula.

⁽²⁾ The importer may benefit from a flat-rate reduction of EUR 24 per ton, where the conditions laid down in Article 2(5) of Regulation (EC) No. 1249/96 are met.

ANNEX II

Factors for calculating duties

(period from 31 October to 3 November 2003)

1. Averages over the two-week period preceding the day of fixing:

Exchange quotations	Minneapolis	Chicago	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Minneapolis
Product (% proteins at 12% humidity)	HRS2. 14%	YC3	HAD2	Medium quality (*)	Low quality (**)	US barley 2
Quotation (EUR/t)	129.90 ^(****)	83.75	166.92 ^(***)	156.92 ^(***)	136.92 ^(***)	115.15 ^(***)
Gulf premium (EUR/t)	--	17.28	--	--	--	--
Great Lakes premium (EUR/t)	17.19	--	--	--	--	--

- (*) A discount of 10 EUR/t [Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 1249/96].
 (**) A discount of 30 EUR/t [Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 1249/96].
 (***) Fob Duluth.
 (****) Premium of 14 EUR/t incorporated [Article 4(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 1249/96].

2. Averages over the two-week period preceding the day of fixing:
 Freight/cost: Gulf of Mexico-Rotterdam: 24.95 EUR/t; Great Lakes-Rotterdam: 32.53 EUR/t.
3. Subsidy within the meaning of the third paragraph of Article 4(2) of Regulation (EC) No. 1249/96:
 0.00 EUR/t (HRW2); 0.00 EUR/t (SRW2).

Official Journal of the European Union, 5 November 2003
<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html>

Tariffs: Import duties in the rice sector. The Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1990/2003 of 12 November 2003, effective from 13 November 2003, was adopted to fix the import duties in the rice sector referred to in Article 11(1) and (2) of Regulation (EC) No. 3072/95. The import duties shall be adjusted in compliance with Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No. 1503/96 and fixed in Annex I to this Regulation on the basis of the information given in Annex II.

ANNEX I

Import duties on rice and broken rice

(EUR/t)

CN Code	Duties ⁽⁵⁾				
	Third countries (except ACP and Bangladesh) ⁽³⁾	ACP ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾⁽³⁾	Bangladesh ⁽⁴⁾	Basmati India and Pakistan ⁽⁶⁾	Egypt ⁽⁸⁾
1006 10 21	⁽⁷⁾	69.51	101.16		158.25
1006 10 23	⁽⁷⁾	69.51	101.16		158.25
1006 10 25	⁽⁷⁾	69.51	101.16		158.25
1006 10 27	⁽⁷⁾	69.51	101.16		158.25
1006 10 92	⁽⁷⁾	69.51	101.16		158.25
1006 10 94	⁽⁷⁾	69.51	101.16		158.25
1006 10 96	⁽⁷⁾	69.51	101.16		158.25
1006 10 98	⁽⁷⁾	69.51	101.16		158.25
1006 20 11	227.51	75.29	109.42		170.63
1006 20 13	227.51	75.29	109.42		170.63
1006 20 15	227.51	75.29	109.42		170.63
1006 20 17	261.87	87.32	126.60	11.87	196.41
1006 20 92	227.51	75.29	109.42		170.63
1006 20 94	227.51	75.29	109.42		170.63
1006 20 96	227.51	75.29	109.42		170.63
1006 20 98	261.87	87.32	126.60	11.87	196.41
1006 30 21	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 23	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 25	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 27	⁽⁷⁾	133.21	193.09		312.00
1006 30 42	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 44	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 46	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 48	⁽⁷⁾	133.21	193.09		312.00
1006 30 61	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 63	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 65	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 67	⁽⁷⁾	133.21	193.09		312.00
1006 30 92	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 94	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 96	377.40	119.70	173.79		283.05
1006 30 98	⁽⁷⁾	133.21	193.09		312.00
1006 40 00	⁽⁷⁾	41.18	⁽⁷⁾		96.00

- (1) The duty on imports of rice originating in the ACP States is applicable, under the arrangements laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No. 2286/2002 (OJ L 348, 21.12.2002, p. 5) and amended Commission Regulation (EC) No. 638/2003 (OJ L 93, 10.4.2003, p. 3).
- (2) In accordance with Regulation (EC) No. 1706/98, the duties are not applied to products originating in the African, Caribbean and Pacific States and imported directly into the overseas department of Reunion.
- (3) The import levy on rice entering the overseas department of Reunion is specified in Article 11(3) of Regulation (EC) No. 3072/95.
- (4) The duty on imports of rice not including broken rice (CN code 1006 40 00), originating in Bangladesh is applicable under the arrangements laid down in Council Regulation (EEC) No. 3491/90 (OJ L 337, 4.12.1990, p. 1) and amended Commission Regulation (EEC) No. 862/91 (OJ L 88, 9.4.1991, p. 7).
- (5) No import duty applies to products originating in the OCT pursuant to Article 101(1) of amended Council Decision 91/482/EEC (OJ L 263, 19.9.1991, p. 1).
- (6) For husked rice of the Basmati variety originating in India and Pakistan, a reduction of EUR/t 250 applies (Article 4a of amended Regulation (EC) No. 1503/96).
- (7) Duties fixed in the Common Customs Tariff.
- (8) The duty on imports of rice originating in and coming from Egypt is applicable under the arrangements laid down in Council Regulation (EC) No. 2184/96 (OJ L 292, 15.11.1996, p. 1) and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 196/97 (OJ L 31, 1.2.1997, p. 53).

ANNEX II

Calculation of import duties for rice

	Paddy	Indica rice		Japonica rice		Broken rice
		Husked	Milled	Husked	Milled	
1. Import duty (EUR/ton)	(1)	261.87	416.00	227.51	377.40	(1)
2. Elements of calculation:						
(a) Arag cif price (EUR/ton)	--	275.16	201.56	333.39	419.19	--
(b) fob price (EUR/ton)	--	--	--	307.30	393.10	--
(c) Sea freight (EUR/ton)	--	--	--	26.09	26.09	--
(d) Source	--	USDA and operators	USDA and operators	Operators	Operators	--

- (1) Duties fixed in the Common Customs Tariff.

Official Journal of the European Union, 13 November 2003
<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html>

NON-TARIFF MEASURES NT-72

CHINA

Interim Rules on Market Access Qualifications for the Production, Publication and Theatrical Release of Films. With effect from 1 December 2003, the Chinese Government has promulgated the "Interim Rules on Market Access Qualifications for the Production, Publication and Theatrical Release of Films". The new rules aim at regulating the market access of state owned and non-state owned enterprises involved in the production, publication and theatrical release of films, and foreign invested enterprises involved in the production and theatrical release of films.

Hong Kong (China) Trade and Industry Department
 Commercial Information Circular No. 282/2003, 17 November 2003
<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/asia/2003/ci2822003.html>

Rules Governing the Investigation of Injury to Domestic Industry under Anti-dumping, Anti-subsidy and Safeguard Measures. On 12 November 2003, the Chinese Government announced the promulgation of the "Rules Governing the Anti-dumping Investigation of Injury of Domestic Industry" and the "Rules Governing the Safeguard Investigation and Determination of Injury to Domestic Industry" issued on 17 October 2003. These rules will come into force 30 days after the announcement and will derogate previous legislation on such matter.

Hong Kong (China) Trade and Industry Department
Commercial Information Circular No. 276/2003, 12 November 2003
<http://www.tid.gov.hk/english/aboutus/tradecircular/cic/asia/2003/ci2762003.html>

2004 export quotas for industrial products. On November 2003, China issued its 2004 export quotas for industrial products including agricultural products, minerals and textiles. Under the new quotas, increased exports of textiles are allowed whereas all export quotas for minerals have been lowered. Export quotas for natural silk rose 10 per cent to 36,636 tons, and quotas for gray silk also increased 10 per cent to 212.34 million meters. Export quotas for tungsten and tungsten products were lowered 1.8 per cent to 16,000 tons for 2004, quotas for antimony and antimony products were reduced 1.9 per cent to 65,700 tons, stannum and stannum products were lowered 1.9 per cent to 63,700 tons and quotas for zinc and zinc products were reduced 2 per cent to 588,000 tons.

Hong Kong (China) Trade and Industry Department
Industry News, 4 November 2003
<http://my.tdtrade.com/chinainfohub/show.asp?articleID=28480&catID=8>

2004 tariff quotas on 4 farm products. On 3 November 2003, China issued tariff quotas for imports of colza oil, palm oil, soybean oil and sugar in the year 2004. The quotas on colza oil, palm oil, soybean oil and sugar will be 11.27 million, 2.7 million, 31.18 million and 19.45 million tons respectively. Tariff for imports within the quotas are 9 per cent for colza oil, palm oil and soybean oil and 15 per cent for sugar. The tariff for exceeding the quota will range from 30 to 190 per cent.

US-ASEAN Business Council, 4 November 2003
<http://www.us-asean.org/headlines.asp>

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

Issue of licences for the import of garlic in the quarter from 1 December 2003 to 29 February 2004. The Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1844/2003 of 17 October 2003, effective from 18 October 2003, was adopted to issue the licences for the import of garlic in the quarter from 1 December 2003 to 29 February 2004. The following provision was adopted:

Article 1

Applications for import licences lodged under Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No. 565/2002 on 13 and 14 October 2003 and sent to the Commission on 16 October 2003, shall be met at a per centage rate of the quantities applied for as set out in Annex I hereto.

Article 2

For each category of importer and the origin involved, applications for import licences under Article 3(1) of Regulation (EC) No. 565/2002 relating to the quarter from 1 December 2003 to 29 February 2004 and lodged after 14 October 2003 but before the date in Annex II hereto, shall be rejected.

ANNEX I

Origin of the products	Per centage allocations		
	China	Third countries other than China or Argentina	Argentina
-- traditional importers [Article 2(c) of Regulation (EC) No. 565/2002]	14.766%	100.000%	100.000%
-- new importers [Article 2(e) of Regulation (EC) No. 565/2002]	0.781%	14.219%	5.356%

ANNEX II

Origin of the products	Dates		
	China	Third countries other than China or Argentina	Argentina
-- traditional importers [Article 2(c) of Regulation (EC) No. 565/2002]	29.2.2004	--	--
-- new importers [Article 2(e) of Regulation (EC) No. 565/2002]	29.2.2004	5.1.2004	5.1.2004

--: No application for a licence has been sent to the Commission.

Official Journal of the European Union, 18 October 2003
<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html>

Quantitative measures: Standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables. The Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1986/2003 of 12 November 2003, effective from 13 November 2003, was adopted to establish the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables. The standard import values referred to in Article 4 of Regulation (EC) No. 3223/94 shall be fixed as indicated in the Annex below.

ANNEX

to the Commission Regulation of 12 November 2003 establishing the standard import values for determining the entry price of certain fruit and vegetables

(EUR/100 kg)

CN Code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0702 00 00	052	55.6
	096	47.8
	204	49.4
	999	50.9
0707 00 05	052	143.2
	999	143.2
0709 90 70	052	111.0
	204	101.6
	999	106.3
0805 20 10	204	61.1
	512	116.3
	999	88.7

CN Code	Third country code ⁽¹⁾	Standard import value
0805 20 30, 0805 20 50, 0805 20 70, 0805 20 90	052	81.8
	388	66.8
	504	97.5
	528	66.8
	999	78.2
0805 50 10	052	84.8
	388	67.9
	524	60.1
	528	81.9
	600	88.1
	999	76.6
0806 10 10	052	110.9
	400	205.6
	508	301.2
	999	205.9
0808 10 20, 0808 10 50, 0808 10 90	052	73.0
	060	38.7
	064	47.1
	096	84.1
	388	71.4
	400	72.1
	404	78.5
	720	36.1
	800	142.7
	804	238.9
	999	88.3
0808 20 50	052	105.8
	060	52.0
	064	59.9
	720	52.4
	999	67.5

⁽¹⁾ Country nomenclature as fixed by Commission Regulation (EC) No. 2020/2001 (OJ L 273, 16.10.2001, p. 6). Code '999' stands for 'of other origin'.

Official Journal of the European Union, 13 November 2003
<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html>

Quantitative measures: Transfers between the quantitative limits of textiles and clothing products originating in Macao, China. The Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1884/2003 of 24 October 2003, effective from 29 October 2003, was adopted to authorize the transfers between the quantitative limits for textile goods originating in Macao, China. The transfers which fixed by the Agreement between the EC and Macao, China, on Trade in textile products are authorized for the quota year 2003 in accordance with the Annex below.

ANNEX

743 Macao, China					Adjustment – advance use from 2004			
Group	Category	Unit	Limit 2003	Working level after previous adjustments	Quality	%	Flexibility	Working level
IB	5	pcs	13 763 000	13 256 419	550 520	4.0	Transfer from year 2004	13 806 939
IB	6	pcs	14 842 000	14 277 090	593 680	4.0	Transfer from year 2004	14 870 770

Official Journal of the European Union, 28 October 2003
<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html>

Quantitative measures: Transfers between the quantitative limits of textiles and clothing products originating in the Republic of Korea. The Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1872/2003 of 22 October 2003, effective from 26 October 2003, was adopted to authorize the transfers between the quantitative limits for textile goods originating in the Republic of Korea. The transfers are authorized for the quota year 2003 in accordance with the Annex below.

ANNEX

728 Republic of Korea				Adjusted working level	Adjustment – transfer between quantitative limits			
Group	Category	Unit	Limit 2003		Quality	%	Flexibility	New adjusted working level
IA	1	kg	909 000	936 270	81 810	9	Carryover from 2002+ advance use from 2004	1 018 080
IB	4	piece	16 533 000	17 690 310	1 487 970	9	Carryover from 2002+ advance use from 2004	19 178 280
IB	5	piece	36 091 000	37 868 221	1 443 640	4	Advance use from 2004	39 311 861
IB	6	piece	6 535 000	6 861 750	261 400	4	Advance use from 2004	7 123 150
IIB	12	pair	220 639 000	238 290 120	19 857 510	9	Carryover from 2002+ advance use from 2004	258 147 630
IIB	28	piece	1 264 000	1 365 120	113 760	9	Carryover from 2002+ advance use from 2004	1 478 880
IIB	83	kg	461 000	497 880	41 490	9	Carryover from 2002+ advance use from 2004	539 370
IIIA	35	kg	10 525 000	11 367 000	947 250	9	Carryover from 2002+ advance use from 2004	12 314 250

Official Journal of the European Union, 25 October 2003
<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html>

Quantitative measures: Unit values for the determination of the customs value of certain perishable goods. The Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1953/2003 of 4 November 2003, effective from 7 November 2003, was adopted to establish the unit values for the determination of the customs value of certain perishable goods. The unit values provided for in Article 173(1) of Regulation (EEC) No. 2454/93 are hereby established as set out in the Annex below.

ANNEX

Code	Description Species, varieties, CN code	Amount of unit values per 100 kg			
		EUR	DKK	SEK	GBP
1.10	New potatoes 0701 90 50	--	--	--	--
1.30	Onions (other than seed) 0703 10 19	29.60	220.08	267.85	20.32
1.40	Garlic 0703 20 00	161.01	1 196.91	1 456.72	110.50
1.50	Leeks ex 0703 90 00	75.66	562.44	684.53	51.93
1.80	White cabbages and red cabbages 0704 90 10	52.34	389.09	473.54	35.92
1.90	Sprouting broccoli or calabrese (<i>Brassica oleracea</i> <i>L. convar. botrytis</i> (L.) Alef var. <i>italica</i> Plenck) ex 0704 90 90	61.43	456.66	555.78	42.16

Code	Description	Amount of unit values per 100 kg			
	Species, varieties, CN code	EUR	DKK	SEK	GBP
1.100	Chinese cabbage ex 0704 90 90	54.27	403.43	491.00	37.25
1.130	Carrots ex 0706 10 00	18.15	134.92	164.21	12.46
1.140	Radishes ex 0706 90 90	92.37	686.66	835.71	63.39
1.160	Peas (<i>Pisum sativum</i>) 0708 10 00	368.36	2 738.29	3 332.67	252.80
1.170	Beans:				
1.170.1	Beans (<i>Vigna</i> spp., <i>Phaseolus</i> spp.) ex 0708 20 00	163.60	1 216.14	1 480.12	112.28
1.170.2	Beans (<i>Phaseolus</i> ssp. <i>vulgaris</i> var. <i>Compressus Savi</i>) ex 0708 20 00	118.17	878.45	1 069.13	81.10
1.200	Asparagus:				
1.200.1	-- green ex 0709 20 00	277.51	2 062.96	2 510.75	190.46
1.200.2	-- other 0709 20 00	448.34	3 332.89	4 056.33	307.70
1.210	Aubergines (eggplants) 0709 30 00	81.22	603.76	734.81	55.74
1.220	Ribbed celery (<i>Apium graveolens</i> L., var. <i>dulce</i> (Mill.) Pers.) ex 0709 40 00	79.14	588.31	716.01	54.31
1.230	Chantarelles 0709 59 10	994.91	7 395.96	9 001.35	682.81
1.240	Sweet peppers 0709 60 10	115.99	862.28	1 049.45	79.61
1.270	Sweet potatoes, whole, fresh (intended for human consumption) 0714 20 10	89.86	667.97	812.97	61.67
2.30	Pineapples, fresh ex 0804 30 00	83.56	621.17	756.00	57.35
2.40	Avocados, fresh ex 0804 40 00	187.07	1 390.67	1 692.53	128.39
2.50	Guavas and mangoes, fresh ex 0804 50 00	--	--	--	--
2.60	Sweet oranges, fresh:				
2.60.1	-- Sanguines and semi-sanguines 0805 10 10	44.68	332.14	404.24	30.66
2.60.2	-- Navels, navelines, navelates, salustianas, vernas, Valencia lates, Maltese, shamoutis, ovalis, trovita and hamlins 0805 10 30	51.97	386.33	470.19	35.67
2.60.3	-- Others 0805 10 50	48.13	357.79	435.45	33.03
2.70	Mandarins (including tangerines and satsumas), fresh; clementines, wilkings and similar citrus hybrids, fresh:				
2.70.1	-- Clementines	--	--	--	--
2.70.2	ex 0805 20 10	--	--	--	--
2.70.3	-- Monreales and satsumas ex 0805 20 30	--	--	--	--
2.70.4	-- Mandarines and wilkings ex 0805 20 50	--	--	--	--
	-- Tangerines and others ex 0805 20 70 ex 0805 20 90	--	--	--	--

Code	Description	Amount of unit values per 100 kg			
		EUR	DKK	SEK	GBP
2.85	Limes (<i>Citrus aurantifolia</i> , <i>Citrus latifolia</i>), fresh 0805 50 90	77.59	576.76	701.96	53.25
2.90	Grapefruit, fresh:				
2.90.1	-- white ex 0805 40 00	55.85	415.17	505.28	38.33
2.90.2	-- pink ex 0805 40 00	135.93	1 010.46	1 229.79	93.29
2.100	Table grapes 0806 10 10	--	--	--	--
2.110	Water melons 0807 11 00	38.49	286.13	348.23	26.42
2.120	Melons (other than water melons):				
2.120.1	-- Amarillo, cuper, honey dew (including cantalene), onteniente, piel de sapo (including verde liso), rochet, tendral, futuro ex 0807 19 00	41.72	310.13	377.44	28.63
2.120.2	-- Other ex 0807 19 00	86.68	644.37	784.23	59.49
2.140	Pears				
2.140.1	-- Pears -- nashi (<i>Pyrus pyrifolia</i>), Pears -- Ya (<i>Pyrus bretschneideri</i>) ex 0808 20 50	--	--	--	--
2.140.2	-- Other ex 0808 20 50	--	--	--	--
2.150	Apricots 0809 10 00	223.75	1 663.31	2 024.36	153.56
2.160	Cherries 0809 20 95 0809 20 05	452.96	3 367.21	4 098.11	310.87
2.170	Peaches 0809 30 90	205.67	1 528.90	1 860.76	141.15
2.180	Nectarines ex 0809 30 10	145.60	1 082.33	1 317.26	99.92
2.190	Plums 0809 40 05	134.27	998.15	1 214.82	92.15
2.200	Strawberries 0810 10 00	388.67	2 889.30	3 516.45	266.74
2.205	Raspberries 0810 20 10	304.95	2 266.94	2 759.00	209.29
2.210	Fruit of the species <i>Vaccinium myrtillus</i> 0810 40 30	413.01	3 070.23	3 736.67	283.45
2.220	Kiwi fruit (<i>Actinidia chinensis</i> Planch.) 0810 50 00	174.28	1 295.56	1 576.77	119.61
2.230	Pomegranates ex 0810 90 95	128.62	956.13	1 163.67	88.27
2.240	Khakis (including sharon fruit) ex 0810 90 95	355.41	2 642.05	3 215.54	243.92
2.250	Lychees ex 0810 90 30	--	--	--	--

Official Journal of the European Union, 6 November 2003
<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html>

Quantities to be allocated to importers from the first tranche of the 2004 Community quantitative quotas on certain products originating in China. The Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1956/2003 of 6 November 2003, effective from 7 November 2003, was adopted to establish the quantities to be allocated to importers from the first tranche of the 2004 Community quantitative quotas on certain products originating in China. The following provision was adopted:

Article 1

In response to licence applications in respect of the products listed in Annex I duly submitted by traditional importers, the competent national authorities shall allocate each importer a quantity or value equal to his imports for 1998 or 1999, as indicated by the importer, adjusted by the rate of reduction specified in the said Annex for each quota.

Where the use of this quantitative criterion would entail allocating an amount greater than that applied for, the quantity or value allocated shall be limited to that specified in the application.

Article 2

In response to licence applications in respect of the products listed in Annex II duly submitted by non-traditional importers, the competent national authorities shall allocate each importer a quantity or value equal to the amount requested within the limits set by Regulation (EC) No. 1351/2003, adjusted by the rate of reduction specified in the said Annex for each quota.

ANNEX I

**Rate of reduction (-) applicable to imports in 1998 or 1999
(traditional importers)**

Product description	HS/CN code	Rate of reduction
Footwear falling within HS/CN codes	ex 6402 99 ⁽¹⁾	- 63.77%
	6403 51 6403 59	- 43.90%
	ex 6403 91 ⁽¹⁾ ex 6403 99 ⁽¹⁾	- 66.42%
	ex 6404 11 ⁽²⁾	- 63.09%
	6404 19 10	- 35.39%
Tableware or kitchenware of porcelain or china falling within HS/CN code	6911 10	- 58.07%
Ceramic tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and toilet articles other than of porcelain or china falling within HS/CN code	6912 00	- 52.88%

⁽¹⁾ Excluding footwear involving special technology: shoes which have a cif price per pair of not less than EUR 9 for use in sporting activities, with a single- or multi-layer moulded sole, not injected, manufactured from synthetic materials specially designed to absorb the impact of vertical or lateral movements and with technical features such as hermetic pads containing gas or fluid, mechanical components which absorb or neutralize impact or materials such as low-density polymers.

⁽²⁾ Excluding:

(a) footwear which is designed for a sporting activity and has, or has provision for the attachment of, spikes, springs, stops, clips, bars or the like, with a non-injected sole;

(b) footwear involving special technology: shoes which have a cif price per pair price of not less than EUR 9 for use in sporting activities, with a single- or multi-layer moulded sole, not injected, manufactured from synthetic materials specially designed to absorb the impact of vertical or lateral movements and with technical features such as hermetic pads containing gas or fluid, mechanical components which absorb or neutralize impact or materials such as low-density polymers.

ANNEX II

**Rate of reduction (-) applicable to the volume requested within the limits of
The maximum amounts fixed by Regulation (EC) No. 1351/2003
(non-traditional importers)**

Product description	HS/CN code	Rate of reduction
Footwear falling within HS/CN codes	ex 6402 99 ⁽¹⁾	- 82.04%
	6403 51 6403 59	- 97.09%
	ex 6403 91 ⁽¹⁾ ex 6403 99 ⁽¹⁾	- 94.40%
	ex 6404 11 ⁽²⁾	- 91.15%
	6404 19 10	- 83.49%
Tableware or kitchenware of porcelain or china falling within HS/CN code	6911 10	- 71.85%
Ceramic tableware, kitchenware, other household articles and toilet articles, other than of porcelain or china, falling within HS/CN code	6912 00	- 78.15%

⁽¹⁾ Excluding footwear involving special technology: shoes which have a cif price per pair of not less than EUR 9 for use in sporting activities, with a single- or multi-layer moulded sole, not injected, manufactured from synthetic materials specially designed to absorb the impact of vertical or lateral movements and with technical features such as hermetic pads containing gas or fluid, mechanical components which absorb or neutralize impact or materials such as low-density polymers.

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Official Journal of the European Union, 7 November 2003
<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html>

Transitional product-specific safeguard mechanism for imports originating in China. The Council Regulation (EC) No. 1985/2003 of 10 November 2003, effective from 13 November 2003, was adopted to amend the Regulation (EC) No. 427/2003 on transitional product-specific safeguard mechanism for imports originating in China. The Annex I to the Regulation (EC) No. 427/2003 shall be replaced by the text in the Annex below.

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ANNEX I

Phasing-out timetable of industrial (non-textile) quotas on imports originating in China

Product description	HS/CN code	January to December 2003	January to April 2004	May to December 2004	2005
Footwear	ex 6402 99 ⁽¹⁾	47 480 959	18 201 035	58 538 970	Removal
	6403 51 6403 59	3 712 459	1 423 109	3 183 457	Removal
	ex 6403 91 ⁽¹⁾ ex 6403 99 ⁽¹⁾	14 698 530	5 634 436	13 992 904	Removal
	ex 6404 11 ⁽²⁾	22 106 953	8 474 332	18 901 998	Removal
	6404 19 10	38 683 955	14 828 849	33 502 413	Removal
Tableware, kitchenware of porcelain or china	6911 10	73 139	28 036	67 905	Removal
Ceramic tableware, kitchenware, other than of porcelain or china	6912 00	55 334	21 212	58 124	Removal

⁽¹⁾ Excluding footwear involving special technology: shoes which have a cif price per pair of not less than EUR 9 for use in sporting activities, with a single- or multi-layer moulded sole, not injected, manufactured from synthetic materials specially designed to absorb the impact of vertical or lateral movements and with technical features such as hermetic pads containing gas or fluid, mechanical components which absorb or neutralize impact or materials such as low-density polymers.

⁽²⁾ Excluding:

(c) footwear which is designed for a sporting activity and has, or has provision for the attachment of, spikes, springs, stops, clips, bars or the like, with a non-injected sole;

(d) footwear involving special technology: shoes which have a cif price per pair price of not less than EUR 9 for use in sporting activities, with a single- or multi-layer moulded sole, not injected, manufactured from synthetic materials specially designed to absorb the impact of vertical or lateral movements and with technical features such as hermetic pads containing gas or fluid, mechanical components which absorb or neutralize impact or materials such as low-density polymers.

Official Journal of the European Union, 13 November 2003
<http://europa.eu.int/eur-lex/en/oj/index.html>

INDIA

Anti-dumping duties on Metallurgical Coke. On 7 November 2003, the Indian Government announced the imposition of definite anti-dumping duties on imports of metallurgical coke, falling under HS sub-heading 2704 00 and originating in or exported from Japan. The new measure imposes an anti-dumping duty equal to the difference between amount specified in the corresponding entry in column of the Table below (Amount column) and the landed value of such imported goods. The anti-dumping duty imposed under this notification shall be effective until and inclusive of 12 May 2004 and shall be payable in Indian currency.

TABLE

HS Sub-heading	Description of goods	Country of origin	Country of export	Producer	Exporter	Amount	Unit of measurement	Currency
2704 00	Low ash metallurgical coke with ash content less than 15% (other than that containing phosphorous less than 0.0166% required for ferro alloy production)	Japan	Any country	Any producer	Any exporter	118.44	Metric tonne	US Dollar

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Exim Bank of India
Customs Notification No. 167/2003, 13 November 2003
<http://www.eximkey.com/copycon/dispatch.asp?archid=1880>

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA (U.S.A.)

WTO issues report on steel dispute. On 10 November 2003, the Appellate Body of the World Trade Organization issued its report on the Definitive Safeguard Measures imposed by the United States of America on Imports of Certain Steel Products declaring that such measures were inconsistent with the WTO Safeguards Agreement and the GATT 1994. The investigation was initiated following the complaints filed by Brazil, China, the European Union, Japan, New Zealand, Norway, the Republic of Korea and Switzerland.

World Trade Organization, 10 November 2003
http://www.wto.org/english/news_e/news_e.htm

INVESTMENT-RELATED INFORMATION IR-66

CHINA

Shanghai to upgrade its public transport system. On 1 November 2003, the city of Shanghai (China) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) constituting the Shanghai Sustainable Transport Partnership with a London-based foundation and the World Resources Institute. In the MOU the parties agree to establish a set of sustainable transport indicators and design an innovative mass transit system consisting of a bus rapid transit (BRT) model integrated with the city's existing and planned metro and light rail systems. The Shanghai Sustainable Transport Partnership will create a public-private partnership and develop a flexible and integrated transportation system for Shanghai.

World Business Council for Sustainable Development, 3 November 2003
<http://www.wbcsd.ch/>

EUROPEAN UNION

European Growth Initiative launched. On 11 November 2003, the European Commission launched the "European Growth Initiative" in an attempt to boost the European economy. As part of this initiative, the Commission issued list of 56 infrastructure projects including high-speed train lines, tunnels and roads. The list comprises 31 transport projects worth Euro 62 billion (about USD 71 billion), 17 in the energy field and eight for telecommunications, research and development. Sixty per cent of the total investment would come from the EU, including the European Investment Bank, and 40 per cent from the private sector. (For the complete list of projects, please refer to <http://www.eubusiness.com/afp/031111150552.hf0lwzjj>).

EU Business News, 11 November 2003
<http://www.eubusiness.com/afp/031111131950.xha11ta0>

INDIA

Reciprocal Lines of Credit Agreements with Hungary signed. On 7 November 2003, the EXIM Banks of India and Hungary signed two reciprocal Lines of Credit (LOCs) Agreements of USD 10 million each to finance trade between the two countries. Under the LOCs, importers of the two countries will access a credit facility, up to 85 per cent of contract value, for import of capital goods, industrial manufactures and services, from the other country. India's exports to Hungary during 2002-03 amounted to USD 48.6 million and the main items were readymade garments of cotton, cotton yarn fabrics, drugs, pharmaceuticals and fine chemicals, manufacture of metals, transport equipment and plastic and linoleum products. India's imports from Hungary during 2002-03 amounted to USD 24 million, the main items of import being electronic goods, paper boards.

Exim Bank of India, 7 November 2003
<http://www.eximbankindia.com/whatsnew.html>

INDONESIA

New procurement rules approved. On 3 November 2003, the Indonesian Government approved of a ruling to tighten procedures for procurement in the public sector. Although details of the ruling were not made available, the objective is to promote transparency and efficiency in the procurement of goods and services by the part of the Indonesian Government. The new ruling comes ahead of the government's plan to propose a law on public procurement, which is now in the drafting stage. The law, which will replace Presidential Decree No. 18/2000 on public sector procurement, is expected to ensure severe punishment for corruption in the procurement process.

The Jakarta Post, November 06, 2003
<http://www.thejakartapost.com/yesterdaydetail.asp?fileid=20031106.L04>

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU)

Digital Access Index launched. On 19 November 2003, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) launched the first Digital Access Index (DAI) ranking 178 economies on their ability to access and use new Information and Communication Technologies. In addition to measuring infrastructure, the new DAI measures the overall ability of individuals to access and use ICTs through new indicators like literacy levels and affordability. The DAI is expected to be a crucial tool in the implementation of the Plan of Action for the World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) and in the use of ICTs to meet the United Nations Millennium Development Goals.

International Telecommunication Union, 19 November 2003
http://www.itu.int/newsroom/press_releases/2003/Advisory-19.html

JAPAN

Investment agreement with Viet Nam signed. On 14 November 2003, Japan and Vietnam signed the Japan-Viet Nam Liberalization, Promotion and Protection Investment Agreement to attract Japanese investors to Viet Nam and guaranteeing them access to its market. The agreement guarantees national treatment and most-favored-nation treatment to the investors and their investments in both countries at the stage of pre-investment. It prohibits the respective authorities from imposing a so-called "performance requirement" to provide the rules in terms of liberalization, promotion and protection of investment in a comprehensive manner. The Agreement is expected to contribute to creating a more transparent and favorable environment for the investors in each country. Japan is the third largest investor in Viet Nam, with cumulative pledged investment totaling USD 4.45 billion.

Japan Ministry of Foreign Affairs, 11 November 2003
<http://www.mofa.go.jp/announce/press/2003/11/1114.html#3>

Tax treaty with the United States of America signed. On 6 November 2003, Japan and the United States of America signed a new version of the Convention for the Avoidance of Double Taxation and the Prevention of Fiscal Evasion with respect to Taxes on Income. The New Convention provides for substantial reductions in the withholding taxes imposed on cross-border dividends, interest and royalties. It includes the elimination of withholding taxes on all royalty income, the elimination of withholding taxes on certain interest income, including interest income earned by financial institutions and the elimination of withholding taxes on dividend income paid to parent companies with a controlling interest in the paying company. The New Convention updates the existing Convention between the two countries signed over 30 years ago.

The U.S. Department of State
The Washington File, 7 November 2003
<http://usinfo.state.gov/regional/ea/>

SINGAPORE

Capital market deal with China. On 31 October 2003, the Singapore Export Development Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Shanghai Technology Stock Exchange (STSE) entering into a partnership to forge closer ties between Chinese and Singapore enterprises, entrepreneurs and investors. Under the new MOU both parties will be able to leverage on the advantages and benefits offered by each location. Singapore will act as a gateway for China to Southeast Asia and as a new exchange platform for high technology Chinese enterprises into the region. Similarly, start-ups and investors in Singapore will be able to link with their counterparts under STSE and enter into the high growth Chinese market.

Singapore Export Development Board, 31 October 2003
http://www.sedb.com/edbcorp/sg/en_uk/index/in_the_news/press_releases/2003/one_of_the_largest.html

UZBEKISTAN

International payments and transactions eased. With effect from 15 October 2003, the government of Uzbekistan notified the International Monetary Fund (IMF) that it has accepted the obligations of Article VIII, Sections 2(a), 3, and 4 of the IMF's Articles of Agreement. Such acceptance implies that Uzbekistan will refrain from imposing restrictions on the making of payments and transfers for current international transactions, and will not to engage in or permit any of their fiscal agencies to engage in any discriminatory currency arrangements or multiple currency practices, except with IMF approval. Uzbekistan joined the Fund on 1 September 1992.

International Monetary Fund
Press Release No. 03/188, 11 November 2003
<http://www.imf.org/external/np/sec/pr/2003/pr03188.htm>

ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

Asian Forum on ICT Policies and e-Strategies. From 21 to 22 October 2003, representatives from 22 countries in the Asia Pacific region as well as regional and international organizations attended the Asian Forum on ICT Policies and e-Strategies held in Kuala Lumpur (Malaysia). Participants in the Forum endorsed the Kuala Lumpur Declaration on ICT Policies and e-Strategies in Asia and the Pacific to ensure the views of developing nations of the Asia-Pacific region are incorporated in the international discussions on formulating guidelines towards the Information Society at World Summit on Information Society - to be held from 10 to 12 December in Geneva (Switzerland). The Kuala Lumpur Declaration placed emphasis on specific policies on poverty reduction and the Millennium Development Goals, governance, gender, infrastructure and access, human capacity, enterprises and entrepreneurs, and regional co-operation. The specific needs and interests of least developed countries, landlocked and developing island nations of the Asia-Pacific region were also highlighted.

Asia-Pacific Development Information Programme, 27 October 2003
<http://www.apdip.net/asian-forum/default.asp>

Revised Agreement on Pacific Tuna Harvest signed. On 14 November 2003, representatives from Costa Rica, France, Mexico, Peru and the United States of America signed the Revised Agreement on Pacific Tuna Harvest. The revised Convention aims to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. The new Convention recognizes a precautionary approach to fisheries management to guarantee that impacts on associated and dependent species and species associated with the same ecosystem are taken into consideration. Additional provisions address bycatch practices rejecting captures of juvenile tunas and non-target species. The revised Convention, which will remain open for signature until 31 December 2004, incorporates the new international legal regime as reflected in the 1982 Law of the Sea Convention, 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement and other important legal instruments governing the conservation and management of fishery resources.

U.S. Department of State
The Washington File, 18 November 2003
<http://usinfo.state.gov/regional/ea/>

BANGLADESH

Incentives for exporting agro-products increased. With effect from 26 October 2003, the Government of Bangladesh announced the increase of the cash incentive for exporting agro-products including vegetables and fruits in order to promote export of these items. The Bangladesh Bank communicated to the commercial banks the decision to raise the vegetables export incentive from 20 per cent to 25 per cent. The government also announced that it will simplify the procedure of handing out the incentives to the exporters. Bangladesh exports fruits, vegetables and other agro-based products worth Taka 4 billion (about USD 70.5 million) annually. The main markets of Bangladeshi vegetable products are the countries in the Middle East and the United Kingdom.

News from Bangladesh, 13 November 2003
<http://www.bangladesh-web.com/news/nov/13/e13112003.htm#A4>

New micro-credit policy approved. On 9 November 2003, the Government of Bangladesh approved a new national micro-credit programme. The new programme has enhanced the present micro-credit ceilings and reduced the interest rate with a view to making the government-sponsored programmes in this field more effective for the target groups. The micro-credit ceiling for the individuals has been raised to Taka 5,000-100,000 from earlier Taka 2,000-50,000. The ceiling for the group level micro-credit has been raised to Taka 50,000-500,000. On the other hand, the interest rate has been fixed at 12 per cent against earlier 14 to 18 per cent. The policy also offers some incentives, for example, if a borrower repays 75 per cent of the installment timely, he will be eligible to take fresh loan again.

News from Bangladesh, 10 November 2003
<http://www.bangladesh-web.com/news/nov/10/e10112003.htm#A1>

CHINA

UN Secretariat office to open in China. On 19 November 2003, China and UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) signed the Host Country Headquarters Agreement to establish the first office of the United Nations Secretariat in China. The new office will be the headquarters of the Asian and Pacific Centre for Agricultural Engineering and Machinery (APCAEM)* and it is expected to open shortly in the International Science and Technology Convention Centre in Beijing (China). The opening of the Centre shows the recognition by ESCAP Member States of the importance of agro-based technologies in agricultural production in the region.

* *APCAEM member countries are: Bangladesh, China, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Iran, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines, the Republic of Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Viet Nam.*

United Nations News, 19 November 2003

<http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=8930&Cr=china&CrI=>

EUROPEAN UNION (EU)

Measures to promote textiles competitiveness proposed. The European Commission has announced new measures aimed at strengthening the competitiveness of the EU textile and clothing sector in anticipation of the elimination of the World Trade Organization (WTO) import quotas in January 2005. The Commission has identified areas to enhance the EU industry's dynamism and competitiveness and has called for specific action in external trade. In addition, it will set up a High-Level Group comprising representatives from the European Commission, Member States and stakeholders to explore initiatives and to make recommendations to EU and national policy makers on these issues. The Commission intends to report on the results achieved by spring 2005 and again by the end of 2006. (For further details, please refer to the full text of the communication, available at: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/enterprise/textile/COM2003.htm>).

European Commission, 28 October 2003

<http://trade-info.cec.eu.int/textiles/comm.cfm>

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR STANDARDIZATION (ISO)

New quality management systems for the oil and natural gas industry. The International Organization for Standardization (ISO) has issued a new technical specification for implementing the ISO 9001-based quality management systems (QMS). The new specification, *ISO/TS 29001:2003 Petroleum, petrochemical and natural gas industries - Sector-specific quality management systems - Requirements for product and service supply organizations*, aims to become the common basis for the industry's quality management system requirements worldwide. It includes sector-specific requirements for design, development, production, installation and service of products.

International Organization for Standardization, 10 November 2003

<http://www.iso.ch/iso/en/commcentre/pressreleases/2003/Ref879.html>

INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS UNION (ITU)

New global standard for optical transmission systems. The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) has reached agreement on a new global standard - ITU-T Recommendation G.959.1- that quadruples capacity of the optical transmission systems linking the nodes of telecommunication networks. The new standard allows a transmission speed of 40 Giga bits per second from previous 10 Gbit/s. The standard has been developed for carriers to bring down the cost per bit of data carried as well as the costs of network maintenance and management. Moving to higher bit-rates will reduce the number of optical systems required in a network.

International Telecommunications Union, 7 November 2003

http://www.itu.int/newsroom/press_releases/2003/29.html

SINGAPORE

Support for businesses in Viet Nam. Singapore and Viet Nam have announced two initiatives to facilitate the setting up of business in both countries. On 6 November 2003, The International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore) opened a Business Support Office (BSO) in Ho Chi Minh City (Viet Nam). In turn, in order to help Vietnamese enterprises use Singapore as a base for internationalization, the IE Singapore and the Investment and Trade Promotion Centre of Ho Chi Minh City will shortly set up a Viet Nam Centre in Singapore.

Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation Network, 7 November 2003

http://www.apecnet.org.sg/news/news_detail.asp?id=492

New scheme for bio-medical ventures launched. On 4 November 2003, Singapore launched a new SD6 million (about USD 3.5 million) biomedical sciences grant scheme to promote local entrepreneurship and innovation in the Biomedical Sciences industry in the country. The new initiative, known as the Biomedical Sciences Proof-of-Concept (POC) Scheme aims to help scientists at local universities, polytechnics, hospitals and specialty centres to develop early research ideas with the purpose of bringing them to market. The POC Scheme will provide up to SD300,000 (about USD 150,000) per project as a Research and Development grant to promote biomedical research in areas of therapeutics or vaccines, diagnostics, medical technology or platforms technology. At the point of application, scientists must ensure that an interested investor or industrial partner will provide them with business or technical advice from concept through commercialization, eventually leading to the licensing of deals or new start-up companies in Singapore.

Singapore Now - Vol.6 issue 45, 11 Nov 2003

Singapore Export Promotion Board

http://www.sedb.com/edbcorp/sg/en_uk/index/in_the_news/publications/singapore_now_2003/singaporenow_-_nov/singaporenow_-_volume0.html

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TRADE FAIRS: January-October 2004

The ESCAP Trade Information Service compiles a list of trade fairs scheduled in ESCAP and non-ESCAP countries. A copy of the list or a specific search may be requested by TISNET national focal point institutions. Though we take care to ensure that the information presented is correct and complete, we recognize that some trade fairs may be rescheduled, renamed, or cancelled from time to time. We would be grateful for any updates/corrections to this list as well as suggestions for its improvement in scope and presentation.

A. GENERAL FAIRS

B. SPECIALIZED FAIRS

Agriculture, agricultural machinery, fisheries and forestry
Art, handicrafts and giftware
Building, public works and construction materials/equipment/machinery
Chemicals, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics
Clothing, textiles and textile machinery
Computer hardware/software, telecommunications and information technology
Electronics and electrical items
Energy and power
Engineering and mining
Environment technology
Food, beverages and catering
Furniture, furnishings and interior decoration
Glass and glazing
Instrumentation, laboratory, measuring, medical and testing equipment
Jewellery, clocks and watches
Leather goods: bags, footwear, garments, etc.
Machine tools and machinery
Optics
Packaging material, packaging machinery and material handling/storage
Plastics and rubber
Safety and security
Transport
Water management technology and equipment
Woodworking and woodworking machinery

Services sector:

- Business services
- Financial services
- Health-related and social services
- Tourism and travel-related services

Dates	Name of fair	Venue	Fair organizer
A. GENERAL FAIRS			
11-15 May 2004	Int Small and Medium Business Enterprises Exbn	Lenexpo, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation	LENEXPO
18-20 May 2004	IMPEX Australian Import/Export Expo	Melbourne Exbn and Conv Centre, Melbourne, Australia	Australian Exhibition Services Pty. Ltd.; or Overseas Trade Show Agencies Ltd.
23-25 June 2004	AMBIENTE JAPAN Int Consumer Goods Trade Fair	Tokyo International Exbn Center, Tokyo, Japan	Mesago Messe Frankfurt Corp.; or CONT@CT Frankfurt Exhibitions Ltd.
B. SPECIALIZED FAIRS			
Agriculture, agricultural machinery, fisheries and forestry			
17-19 March 2004	INDO LIVESTOCK 2004 Int Livestock Forum and expo	Int Conv Centre, Bali, Indonesia	PT Napindo Media Ashatama
30 August-5 September 2004	RUSSIAN FARMER World Agricultural Fair	Lenexpo, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation	LENEXPO
4-8 October 2004	AGROPRODMASH Int Agro-Industrial Exbn	Expocentr, Moscow, Russian Federation	ZAO Expocentr
Art, handicrafts and giftware			
1-7 March 2004	MAN & WOMAN Consumer Goods and Gifts Fair	Lenexpo, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation	LENEXPO
4-7 March 2004	IHGF Indian Handicrafts and Gifts Fair	Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India	Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts; or High Commission of India
11-14 July 2004	Brisbane Gift Trade Fair	Brisbane Conv and Exbn Centre, Brisbane, Australia	Reed Exhibitions (Australia); or Reed Exhibitions (Export Div.)
Building, public works and construction materials/equipment/machinery			
2-4 March 2004	UZBUILD 2004 Int Construction and Interior Heating Ventilating Exbn	InterContinental Hotel, Tashkent, Uzbekistan	ITE Group Plc.
5-9 April 2004	Russian Building Week	Expocentr, Moscow, Russian Federation	ITE Group Plc.
19-21 May 2004	ASTANA BUILD 2004 Building and Construction Exbn	Alatau Sports Complex, Astana, Kazakhstan	IEG-GIMA GmbH; or ITE Group Plc.
23-25 September 2004	INTERBUILD INDIA Int Building and Construction Exbn	Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India	Montgomery International Ltd.

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29 September- 2 October 2004	CONSTRUCTION INDO Building and Construction Exbn	Int Exbn Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia	PT Pamerindo Buana Abadi ; or Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd.
27-29 October 2004	BATIMAT ASIA Building and Construction Industry	Suntec Singapore, Singapore	Reed Exhibitions Pte. Ltd.; or Reed Exhibitions (Export Div.)
Chemicals, pharmaceuticals and cosmetics			
21-23 April 2004	CPHI-JAPAN Pharmaceutical Ingredients	Tokyo International Exbn Center, Tokyo, Japan	CMP Japan Co. Ltd.
11-15 May 2004	ACHEMASIA 2004 Int Chemical Engineering and Biotech Cong and Exbn	CIEC, Beijing, China	DECHEMA
17-19 May 2004	BEAUTY WORLD JAPAN Perfumery Toiletries and Cosmetics Trade	Tokyo International Exbn Center, Tokyo, Japan	Mesago Messe Frankfurt Corp.; or CONT@CT Frankfurt Exhibitions Ltd.
Clothing, textiles and textile machinery			
18-21 February 2004	MODA MOSCOW 2004 Fashion Fair	Gostiny Dvor, Moscow, Russian Federation	ITE Group Plc.
10-13 March 2004	AAMA-TEX 2004 Asia Apparel Machinery and Accessories Exbn	Singapore Expo, Singapore	Conference and Exhibition Management Services Pte. Ltd. ; or ADG Exhibitions
20-22 April 2004	Textile Fabric and Garment Industry Expo	Gang Vo Exbn Centre, Hanoi, Viet Nam	CP Exhibitions; or Enterprise Associates Int.
18-20 May 2004	TCF Int Textiles Clothing Footwear and Fashion Accessories Exbn	Melbourne Exbn and Conv Centre, Melbourne, Australia	Australian Exhibition Services Pty. Ltd.; or Overseas Trade Show Agencies Ltd.
26-29 August 2004	MODA MOSCOW 2004 Fashion Fair	Gostiny Dvor, Moscow, Russian Federation	ITE Group Plc.
26-29 August 2004	MODATEX 2004 Textiles Fair	Gostiny Dvor, Moscow, Russian Federation	ITE Group Plc.
Computer hardware/software, telecommunications and information technology			
4-6 February 2004	SUPERCOMM INDIA Int Communications and Information Technology Conf and Exbn	Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India	Interads Ltd.
2-4 March 2004	ATYRAU TELECOM North Caspian Region Telecommunications and Computer Tech Exbn	Atyrau Sports Complex, Atyrau, Kazakhstan	ITE Central Asia; or ITE Group Plc.
13-16 April 2004	ISHA 2004 Intersource Hardware Asia	Conv and Exbn Centre, Hong Kong, China	Adsale Exhibition Services Ltd.

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20-23 May 2004	COMPUTER 2004 Int Computer Expo	Conv and Exbn Centre, Hong Kong, China	CMP Asia Ltd.; or CMP Information
1-4 June 2004	KITEL 2004 Int Telecommunications and Computer Exbn	Atakent Int Exbn Centre, Almaty, Kazakhstan	ITE Group Plc.
15-18 June 2004	MOBILECOMMASIA 2004 Mobile Communications Conf and Exbn	Singapore Expo, Singapore	Singapore Exhibition Services Pte. Ltd.; or Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd.
20-25 September 2004	INFOCOM Information and Communication Technologies	Expocentr, Moscow, Russian Federation	ZAO Expocentr
26-30 October 2004	PT/EXPOCOMM Telecomms Computers and Electronic	CIEC, Beijing, China	E J Krause and Associates Inc.; or Reed Exhibitions (Export Div.)
Electronics and electrical items			
28-30 January 2004	ELECON Electronic Components Expo	Tokyo International Exbn Center, Tokyo, Japan	Reed Exhibitions Japan Ltd.; or Reed Exhibitions (Export Div.)
26-29 April 2004	EMS 2004 Electronics Manufacturing Services Exbn	Everbright Conv and Exbn Centre, Shanghai, China	Reed Exhibitions; or Reed Exhibitions (Export Div.)
25-28 May 2004	EXPOELECTRONICA 2004 Int Electronic Components and Production Equipment Conf and Exbn	Olympisky Sports Complex, Moscow, Russian Federation	ITE Group Plc.
7-10 July 2004	EP CHINA 2004 Int Electric Power Equipment and Technology Exbn	CIEC, Beijing, China	Adsale Exhibition Services Ltd.; or Enterprise Associates Int.
5-7 October 2004	ELECTRIX Int Electrical Industry Exbn	Melbourne Exbn and Conv Centre, Melbourne, Australia	Australian Exhibition Services Pty. Ltd.; or Overseas Trade Show Agencies Ltd.
Energy and power			
26-28 February 2004	TURKIOG 2004 Int Oil and Gas Cong and Exbn	Lutfi Kirdar-Rumeli Conv and Exbn Center, Istanbul, Turkey	ITE Group Plc.
7-9 April 2004	North Caspian Oil and Gas Exbn	Atyrau Sports Complex, Atyrau, Kazakhstan	ITE Central Asia; or ITE Group Plc.
1-3 May 2004	OGU 2004 Int Oil and Gas Conf and Exbn	Uzexpocentre, Tashkent, Uzbekistan	ITE Group Plc.

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1-4 June 2004	GASEX 2004 Asia Pacific Gas Conf and Exbn	Suntec Singapore, Singapore	Rai Exhibitions (Thailand) Ltd.
21-25 June 2004	NEFTEGAZ 2004 Oil and Gas Trade Fair	Expocentr, Moscow, Russian Federation	Messe Dusseldorf GmbH ; or International Trade Shows Link Ltd.
7-11 September 2004	WEC World Energy Council Cong and Exbn	Sydney Conv and Exbn Centre, Sydney, Australia	Tour Hosts Pty. Ltd.
27-29 October 2004	SAIGON OIL AND GAS Oil and Gas Expo	HIECC, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	CP Exhibitions; or Enterprise Associates Int.
Engineering and mining			
16-17 September 2004	MINEWORLD CENT AISA Int Mining Exploration and Mining Equipment Exbn	The Regent Almaty Hotel-The Ankara, Almaty, Kazakhstan	ITE Group Plc.
Environment technology			
29 June-2 July 2004	IFAT CHINA 2004 Int Environmental Protection Trade Fair	SNIEC Shanghai, Shanghai, China	Messe Munchen GmbH; or Pattern Ltd.
6-9 July 2004	ENVIROTEC ASIA 2004 Int Environmental Management Technology Exbn	Singapore Expo, Singapore	HQ Link Pte. Ltd.
Food, beverages and catering			
5-7 February 2004	FHT BALI Food Hotel and Tourism Exbn	Int Conv Centre, Bali, Indonesia	PT Pamerindo Buana Abadi ; or Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd.
9-13 February 2004	PRODEXPO 2004 Food Production Exbn	Expocentr, Moscow, Russian Federation	ZAO Expocentr
21-23 March 2004	FINE FOOD QUEENSLAND Food and Drink Exbn	Brisbane Conv and Exbn Centre, Brisbane, Australia	Australian Exhibition Services Pty. Ltd.; or Overseas Trade Show Agencies Ltd.
23-25 June 2004	FHC SOUTH CHINA Int Food Drink Hotel and Foodservice Exbn	China Foreign Trade Centre, Guangzhou, China	Hong Kong Exhibition Services; or Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd.
21-24 September 2004	WORLD SEAFOOD Seafood Exbn	Expocentr, Moscow, Russian Federation	ITE Group Plc.
20-23 October 2004	FOOD TECH/JAPAN FOOD Food Technology Exbn	INTEX Osaka, Osaka, Japan	Osaka International Trade Fair Commission

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Furniture, furnishings and interior decoration			
11-15 February 2004	FIDEXPO Furniture Interior and Design Exbn	Lenexpo, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation	RESTEC
17-20 February 2004	FURNITEK CHINA Int Furniture Production Fair	INTEX Shanghai, Shanghai, China	China International Exhibitions; or Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd.
21-24 April 2004	FURNITEK INDONESIA Int Furniture Production Exbn	Int Exbn Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia	PT Pamerindo Buana Abadi ; or Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd.
22-25 April 2004	DESIGNEX Int Commercial and Residential Interior Design Exbn	Sydney Conv and Exbn Centre, Sydney, Australia	DMG World Media (Australia) Pty. Ltd.
Glass and glazing			
6-7 February 2004	GLASS INDIA Glass Manufacturing Conf and Exbn	Grand Hyatt Mumbai, Mumbai, India	DMG World Media (UK) Ltd.
7-11 June 2004	MIR STEKLA Glass Industry Exbn	Expocentr, Moscow, Russian Federation	ZAO Expocentr
Instrumentation, laboratory, measuring, medical and testing equipment			
3-5 March 2004	NETWORLD INTEROP Computer Networking	Sydney Conv and Exbn Centre, Sydney, Australia	Australian Exhibition Services Pty. Ltd.
11-13 March 2004	Vietnam Medical Expo	VIETXO-Cultural Palace, Hanoi, Viet Nam	CP Exhibitions; or Enterprise Associates Int.
1-4 April 2004	ZOOTECHNIQUE Veterinary Medicine and Equipment Exbn	Lenexpo, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation	LENEXPO
6-8 April 2004	MEDICARE INDIA 2004 Healthcare/Laboratory and Dentistry Show	Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, India	Kinex Log
27-30 October 2004	MEDI-PHARM EXPO Medical Dental and Pharmaceutical Expo	HIECC, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	CP Exhibitions; or Enterprise Associates Int.
Jewellery, clocks and watches			
11-15 February 2004	JUNWEX/EXPOWATCH Jewellery Gold Silverware and Watches	Lenexpo, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation	RESTEC
25-28 February 2004	Int Gold Jewellery and Gem Fair	China Hi-Tech Fair Exbn Centre, Shenzhen, China	CMP Asia Ltd.

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Leather goods: bags, footwear, garments, etc.			
20-23 April 2004	OBUV MIR KOZHI Int Footwear and Leather Production Exbn	Expocentr, Moscow, Russian Federation	FAIRSYSTEM
26-28 June 2004	Shoes and Leather Industry Exbn	HIECC, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	Top Repute Co. Ltd.; or ADG Exhibitions
Machine tools and machinery			
12-15 March 2004	Int Machine Tool Exbn	Conv and Exbn Centre, Hong Kong, China	Paper Communication Exhibition Services
12-16 May 2004	INTERMACH Int Industrial Machinery Exbn	BITEC, Bangkok, Thailand	CMP Media (Thailand) Co. Ltd.; or Lansdowne Media Services Ltd.
Optics			
19-21 April 2004	PICALO 2004 Pacific Int Conf on Applications of Lasers and Optics	Grand Hyatt Hotel, Melbourne, Australia	Laser Institute of America,
Packaging material, packaging machinery and material handling/storage			
28-30 January 2004	ICP IC Packaging Technology Expo	Tokyo International Exbn Center, Tokyo, Japan	Reed Exhibitions Japan Ltd.; or Reed Exhibitions (Export Div.)
15-19 March 2004	ETIKETKA LABELXPO Labeling Supplies and Equipment	Sokolniki Culture and Exbn Centre, Moscow, Russian Federation	Tarsus Exhibitions and Publishing Ltd.
30 March-2 April 2004	SINO-PACK 2004 Int Packaging Machinery and Materials Exbn	GICEC, Guangzhou, China	Adsale Exhibition Services Ltd.; OR ADG Exhibitions
13-16 July 2004	PROPAK CHINA 2004 Int Packaging Processing and Printing Exbn	SNIEC Shanghai, Shanghai, China	China International Exhibitions; or Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd.
Plastics and rubber			
12-15 March 2004	Int Plastics Exbn	Conv and Exbn Centre, Hong Kong, China	Paper Communication Exhibition Services
18-21 March 2004	TAIPEI PLAS Int Plastics and Rubber Industry Exbn	World Trade Centre, Taipei, Taiwan, Province of China	CETRA
Safety and security			
25-27 March 2004	SECTECH 2004 Int Security Technology Exbn	World Trade Centre, Taipei, Taiwan, Province of China	New Era International Inc. ADG Exhibitions

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26-29 April 2004	MIPS 2004 Int Protection Security and Fire Safety Exbn	Olympisky Sports Complex, Moscow, Russian Federation	ITE Group Plc.
1-2 June 2004	AIRPORT SECURITY Passenger and Freight Security Exbn	Conv and Exbn Centre, Hong Kong, China	Simply Events Ltd.
15-18 June 2004	ASIAN SECURITEX 204 Security safety and fire Protection Conf and Show	Conv and Exbn Centre, Hong Kong, China	Hong Kong Exhibition Services; or Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd.
28 July-1 August 2004	Saigon Security Expo	HIECC, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	China Promotion Ltd.; or Enterprise Associates Int.
Transport			
25-28 March 2004	MOTOBIKE SALON Int Motorcycle fair	Expocentr, Moscow, Russian Federation	IFA LLC
22-24 April 2004	I&S CASPIAN BLACKSEA Int and Shipping Transportation	Hilton Conv and Exbn Centre, Istanbul, Turkey	ITE Central Asia; or ITE Group Plc.
28 July-1 August 2004	Saigon Motor Expo	HIECC, Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam	CP Exhibitions; or Enterprise Associates Int.
Water management technology and equipment			
1-4 June 2004	ECWATECH 2004 Int water Ecology and Technology Trade Fair	Gostiny Dvor, Moscow, Russian Federation	SIBICO International Ltd.
Woodworking and woodworking machinery			
17-20 February 2004	WOODMAC CHINA 2004 Forestry and Woodworking Machinery	INTEX Shanghai, Shanghai, China	China International Exhibitions; or Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd.
21-24 April 2004	Woodworking and Forestry Exbn	Int Exbn Centre, Jakarta, Indonesia	PT Pamerindo Buana Abadi ; or Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd.
6-10 September 2004	LESDREVMASH Timber Woodworking Paper and Pulp	Expocentr, Moscow, Russian Federation	ZAO Expocentr
Services sector:			
- Business services			
15-17 September 2004	GLOBAL FRANCHISING Franchising Licensing and Business Opps	Suntec Singapore, Singapore	Singapore Exhibition Services Pte. Ltd.; or Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd.
15-18 September 2004	BUSINESS EXPO Int Business Support Services Exbn	World trade Centre, Moscow, Russian Federation	ITE Group Plc.

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- Financial services			
1-3 October 2004	INVESTMENT EXPO Investment and Financial Services Exbn	Melbourne Exbn and Conv Centre, Melbourne, Australia	Australian Exhibition Services Pty. Ltd.; or Overseas Trade Show Agencies Ltd.
- Health-related and social services			
24-26 June 2004	Int Healthcare Trade Conf and Exbn	Sunway Pyramid Conv Centre, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	Reed Exhibitions Sdn. Bhd.; or Reed Exhibitions (Export Div.)
- Tourism and travel-related services			
3-6 June 2004	ITE HONG KONG Int Travel Expo	Conv and Exbn Centre, Hong Kong, China	Adsale Exhibition Services Ltd.; or ADG Exhibitions
6-9 October 2004	INWETEX Int Travel Trade Fair	Lenexpo, St. Petersburg, Russian Federation	RESTEC

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- Australian Exhibition Services Pty. Ltd., Illoura Plaza, 424 St. Kilda Road, Melbourne, VIC. 3004, Australia.
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- China International Exhibitions, Room A803, Singular Mansion, 318-322 Xian Xia Road, Shanghai 200336, China.
Fax: ++86 21 62095210.
- China Promotion Ltd., Room 2801, Tung Wai Commercial Bldg., 109 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, China. Fax: ++852 25119692.
- CMP Asia Ltd., 17th Floor, China Resources Building, 26 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, China.
Fax: ++852 28277831.
- CMP Information, Ludgate House, 245 Blackfriars Road, London SE1 9UY, U.K. Fax: ++44 207 9218549.
- CMP Japan Co. Ltd., Asahi Building, 7-17 Nihonbashi-kodenmacho, Chuo-ku, Tokyo 103-0001, Japan.
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- CP Exhibitions, Room 2801, Tung Wai Commercial Bldg., 109 Gloucester Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong, China.
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- DECHEMA, Theodor Heuss Allee 25, Frankfurt D-60486, Germany. Fax: ++49 69 7564201.
- DMG World Media (Australia) Pty. Ltd., Leel 6, 534 Church Street, Richmond, Melbourne, VIC. 3121, Australia.
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- Enterprise Associates Int., 30 Pennyford Court, Henderson Drive, St. John's Wood, London NW8 8UF, U.K.
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- FAIRSYSTEM, Piazza Costituzione 5/c, Bologna 40128, Italy. Fax: ++39 051 6310034.

- High Commission of India, India House, Aldwych, London WC2B 4NA, UK. Fax: ++44 207 8364331.
- Hong Kong Exhibition Services, Unit 2010, 20th Floor, China Resources Bldg., 26 Harbour Road, Wanchai, Hong Kong. Fax: ++852 25283103.
- HQ Link Pte. Ltd., 205 Henderson Road, #03-01 Henderson Industrial Park, Singapore 159549, Singapore. Fax: ++65 5342330.
- Interads Ltd., 2 Padmini Enclave, Hauzkhas, New Delhi 110016, India. Fax: ++91 11 6861112.
- International Trade Shows Link Ltd., Ramsay House, Marchmont Farm, Piccotts End, Hemel Hempstead, Herts. HP2 6JH, U.K. Fax: ++44 1442 230012.
- IEG-GIMA GmbH, Eiffestrasse 585, Hamburg D-20537, Germany. Fax: ++49 40 23524400.
- IFA LLC, Office 628, 28/1 Sredniy, Tishinskly per, Moscow 123557, Russian Federation. Fax: ++7 095 4115203.
- ITE Central Asia, 5th Floor, Timiryazev Street, Almaty, Kazakhstan. Fax: ++7 3272 583444.
- ITE Group Plc., 105 Salisbury Road, London NW6 6RG, U.K. Fax: ++44 207 5965111.
- Kinex Log, 36 Seymour Street, London W1H 7JF, U.K. Fax: ++44 207 7238060.
- Lansdowne Media Services Ltd., 2 Claridge Court, Lower Kings Road, Berkhamsted, Herts. HP4 2AF, U.K. Fax: ++44 1442 870617.
- Laser Institute of America, 13501 Ingenuity Drive, Suite 128, Orlando, FL 32826, U.S.A. Fax: ++1 407 3805588.
- LENEXPO, Bolschoi Prospect VO 103, St. Petersburg 199106, Russian Federation. Fax: ++7 812 3551989.
- Mesago Messe Frankfurt Corp., Maekawa Kudan Building, 3rd Floor, 2-3-7 Kudan-Kita, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 102-0073, Japan. Fax: ++81 3 32628442.
- Messe Dusseldorf GmbH, Postfach 101006, Dusseldorf D-40001, Germany. Fax: ++49 211 4560668.
- Messe Munchen GmbH, Messegelände, Munich D-81823, Germany. Fax: ++49 89 94909.
- Montgomery International Ltd., 11 Manchester Square, London W1U 3PL, U.K. Fax: ++44 207 8863101.
- New Era International Inc., 2nd Floor, No. 8 Lane 360 Sec. 1, Nei Hu Road, Taipei 114, Taiwan, Province of China. Fax: ++886 2 26599069.
- Osaka International Trade Fair Commission, 5-102 Nanko-kita 1-chome, Suminoe-ku, Osaka 559-0034, Japan. Fax: ++81 6 66128585.
- Overseas Exhibition Services Ltd., 11 Manchester Square, London W1U 3PL, U.K. Fax: ++44 207 8622001.
- Overseas Trade Show Agencies Ltd., 11 Manchester Square, London W1U 3PL, U.K. Fax: ++44 207 8863101.
- Paper Communication Exhibition Services, 11 Shing Yip Street, Kwun Tong, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China. Fax: ++852 23410379.
- Pattern Ltd., London House, 243-253 Lower Mortlake Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 2LL, U.K. Fax: ++44 208 9481442.
- PT Napindo Media Ashatama, Billy Moon Block L V/17, Pondok Kelapa, Jakarta 13440, Indonesia. Fax: ++62 21 8650963.
- PT Pamerindo Buana Abadi, Deutsche Bank Building, 13th Floor, Jl. Imam Bonjol 80, Jakarta 10310, Indonesia. Fax: ++62 21 3161981.
- Rai Exhibitions (Thailand) Ltd., 226/25 Bond Street, Riviera Tower 3, Muang Thong Thani, Choengwattana Road, Nonthaburi 11120, Thailand. Fax: ++66 2 9600140.
- Reed Exhibitions, 11th Floor, East Wing, Hennessy Centre, 500 Hennessy Road, Causeway Bay, Hong Kong, China. Fax: ++852 28240246.
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- Reed Exhibitions Sdn. Bhd., Suite 312, Block F, Phileo Damansara, 1 Jalan 16/11, Off Jalan Damansara, Selangor D Ehsan 46350, Malaysia. Fax: ++60 3 79581800.
- RESTEC, P.O. Box 268, St. Petersburg 197110, Russian Federation. Fax: ++7 812 3206363.
- SIBICO International Ltd., P.O. Box 173, Moscow 107078, Russian Federation. Tel: ++7 095 9751364
- Simply Events Ltd., Zeal House, Deer Park Road, Wimbledon, London SW19 3 GY, U.K. Fax: ++44 20 5429191.
- Singapore Exhibition Services Pte. Ltd., 47 Scotts Road, 11th Floor, Goldbell Towers, Singapore 228233, Singapore. Fax: ++65 67327667.
- Tarsus Exhibitions and Publishing Ltd., 3rd Floor, Commonwealth House, 2 Chalk Hill Road, Hammersmith, London W6 8DW, U.K. Fax: ++44 208 8462801.
- Top Repute Co. Ltd., 2403 Fu Fai Commercial Centre, 27 Hillier Street, Hong Kong, China. Fax: ++852 28518637.
- Tour Hosts Pty. Ltd., P.O. Box 128, Sydney, NSW 2001, Australia. Fax: ++61 2 92623135.
- ZAO Expocentr, Krasnopresnenskaya nab 14, Moscow 123100, Russian Federation. Fax: ++7 095 2056055.

B. TRADE PUBLICATIONS

Customs Data Model Handbook. (November 2003). Price: € 75.00

Customs Data Model Handbook provides an overview of scope and objectives of the WCO Customs Data Model. It contains information for harmonized message implementation and source of information for those involved in modelling and implementing customs procedures in an electronic environment.

The handbook also reflects the results of the “WCO Task Force on Supply Chain Security and Trade Facilitation” completed in 2003.

It is one of the useful information sources for business sector and IT-managers as well as experts in customs administrations.

World Customs Organization (WCO), 30, rue du Marché, B-1210 Brussels, Belgium.
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How Can Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar, and Viet Nam Cope with Revenue Lost Due to AFTA Tariff Reductions? (ERD Working Paper Series No. 29, November 2003). 32p.

The study examines how structural and tax reform are likely to help the new ASEAN members compensate for expected short-term loss of revenue from trade tariff, discusses important tax administration and legal reforms that governments of Cambodia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Myanmar, and Viet Nam should consider to safeguard revenue collection in general, analyzes how new member countries can strategically participate in the Common Effective Preferential Tariff (CEPT) Scheme to make tariff revenue reduction gradual and less severe.

Also available online.

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International Trade Statistics 2003. Price: CHF 50.00/US\$ 31.00/€ 33.00

The report provides comprehensive, comparable and up-to-date statistics on trade in merchandise and commercial services for an assessment of world trade flows by country, region and main product groups or service categories. Some 250 tables and charts depict trade developments from various perspectives and provide a number of long-term time series. Major trade developments are summarized and discussed in the first part of the report under Overview. Detailed trade statistics are provided in Appendix tables.

Contents:

- Abbreviations and symbols
- World trade developments in 2002 and prospects for 2003
- World trade in 2002 - Overview
- Selected long-term trends
- Trade by region
- Trade by sector
- Appendix tables
- World maps
- Technical notes

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International Trade Statistics Yearbook 2001: Volumes I - Trade by Country and Volume II - Trade by Commodity. ST/ESA/STAT/SER.G/50 (Vols. I & II). August 2003. Price: US\$ 150.00

The publication is useful for analyzing trade by country and by commodity, performing trend analysis and projections, understanding economic development planning and developing marketing strategies. It provides statistical information for 170 countries and presents basic information for each country's external trade performance in terms of overall trends in current value, as well as, in volume and price, including trading partners and the significance of individual commodities imported and exported.

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Nepal Trade Directory 2003.

The directory contains information on trade promotion and export/import companies operating in Nepal, including information relevant to export/import business. It is divided into three parts:

Part I provides the overview of general information with key indicator and information on trade and investment sector;
Part II provides useful addresses of government organizations, chambers of commerce, trade association, financial institutions, freight forwarders, travel agents, etc.;
Part III constitutes the major part of the directory, export and import products list with its exporters and importers with detail addresses.

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Fax: ++9771 525464; e-mail: tpcnep@mos.com.np; website: <http://www.tpcnepal.org.np>

South Australian International Trade Directory 2003/2004.

Previously known as Your Guide to Exports from South Australia. The directory contains profiles of South Australian businesses who are involved in international trade. Various industry sectors represented by companies based in South Australia, members of International Trade Association and South Australian manufacturers and service providers are included.

International Trade Association South Australia Inc. Enterprise House, 136 Greenhill Road, Unley, South Australia 5061, Australia.
Fax: ++61 8 8179 0487; e-mail: itasa@business-sa.com; website: <http://www.tradesouthaustralia.com>

UNCTAD Commodity Yearbook 2003. (Volumes I & II).

Prepared by UNCTAD in Collaboration with the Common Fund for Commodities and the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

The yearbook provides disaggregate data at the world, regional and country levels for production, trade and consumption in selected agricultural primary commodities and minerals, ores and metals.

Three main regions are defined: developed countries, developing countries and Eastern Europe.

Part One: Trade values and shares of commodity aggregates

Part Two: Minerals, ores, metals and crude petroleum statistics by regions and countries

Part Three: Trade in selected agricultural commodities by regions and selected countries, volume and values, volume of consumption

Annex: Commodity prices and special studies

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World Investment Directory: Volume VIII - Central and Eastern Europe 2003. UNCTAD/ITE/IIT/2003/2. 404p.
Price: US\$ 55.00

The directory covers 19 countries of Central and Eastern Europe. It includes profiles on all these countries based on data made available to the United Nations secretariat. Data is presented on both inward and outward flows and stocks of foreign direct investments (FDI), operations of transnational corporations (TNCs), information of the largest TNCs in and from these countries, and information on the regulatory framework affecting FDI. The data is based on information as of December 2002.

Also available on CD-ROM and Internet versions.

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C. ELECTRONIC PRODUCTS

Organic Fruit and Vegetables from the Tropics: Market, Certification and Production Information for Producers and International Trading Companies. UNCTAD/DITC/COM/2003/2. September 2003. 3,948 Kb.

The book aims to assist developing countries to take advantage of production and trading opportunities for organic products. It provides a knowledge base on the level of production, regulations and specifications to all stakeholders dealing with organic products. This includes information on organic standards and market opportunities and other factors relevant to exporters from developing countries as well as certification and quality requirements to be met in importing countries.

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Trade Point Review 2001-2002. UNCTAD/SDTE/MISC.52. (January 2003). 1,751 Kb

The report presents value-added services developed by World Trade Point Federation, often in cooperation with strategic partners, such as the new Trade Information Service and the enhanced Electronic Trading Opportunity (ETO) System. It also presents the future plans for the Global Trade Directory and other services, identifies factors that have made Trade Points a success over the past ten years, pays particular attention to the issue of self-sustainability and the experience of Trade Points with selling their services, and outlines the challenges linked to the future of the Federation and its membership. The Annex contains a Trade Point map and information about the development of the Programme in different geographical regions.

UNCTAD, Division for Services Infrastructure for Development and Trade Efficiency (SITE), Palais des Nations, 8-14, Av. de la Paix, 1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland.
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D. SELECTED WORLDWIDE WEBSITES

Home Page: <http://www.asme.org.sg>
Name: Association of Small and Medium Enterprise (ASME), Singapore
E-mail: sme@asme.org.sg
Subject: Association of Small and Medium Enterprise (ASME) is a non-profit organization of business people who run small and medium enterprises in Singapore. It was set up with the primary objective of bringing together entrepreneurs from various industries and service sectors to share and exchange ideas, knowledge and experience.

The association undertakes activities and provides contacts with government bodies, embassies and relevant organizations to help members advance their business locally and overseas. ASME organizes seminars, training workshops, and forums to help its members improve and sharpen their competitive edge. ASME also provides its members with a platform for business development and strategic alliances amongst members and between members and external parties.

About ASME/Membership/Services/e-Biz Center/News & Events/Information Center/Contact.

Home Page: <http://www.cda.lk>
Name: Coconut Development Authority (CDA), Sri Lanka
E-mail: cocoauth@panlanka.net
Subject: Coconut Development Authority (CDA) carries out assistance programmes for the development of the processing and marketing activities of the coconut industry in Sri Lanka.

Objectives of the Programmes:

- To facilitate and promote the manufacture of coconut products and by products of high quality and of higher value addition;
- To promote and create demand for coconut products, both within and outside Sri Lanka;
- To provide facilitation and consultancy services to entrepreneurs/organizations engaged in manufacturing of coconut products;
- To formulate and implement projects/schemes to facilitate the coconut industry;
- To promote and sponsor establishment of trading houses, technical cooperations, and development work pertaining to coconut industry;
- To promote research and development on priority themes of the coconut industry identified in consultation with manufacturers, processors, marketeers and consumers.

Product Categories: Coconut kernel products, coir fibre products, coconut shell products, coir fibre finished products, and other coconut products.

CDA Profile/Company Profiles/Product Categories/Coconut Statistics/Product Usage/Domestic Prices/International Prices.

Home Page: <http://www.ECOsecretariat.org>
Name: Directorate of Trade and Investment, Economic Cooperation Organization (ECO)
E-mail: registry@ECOsecretariat.org
Subject: One of the main objectives of ECO is to promote trade within the region and the rest of the world based on the principle of free trade, and to meet the challenges of globalization.

In pursuance of this objective, the ECO projects and programmes undertaken by this Directorate can broadly be categorized as under:

- Trade liberalisation activities;
- Trade facilitation projects; and
- Cooperation with international agencies.

Current Membership: Afghanistan, Azerbaijan, Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Pakistan, Tajikistan, Turkey, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

About ECO/Member Countries/Events/Projects & Programs/Press Releases/Statistics/Publications & Documents/Meetings/Trade-Net/Tourism.

Home Page: <http://www.moc.gov.kh>
Name: Foreign Trade Department, Ministry of Commerce, Cambodia
E-mail: FTDE4444@bigpond.com.kh
Subject: Foreign Trade Department (FTD) is under supervision of Ministry of Commerce, consists of four offices: Export Office, Import Office, External; Relation Office, Price and External Market Researches Office.

Responsibilities/Functions:

- Building policies for foreign Trade;
- Issues export and import licence of goods;
- Undertakes market research and internal price of goods;
- Arranges import/export statistics;
- Prepares bilateral agreement;
- Provides trade information and publications;
- Organizes local and international exhibitions;
- Foreign relations and international organizations.

General/Bilateral Trade Agreement/2000 Cambodia Imports from ASEAN Countries/2000 Cambodia Imports by Goods/1999 Cambodia Exports by Countries/1999 Cambodia Imports by Countries/Agreement on Trade and Economic Cooperation/Countries A to Z/Contact Us.

Home Page: <http://www.mtib.gov.my>
Name: Malaysian Timber Industry Board
E-mail: info@mtib.gov.my
Subject: The main objective of Malaysian Timber Industry Board is to promote and coordinate the overall development of the timber industry.

Services:

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| - Registration Guidelines | - Trade Promotion |
| - Timber Export Licence | - Timber Information Exchange Services |
| - Procedures for Importation | - Investment Incentives |
| - Technical Services | - Furniture Resources Centre |
| - Quality Standards | - Library |
| - Timber Prices | - Seminar/Courses |

Organisation/Services/Statistics/Publications/Training Programmes/News & Events/FAQ.

Home Page: <http://nccibd.com>
Name: National Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Brunei Darussalam (NCCIBD)
E-mail: info@nccibd.com
Subject: The chamber provides guidance for members in improving business standards by upgrading knowledge of commerce and industry and assists members in strengthening links among international, ASEAN and sub-regional countries.

NCCIBD formed a business council to accelerate development in commerce and industry by fostering better understanding through trade and cultural exchange, regionally and sub-regionally. The chamber plans to create a database of trade and investment statistics, and information on business activities and products available in sectors and sub-sectors of ASEAN, to be used by Association members to promote industrial joint-ventures and expand intra-ASEAN trade.

About Us/Chamber News/Business Updates/Market Updates/Upcoming Expos/Local Guide/Entertainment/Contact Us.

Home Page: <http://www.nfpa-food.org/asia.html>

Name: National Food Processors Association - Asia (NFPA-Asia)
E-mail: nfpa-asia@nfpa-food.org
Subject: National Food Processors Association (NFPA) has launched its first regional office in Bangkok, Thailand to assist Asian and U.S. member companies doing business in Southeast Asia. "NFPA-Asia" provides service and assistance to food companies conducting business in the Southeast Asian market. Southeast Asia represents a key region for current and future food processing and trade. International standards and trade rules related to food safety and food science will be a particular focus for NFPA-Asia.

NFPA-Asia's primary activities:

- Advocacy for sound food regulations/standards based on sound science;
- Communications - advocacy/balanced messages;
- Technical/regulatory consultation; and
- Training/workshops.

Home/Who We Are/News/Public Policy/Food Science/Food Security/Members Only/Meeting/Publications/Search.

Home Page: <http://www.saic-dhaka.org>
Name: SAARC Agricultural Information Centre (SAIC)
E-mail: director@saic-dhaka.org
Subject: Most of the South Asian countries are primarily agricultural. Their economy is also based largely on agriculture. Its main objective is sharing information mutually for the advancement of agriculture, livestock, fisheries, forestry and allied products.

Objectives:

- Establish regional information network on agricultural and allied products;
- Identify and document agricultural and pertinent literature;
- Compile directories, bibliographies and dissemination;
- Produce and collect audio-visual media products;
- Organize training on information and communication sciences;
- Function as the regional information centre for South Asia; and
- Establish linkages with other international information networks.

Genesis of SAIC/Objectives/Functions/Governing Board/Organization and Programmes/Funding of SAIC.

Home Page: <http://www.tpcnepal.org.np>
Name: Trade Promotion Centre, Nepal
E-mail: tpcnep@mos.com.np
Subject: Trade Promotion Centre (TPC) is the national trade promotion organization of the country. It is a non-profit making and focal point organization for the promotion of foreign trade in general and export trade in particular. The development and strengthening the foreign trade of the country by means of export promotional program is its main activities.

Services:

- Product survey for identification, adaptation and development of export product;
- Market research and export marketing promotion;
- Develop the export consciousness and entrepreneurship;
- Organize and manage Nepal's participation at International trade fairs and exhibitions held abroad;
- Provide trade information and counseling services;
- Maintain professional link with national & international trade & business related organizations;
- Provide trade facilitation service.

About Us/Nepal's Offer/Products & Exports, Imports/Trade Act & Policy/Trade Agreement/Trade Fair/Trade Opportunity/Trade Statistics/Transit Procedure/TPC's Publication/Link.

Home Page: <http://www.wcoomd.org/ie/En/en.html>
 Name: WCO Trade Facilitation Initiatives and Simplification of Customs Procedures
 E-mail: information@wcoomd.org
 Subject: Trade facilitation is one of the key factors for economic development of nations and links into national agenda on social well being, poverty reduction and economic development of countries and their citizens.

In the context of the international trade environment Customs plays a critical role not only in meeting the goals of the governments but also in ensuring effective controls that secure revenue, compliance with national laws, ensuring security and protection of society. The efficiency and effectiveness of Customs procedures has a significant influence on the economic competitiveness of nations and in the growth of international trade and the development of the global marketplace.

Role of Customs in Trade Facilitation/WCO Initiatives to Promote Trade Facilitation/Linking into International Initiatives through Cooperation with Other Organizations and Business Partners/Benefits/WCO Instruments and Programmes - Customs Procedures and Trade Facilitation.

TRADE MEETINGS/TRAINING EVENTS TM-71

ESCAP Trade and Investment Division

Calendar of Tentative Meetings: as of December 2003

Title of meeting	Date	Venue
National Workshop on Promoting and Facilitation of Foreign Direct Investment in Viet Nam	9-12 December	Dong Nai, Viet Nam
Joint Training Programme on SMEs Capacity Building	15-19 December	Bangkok, Thailand
National Workshop on Promotion and Facilitation of Foreign Direct Investment in Viet Nam	16-19 December	Can Tho, Viet Nam
Workshop on Development of Enabling Policies for Trade and Investment in the IT Sector of the Greater Mekong Subregion,	19-20 January 2004	Bangkok, Thailand
National Training Workshop on Trade Finance Infrastructure Development	4-5 February 2004	Baku, Azerbaijan
National Training Workshop on Trade Finance Infrastructure Development	11-12 February 2004	Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
National Training Workshop on Trade Finance Infrastructure Development	25-26 February 2004	Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Regional Meeting on Strategic Partnership in Promoting Technology Incubations System for SMEs	February 2004	Beijing, China
Seventh WTO/ESCAP Trade Policy Course on WTO Agreements and the Doha Development Agenda	1-12 March 2003	Bangkok, Thailand
Ad hoc Expert Group Meeting on Agro-based Enterprise Development with Gender Dimensions	March 2004	Beijing, China
Subregional Seminar on Strengthening Capacity for Training in Commercial Diplomacy	March 2004	Baku, Azerbaijan

<http://www.unescap.org/tid/meeting.asp>