

THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

The following memorandum outlines relations between the European Community and the People's Republic of China.

It is published on the occasion of the official visit of Mr Roy Jenkins, President of the Commission, at the end of February 1979:

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CHINA AND THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY

Background

The interest China has shown in the development of the European Communities goes back to the early 1970s.

Apart from strictly political aspects, matters of a technical nature have also prompted a strengthening of contacts between the People's Republic of China and the Community. Bilateral trade agreements between Member States and China were due to expire at the end of 1974, in accordance with decisions taken by the Community institutions regarding introduction of a joint trade policy. Thus, in November 1974, the Community sent a memorandum to the People's Republic of China, as also to other State-trading countries, together with an outline agreement setting down broad guidelines which might serve as a basis for negotiating a potential trade agreement between China and the Community.

Sir Christopher Soames, then Vice-President of the Commission with responsibility for external relations, visited China in May 1975. During the talks that he had with the Chinese authorities, the Chinese Government announced its decision to establish official relations with the Community as such and to appoint an ambassador to it. At the same time the Chinese authorities expressed their intention of studying sympathetically the Commission's proposal that a suitable trade agreement be negotiated between the two parties to replace the bilateral agreements that had expired.

On 15 September 1975, Ambassador Li Lien-Pi, Head of the Diplomatic Mission of the People's Republic of China to the EEC, presented his credentials to the President of the Council of the European Communities and to the President of the Commission.

A Commission delegation visited China from 4 to 13 July 1977 for exploratory talks with the Chinese Government with a view to a trade agreement. The Commission delegation was received by the Minister of Trade, Mr Li Xiang.

Negotiations held in Brussels led to the initialling of a trade agreement on 3 February 1978.

The Agreement between the People's Republic of China and the European Community

The official signing ceremony took place on 3 April 1978 when the Minister of Trade, Mr Li Xiang was visiting Brussels. The Agreement was signed on the Community's behalf by Mr K.B. Andersen, President of the Council, and Mr Wilhelm Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission. It came into force on 1 June 1978.

Concluded for a period of five years with tacit renewal every year, the Agreement is of a non-preferential nature and sets out a number of rules aimed at promoting development of trade.

The two parties will apply most-favoured-nation treatment as far as tariffs are concerned.

An equilibrium clause (Article 3) makes provision for both parties to contribute each according to its means, towards achieving balance in their trade, and in the event of obvious imbalance, for the Joint Committee to study ways of remedying the situation.

China undertakes to consider Community imports in a favourable light and the Community will institute an increasing degree of liberalization for imports of Chinese origin. This is the first time such a clause has been agreed upon in a trade agreement.

According to the Chinese authorities, their country's intention was to increase trade with the nine EEC countries progressively until it reached a comparable level to that of its trade with Japan, China's main trading partner.

During the negotiation period discussions focused chiefly on the amicable consultation clause (Article 5). Whilst reaffirming the principle of recourse to amicable consultations in the event of difficulties concerning trade, both parties agreed that each party may take unilateral measures in exceptional cases where the situation will not permit any delay.

The provisions of Article 6 are aimed at promoting visits by individuals, groups and delegations from the economic, commercial and industrial spheres, facilitating exchanges and contacts and encouraging the organization of fairs and exhibitions.

The Agreement contains a price clause (Article 7) specifying that trade in goods and services will be effected at market-related prices.

The Agreement is managed by a Joint Committee (Article 9), which will normally meet once a year.

Implementation of the Agreement

Special regulation

At a meeting on 19 September 1978 the Council of the European Communities gave its approval to a special regulation on the common arrangements applicable from 1 January 1979 to imports from the People's Republic of China. Trade arrangements with China had previously been governed by the provisions of the regulation applicable to State-trading countries in general, as adopted on 19 December 1969, but under the new regulation trade liberalization is extended to a further twenty products.

Such liberalization of imports from China is the first concrete step in the implementation of the China-EEC Trade Agreement, in Article 4 (2) of which the Community undertakes to 'endeavour progressively to introduce measures extending the list of products for which imports from China have been liberalized'.

Visit by Mr Haferkamp

Mr W. Haferkamp, Vice-President of the Commission and responsible for external relations, headed a Community delegation which visited China from 24 September to 2 October 1978 on the invitation of the Chinese Government. The visit took place at a very important moment in the political and economic development of China, which has given priority to the achievement of an ambitious economic development programme in which external economic relations are playing an ever-growing part.

That this visit marked a new departure was shown by the presence of the delegation of the representatives of the Economic and Social Committee, the Union of Industries of the European Community, the European Trade Union Confederation and the European Banking Federation, as well as prominent industrialists and businessmen from the various Member States. In the course of their visit the delegates were received by China's Premier and Chairman of the Communist Party, Hua Guofeng and by Mr Deng Xiao-ping, Deputy-Premier of China.

The Community agreed in the course of talks to draw up a programme for the training of Chinese managerial staff and students.

The Chinese authorities, for their part, are looking at ways of setting up trade representation offices for Community firms.

Agreement was also reached on exchanging experts.

The Chinese leaders stressed the great political importance they attach to a strong and united European Community.

The Joint Committee

The Joint Committee set up to supervise the functioning of the trade agreement is due to meet for the first time in April or May of this year.

Experts from both sides will be asked to examine in detail the issues raised in the course of Mr Haferkamp's visit in September 1978.

Textile negotiations

On 6 December 1978 China sent the Commission a letter requesting the opening of negotiations for the conclusion of an agreement with the European Community on trade in textiles, within the context of the Multifibre Arrangement.

The Commission agreed to the Chinese request, and the agreement negotiated will flow from the EEC-China Trade Agreement, which it would supplement at sectoral level.

Exploratory talks were held in Brussels in January and February, and official negotiations could take place from 5 to 9 March.

Textiles account for a third of China's exports to the Community (260 million European units of account, i.e. approximately USD 340 million, in 1977).

Visit to China in January 1979 by Mr Colombo, President of the European Parliament

From 3 to 8 January, Mr Emilio Colombo, President of the European Parliament, paid an official visit to China.

Talks were held with representatives of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic of China, led by Mr Ji Pengfei, Vice-Chairman of the Congress. He expressed satisfaction at the coming direct elections to the European Parliament, which he called an event of great significance for the promotion of unity between the countries of Western Europe. Mr Colombo was received by the Chinese Premier and Chairman of the Communist Party, Hua Guofeng, and the Vice-Premier Deng Xiao-ping.

Mr Colombo invited a delegation from the Chinese National People's Congress to visit the European Parliament in Strasbourg.

Visit to China by the President of the Commission in February 1979

The official visit to China by Mr Jenkins, President of the Commission, comes at a key moment in the development of relations between the EEC and the People's Republic, on the eve of the textile negotiations and just before the first meeting of the Joint Committee.

The visit reaffirms and underlines the economic and political importance attached by the Community to the People's Republic of China.

**Trade Agreement
between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of
China**

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**COUNCIL REGULATION (EEC) No 946/78
of 2 May 1978**

**concerning the conclusion of the Trade Agreement between the European
Economic Community and the People's Republic of China**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN
COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European
Economic Community, and in particular Article 113
thereof,

Having regard to the recommendation from the
Commission,

Whereas the Trade Agreement between the European
Economic Community and the People's Republic of
China, signed in Brussels on 3 April 1978 should be
concluded,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

The Trade Agreement between the European
Economic Community and the People's Republic of
China is hereby approved on behalf of the Commu-
nity.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member
States.

Done at Brussels, 2 May 1978.

The text of the Agreement is annexed to this Regula-
tion.

Article 2

The President of the Council shall give the notifica-
tion provided for in Article 11 of the Agreement¹.

Article 3

The Community shall be represented on the Joint
Committee provided for in Article 9 of the Agree-
ment, by the Commission, assisted by representatives
of the Member States.

Article 4

This Regulation shall enter into force on the third day
following its publication in the *Official Journal of
the European Communities*.

For the Council

The President

K. B. ANDERSEN

¹ The Agreement came into force on 1 June 1978.

TRADE AGREEMENT

between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of China

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES

and

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA,

DESIRING to develop economic relations and trade between the European Economic Community and the People's Republic of China on the basis of equality and the mutual advantage of the two Contracting Parties and to give a new impetus to their relations,

HAVE DECIDED TO CONCLUDE THIS AGREEMENT THE TERMS OF WHICH ARE AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

The two Contracting Parties will endeavour, within the framework of their respective existing laws and regulations, to promote and intensify trade between them.

To this end they confirm their determination:

- (a) to take all appropriate measures to create favourable conditions for trade between them;
- (b) to do all they can to improve the structure of their trade in order to diversify it further; and
- (c) to examine, each for its own part and in a spirit of goodwill, any suggestions made by the other Party, in particular in the Joint Committee, for the purpose of facilitating trade between them.

Article 2

1. In their trade relations the two Contracting Parties shall accord each other most-favoured-nation treatment in all matters regarding:

- (a) customs duties and charges of all kinds applied to the import, export, re-export or transit of products, including the procedures for the collection of such duties or charges;
- (b) regulations, procedures and formalities concerning customs clearance, transit, warehousing and transshipment of products imported or exported;
- (c) taxes and other internal charges levied directly or indirectly on products or services imported or exported;
- (d) administrative formalities for the issue of import or export licences.

2. Paragraph 1 of this Article shall not apply in the case of:

- (a) advantages accorded by either Contracting Party to States which together with it are members of a customs union or free trade area;
- (b) advantages accorded by either Contracting Party to neighbouring countries for the purpose of facilitating border trade;
- (c) measures which either Contracting Party may take in order to meet its obligations under international commodity agreements.

Article 3

The two Contracting Parties will make every effort to foster the harmonious expansion of their reciprocal trade and to help, each by its own means, to attain a balance in such trade.

Should an obvious imbalance arise, the matter must be examined within the Joint Committee so that measures can be recommended in order to improve the situation.

Article 4

1. The People's Republic of China will give favourable consideration to imports from the European Economic Community. To this end the competent Chinese authorities will ensure that Community exporters have the possibility of participating fully in opportunities for trade with China.

2. The European Economic Community will strive for an increasing liberalization of imports from the People's Republic of China. To this end it will endeavour progressively to introduce measures extending

the list of products for which imports from China have been liberalized and to increase the amounts of quotas. The procedure for implementation will be examined within the framework of the Joint Committee.

Article 5

1. The two Contracting Parties shall exchange information on any problems that may arise with regard to their trade and shall open friendly consultations, with the intention of promoting trade, for the purpose of seeking mutually satisfactory solutions to those problems. Each of the two Contracting Parties will ensure that no action is taken before consultations are held.

2. In an exceptional case, however, where the situation does not admit any delay, either Contracting Party may take measures, but must endeavour as far as possible to hold friendly consultations before doing so.

3. Each Contracting Party will ensure that, when taking the measures referred to in paragraph 2, the general objectives of this Agreement are not prejudiced.

Article 6

The two Contracting Parties undertake to promote visits by persons, groups and delegations from economic, trade and industrial circles, to facilitate industrial and technical exchanges and contacts connected with trade and to foster the organization of fairs and exhibitions by both sides and the relevant provision of services. As far as possible they must grant each other the facilities concerning the above activities.

Article 7

Trade in goods and the provision of services between the two Contracting Parties shall be effected at market-related prices and rates.

Article 8

The Contracting Parties agree that payments for transactions shall be made, in accordance with their respective existing laws and regulations, in currencies of the Member States of the Community, Renminbi or any convertible currency accepted by the two parties concerned in the transactions.

Article 9

1. An EEC-China Joint Committee for Trade shall be set up, comprising representatives of the European Economic Community on the one hand and representatives of the People's Republic of China on the other.

2. The tasks of the Joint Committee shall be as follows:

- to monitor and examine the functioning of this Agreement,
- to examine any questions that may arise in the implementation of this Agreement,
- to examine problems that could hinder the development of trade between the Contracting Parties,
- to examine means and new opportunities of developing trade between the Contracting Parties and other problems relating to their trade,
- and
- to make recommendations that may help to attain the objectives of this Agreement.

3. The Joint Committee shall meet once a year, in Brussels and Peking alternately. Extraordinary meetings may be convened by mutual agreement, at the request of either Contracting Party. The office of chairman of the Joint Committee shall be held by each of the two Contracting Parties in turn. Where both Parties consider it necessary, the Joint Committee may set up working parties to assist it in its work.

Article 10

As far as the European Economic Community is concerned, this Agreement shall apply to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community is applied, and under the conditions laid down in that Treaty.

Article 11

This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of the month following the date on which the Contracting Parties have notified each other of the completion of the legal procedures necessary for this purpose. It is concluded for a period of five years. The Agreement shall be tacitly renewed from year to year provided that neither Contracting Party notifies the other Party in writing of its denunciation of the Agreement six months before the date of expiry.

However, the Agreement may be amended by mutual consent of the two Contracting Parties in order to take account of new situations.

Trade between the Community of Nine and China

(million EUA)

| | 1958 | 1960 | 1963 | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 | 1971 | 1972 | 1973 | 1974 | 1975 | 1976 | 1977 | 1-9 1977 | 1-9 1978 |
|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------|-------|------|-------------|-------------|
| Imports | 163 | 235 | 165 | 357 | 315 | 318 | 370 | 348 | 353 | 418 | 544 | 722 | 667 | 858 | 860 | 618 | 669 |
| Exports | 384 | 331 | 153 | 417 | 521 | 444 | 432 | 461 | 387 | 369 | 607 | 807 | 1 153 | 1 175 | 794 | 533 | 1 011 |
| Balance | +221 | +96 | -12 | +60 | +206 | +126 | +62 | +113 | +34 | -49 | +63 | +85 | +486 | +317 | -66 | -85 | +342 |

Sources: SOEC special issue 1958-1976 and SOEC monthly bulletin 4/78.

**Categories of goods traded between
the European Community and China**

(in '000 EUA)

| CCT Heading | 1-6 1978 | | 1-6 1977 | |
|--|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports |
| <i>Section I</i> | | | | |
| Live animals; animal products | | | | |
| 1 Live animals | — | 180 | — | — |
| 2 Meat and edible meat offals | 15 484 | — | 17 883 | — |
| 3 Fish, crustaceans and molluscs | 6 525 | — | 5 228 | — |
| 4 Dairy produce; birds' eggs; natural honey; edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included | 2 714 | 612 | 1 890 | — |
| 5 Products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included | 42 788 | — | 39 150 | — |
| <i>Section II</i> | | | | |
| Vegetable products | | | | |
| 6 Live trees and other plants; bulbs, roots and the like; cut flowers and ornamental foliage .. | — | — | — | — |
| 7 Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers ... | 2 576 | — | 3 568 | — |
| 8 Edible fruit and nuts; peel of melons or citrus fruit | 3 993 | — | 4 746 | — |
| 9 Coffee, tea, maté and spices | 14 616 | — | 11 577 | — |
| 10 Cereals | 6 663 | — | 671 | — |
| 11 Products of the milling industry; malt and starches; gluten; inulin | — | — | 1 290 | — |
| 12 Oil seeds and oleaginous fruits; miscellaneous grains, seeds and fruit; industrial and medical plants; straw and fodder | 8 832 | — | 6 581 | — |
| 13 Lacs, gums, resins and other vegetable saps and extracts | 1 132 | — | 938 | 134 |
| 14 Vegetable plaiting materials, vegetable products not elsewhere specified or included | 2 348 | — | 1 317 | — |
| <i>Section III</i> | | | | |
| Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes | | | | |
| 15 Animal and vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products; prepared edible fats; animal and vegetable waxes | 2 792 | 273 | 1 471 | 12 565 |

| CCT Heading | 1-6 1978 | | 1-6 1977 | |
|--|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports |
| <i>Section IV</i> | | | | |
| Prepared foodstuffs; beverages, spirits and vinegar; tobacco | | | | |
| 16 Preparations of meat, of fish, of crustaceans or molluscs | 542 | — | 408 | — |
| 17 Sugars and sugar confectionery | 102 | 8 283 | — | — |
| 18 Cocoa and cocoa preparations | 1 958 | — | — | — |
| 19 Preparations of cereals, flour or starch; pastry-cooks' products | 637 | — | 899 | — |
| 20 Preparations of vegetables, fruit or other parts of plants | 18 727 | — | 15 797 | — |
| 21 Miscellaneous edible preparations | 617 | — | 509 | — |
| 22 Beverages, spirits and vinegar | 246 | — | 278 | — |
| 23 Residues and waste from the food industries; prepared animal fodder | 824 | — | 948 | — |
| 24 Tobacco | 1 832 | — | 1 795 | — |
| <i>Section V</i> | | | | |
| Mineral products | | | | |
| 25 Salt; sulphur; earths and stone; plastering materials, lime and cement | 7 248 | — | 3 491 | — |
| 26 Metallic ores, slag and ash | 7 319 | — | 7 497 | — |
| 27 Mineral fuels, mineral oils and products of their distillation; bituminous substances; mineral waxes | 213 | 1 205 | 163 | 2 637 |
| <i>Section VI</i> | | | | |
| Products of the chemical and allied industries | | | | |
| 28 Inorganic chemicals; organic and inorganic compounds of precious metals, of rare earth metals, of radioactive elements and of isotopes ... | 2 276 | 7 467 | 1 946 | 4 305 |
| 29 Organic chemicals | 8 114 | 34 110 | 7 033 | 27 649 |
| 30 Pharmaceutical products | 1 696 | 748 | 1 870 | 560 |
| 31 Fertilizers | — | 24 252 | — | 189 |
| 32 Tanning and dyeing extracts; tannins and their derivatives; dyes, colours, paints and varnishes; putty, fillers and stoppings; inks | 697 | 8 806 | 1 065 | 5 277 |
| 33 Essential oils and resinoids; perfumery, cosmetics and toilet preparations | 6 278 | 197 | 8 735 | 286 |
| 34 Soap, organic surface-active agents, washing preparations, lubricating preparations, artificial waxes, prepared waxes, polishing and scouring preparations, candles and similar articles, modelling pastes and 'dental waxes' | 225 | 651 | 160 | 179 |
| 35 Albuminoidal substances; glues; enzymes | 724 | 147 | 313 | 148 |
| 36 Explosives; pyrotechnic products; matches; pyrophoric alloys; certain combustible preparations . | 1 878 | — | 1 332 | — |

| CCT Heading | 1-6 1978 | | 1-6 1977 | |
|---|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports |
| 37 Photographic and cinematographic goods | — | 158 | — | 230 |
| 38 Miscellaneous chemical products | 5 875 | 9 571 | 13 119 | 4 636 |
| <i>Section VII</i> | | | | |
| Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers, and articles thereof; rubber, synthetic rubber, factice, and articles thereof | | | | |
| 39 Artificial resins and plastic materials, cellulose esters and ethers; articles thereof | 104 | 19 095 | 196 | 14 741 |
| 40 Rubber, synthetic rubber, factice, and articles thereof | — | 109 | 116 | 217 |
| <i>Section VIII</i> | | | | |
| Raw hides and skins, leather, furskins and articles thereof; saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of gut (other than silk-worm gut) | | | | |
| 41 Raw hides and skins (other than furskins) and leather | 9 173 | 141 | 8 327 | — |
| 42 Articles of leather, saddlery and harness; travel goods, handbags and similar containers; articles of animal gut (other than silk-worm gut) | 12 549 | 126 | 9 177 | — |
| 43 Furskins and artificial fur; manufactures thereof .. | 23 320 | — | 18 585 | 131 |
| <i>Section IX</i> | | | | |
| Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal; cork and articles of cork; manufactures of straw, or esparto and of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork | | | | |
| 44 Wood and articles of wood; wood charcoal | 2 047 | — | 1 456 | — |
| 45 Cork and articles of cork | — | — | — | — |
| 46 Manufactures of straw, of esparto and of other plaiting materials; basketware and wickerwork | 32 357 | — | 25 368 | — |
| <i>Section X</i> | | | | |
| Paper-making material; paper and paperboard and articles thereof | | | | |
| 47 Paper-making material | — | — | — | — |
| 48 Paper and paperboard; articles of paper pulp of paper or of paperboard | 1 366 | 712 | 1 488 | — |
| 49 Printed books, newspapers, pictures and other products of the printing industry; manuscripts, typescripts and plans | 146 | 1 275 | 174 | 1 239 |

| CCT Heading | 1-6 1978 | | 1-6 1977 | | |
|---|---|---------|----------|---------|-------|
| | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports | |
| <i>Section XI</i> | | | | | |
| Textile and textile articles | | | | | |
| 50 | Silk and waste silk | 38 039 | — | 47 777 | — |
| 51 | Man-made fibres (continuous) | 206 | 7 711 | 370 | 3 405 |
| 52 | Metallized textiles | — | — | — | — |
| 53 | Wood and other animal hair | 26 095 | — | 16 038 | 126 |
| 54 | Flax and ramie | 958 | 1 395 | 871 | 1 127 |
| 55 | Cotton | 22 675 | — | 21 118 | — |
| 56 | Man-made fibres (discontinuous) | 4 638 | 11 361 | 4 208 | 7 064 |
| 57 | Other vegetable textile materials; paper yarn and woven fabrics of paper yarn | 1 211 | — | 1 244 | — |
| 58 | Carpets, mats, matting and tapestries; pile and chenille fabrics; narrow fabrics; trimmings; tulle and other net fabrics; lace; embroidery | 15 511 | — | 13 024 | — |
| 59 | Wadding and felt; twine, cordage, ropes and cables; special fabrics; impregnated and coated fabrics; textile articles of a kind suitable for industrial use | 945 | 745 | 908 | 145 |
| 60 | Knitted and crocheted goods | 2 545 | 110 | 1 498 | — |
| 61 | Articles of apparel and clothing accessories of textile fabric, other than knitted or crocheted goods | 8 123 | — | 9 072 | — |
| 62 | Other made up textile articles | 10 026 | 290 | 7 524 | — |
| 63 | Old clothing and other textile articles; rags | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Section XII</i> | | | | | |
| Footwear, headgear, umbrellas, sunshades, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof; prepared feathers and articles made therewith; artificial flowers; articles of human hair | | | | | |
| 64 | Footwear, gaiters and the like; parts of such articles | 5 605 | — | 4 907 | — |
| 65 | Headgear and parts thereof | 2 969 | — | 2 892 | — |
| 66 | Umbrellas, sunshades, walking-sticks, whips, riding-crops and parts thereof | — | — | — | — |
| 67 | Prepared feathers and down and articles made of feathers or of down; artificial flowers; articles of human hair | 2 243 | — | 1 845 | — |
| <i>Section XIII</i> | | | | | |
| Articles of stone, of plaster, of cement, of asbestos, of mica and of similar materials; ceramic products; glass and glassware | | | | | |
| 68 | Articles of stone, of plaster, of cement, of asbestos, of mica and similar materials | 235 | 167 | 302 | 41 |
| 69 | Ceramic products | 2 967 | 273 | 2 643 | — |
| 70 | Glass and glassware | 586 | — | 853 | — |

| CCT Heading | 1-6 1978 | | 1-6 1977 | |
|--|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports |
| <i>Section XIV</i> | | | | |
| Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery; coin | | | | |
| 71 Pearls, precious and semi-precious stones, precious metals, rolled precious metals, and articles thereof; imitation jewellery | 1 444 | 4 115 | 1 852 | 1 865 |
| 72 Coin | — | — | — | — |
| <i>Section XV</i> | | | | |
| Base metals and articles of base metal | | | | |
| 73 Iron and steel and articles thereof | 994 | 312 308 | 1 489 | 91 939 |
| 74 Copper and articles thereof | 190 | 183 | — | — |
| 75 Nickel and articles thereof | — | 126 | — | — |
| 76 Aluminium and articles thereof | — | 19 780 | — | 5 562 |
| 77 Magnesium and beryllium and articles thereof | — | — | — | — |
| 78 Lead and articles thereof | — | — | — | — |
| 79 Zinc and articles thereof | — | — | — | — |
| 80 Tin and articles thereof | 5 153 | — | 8 553 | — |
| 81 Other base metals employed in metallurgy and articles thereof | 993 | — | 1 222 | — |
| 82 Tools, implements, cutlery, spoons and forks, of base metal; parts thereof | 2 649 | 220 | 1 494 | 114 |
| 83 Miscellaneous articles of base metal | 870 | 193 | 1 146 | 127 |
| <i>Section XVI</i> | | | | |
| Machinery and mechanical appliances electrical equipment; parts thereof | | | | |
| 84 Boilers, machinery and mechanical appliances; parts thereof | 2 466 | 64 701 | 1 807 | 47 983 |
| 85 Electrical machinery and equipment; parts thereof | 946 | 11 641 | 1 131 | 6 411 |
| <i>Section XVII</i> | | | | |
| Vehicles, aircraft, and parts thereof; vessels and certain associated transport equipment | | | | |
| 86 Railway and tramway locomotives, rolling-stock and parts thereof; railway and tramway track fixtures and fittings; traffic signalling equipment of all kinds (not electrically powered) | — | 110 | — | — |
| 87 Vehicles, other than railway or tramway rolling-stock, and parts thereof | — | 6 770 | — | 1 407 |

| CCT Heading | 1-6 1978 | | 1-6 1977 | |
|--|----------|---------|----------|---------|
| | Imports | Exports | Imports | Exports |
| 88 Aircraft and parts thereof; parachutes; catapults and similar aircraft launching gear, ground flying trainers | 863 | 1 683 | 669 | 12 178 |
| 89 Ships, boats and floating structures | — | 47 196 | — | 12 133 |
| <i>Section XVIII</i> | | | | |
| Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; clocks and watches; musical instruments; sound recorders or reproducers; television image and sound recorders or reproducers; parts thereof | | | | |
| 90 Optical, photographic, cinematographic, measuring, checking, precision, medical and surgical instruments and apparatus; parts thereof | 782 | 16 431 | 886 | 9 769 |
| 91 Clocks and watches and parts thereof | 1 835 | 1 704 | 1 716 | 294 |
| 92 Musical instruments; sound recorders or reproducers; television image and sound recorders or reproducers; parts and accessories of such articles | 1 117 | 189 | 1 143 | 323 |
| <i>Section XIX</i> | | | | |
| Arms and ammunition; parts thereof | | | | |
| 93 Arms and ammunition; parts thereof | 189 | — | — | — |
| <i>Section XX</i> | | | | |
| Miscellaneous manufactured articles | | | | |
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| 97 Toys, games and sports requisites; parts thereof .. | 4 350 | — | 4 998 | — |
| 98 Miscellaneous manufactured articles | 499 | — | 916 | — |
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| 99 Works of art, collectors' pieces, and antiques | 1 761 | 311 | 1 291 | — |
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