

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY (CARICOM)  
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA  
ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT**

The Caribbean Community and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela (hereinafter together called “the Parties”):

RECALLING the “Principles for a Multilateral Agreement between the Caribbean Community and Venezuela” which was signed between them at Basseterre, St. Kitts and Nevis on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of July, 1991;

AWARE of the necessity of accelerating the Caribbean and Latin America integration process and the significance accorded by the Parties to the various sub-regional integration processes, as a means of achieving greater international competitiveness of the Region and of facilitating their full development;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the different levels of economic development between Venezuela and the Member States of CARICOM;

CONSIDERING the desirability of developing a more dynamic and balanced commercial and economic relationship between them;

CONSIDERING the advantage of formulating clear and accurate guidelines that permit their different economic entities greater involvement in the economic development of Venezuela and the Member States of CARICOM;

HAVING regard to the rights and obligations of the Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) under the Treaty establishing the Caribbean Community and the rights and obligations of Venezuela in the Cartagena Accord (Andean Group) and the Latin American Integration Association (ALADI), as well as the rights and obligations of Venezuela and those Member States of the Caribbean Community which are parties to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT);

DECIDING to establish closer trade and investment relations between them;

AGREE to implement the following:

**Article 1**  
**OBJECTIVE**

The fundamental objective of this Agreement shall be to strengthen the economic and trade relations between the Parties through:

- (a) the promotion and expansion of the sale of goods originating in CARICOM through, inter alia, one-way duty-free access to the Venezuelan market;
- (b) the stimulation of investments aimed at taking advantage of the markets of the Parties and strengthening their competitiveness in world trade;
- (c) the facilitation of the creation and operation of regional joint ventures; and
- (d) the encouragement of mechanisms for the promotion and protection of investments by nationals of the Parties.

**Article 2**  
**THE JOINT COUNCIL**

1. The CARICOM/Venezuela Joint Council on Trade and Investment (The Joint Council) established by the Principles for a Multilateral Agreement between Venezuela and CARICOM shall be responsible for the administration of this Agreement.
2. The Joint Council consists of representatives of Venezuela and CARICOM.
3. The functions of the Joint Council shall be:
  - (a) the ensure compliance by the Parties with the provisions of this Agreement;
  - (b) to resolve any problems which may arise out of the application of this Agreement;
  - (c) to keep this Agreement under constant review, evaluate the functioning of this Agreement and recommend measures it considers suitable to better achieve the objective of this Agreement;
  - (d) to carry out any other functions which may be assigned to it by the Parties.
4. The decisions of the Joint Council shall have the status of recommendations to the Parties to this Agreement.

**Article 3**  
**MEETINGS OF THE JOINT COUNCIL**

1. The Joint Council shall meet at least annually at such time as may be agreed between the Parties.
2. The meetings of the Joint Council shall be chaired jointly by the Parties.
3. Meetings of the Joint Council shall be held alternately in Venezuela and a Member State of CARICOM or such other place as may be agreed between Venezuela and CARICOM.
4. The Agenda for each meeting of the Joint Council shall be settled by the Parties at least one month before each proposed meeting.
5. The Council may regulate its own procedures and may establish subsidiary bodies to assist it in the execution of its functions.

**Article 4**  
**LIBERALISATION PROGRAMME**

1. Venezuela agrees to grant products originating in Member States of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) free access to its market by means of the implementation of programmes of tariff reduction and the elimination of non-tariff barriers. To this end:
  - A. the CARICOM Exportable Offer will have the following treatment:
    - (i) immediate duty-free access for products set out in Annex I;
    - (ii) phased reduction of the duties applicable on products set out in Annex II as follows:
      - (a) starting 1 January 1993 - 75 per cent of the MFN rate of duty will apply
      - (b) starting 1 January 1994 - 50 per cent of the MFN rate of duty will apply
      - (c) starting 1 January 1995 - 25 per cent of the MFN rate of duty will apply
      - (d) starting 1 January 1996 - duty-free treatment will apply;
    - (iii) the MFN rate will apply to the products set out in Annex III;

(iv) the Joint Council, at its Meetings may consider and decide on any requests by the Parties for the modification of the treatment to be accorded to any item referred to in sub paragraphs (i), (ii), and (iii) above;

B. for products other than those listed in (A) above, the MFN rate will apply unless otherwise decided by the Joint Council.

2. For the purposes of this Agreement “duty” shall be understood to mean the customs duties and any other charges of equivalent effect, whether fiscal, monetary, exchange or of any kind, which are incurred by imports. Not included under this concept are rates and analogous charges when they represent the cost of the services rendered.

#### **Article 5** **RULES OF ORIGIN**

The Rules of Origin to be applied under this Agreement shall be those set out in Annex IV.

#### **Article 6** **TREATMENT OF IMPORTS INTO CARICOM FROM VENEZUELA**

1. The Parties agree that CARICOM will grant most-favoured-nation treatment in the application of the Customs Tariff in respect of all imports from Venezuela.

2. CARICOM also undertakes to consult with Venezuela in the Joint Council when any charges in the rate structure of the Customs Tariff are contemplated.

3. CARICOM further undertakes that Member States of CARICOM will not, without prior consultation with Venezuela, apply any quantitative restrictions, beyond those currently in place or those authorised under the Treaty establishing the Caribbean Community, with respect to imports from Venezuela.

#### **Article 7** **TECHNICAL NORMS**

The Joint Council shall study the technical, industrial, commercial norms and those governing public health of the Parties and shall recommend the actions which it considers necessary to ensure that these norms do not constitute an obstacle to trade between the Parties.

#### **Article 8** **GENERAL EXCEPTIONS**

This Agreement allows the adoption or enforcement by Venezuela or any Member State of CARICOM of measures such as the following, provided that they are not used as obstacles to trade:

- (a) necessary to protect public morals;
- (b) necessary for the prevention of disorder or crime;
- (c) necessary to secure compliance with laws or regulations relating to customs enforcement, or to the classification, grading or marketing of goods, or to the operation of monopolies by means of state enterprises or enterprises given exclusive or special privileges;
- (d) necessary to protect industrial property, trademarks, or copyrights or to prevent deceptive practices;
- (e) relating to gold or silver;
- (f) relating to the products of prison labour;
- (g) imposed for the protection of national treasures of artistic, historic or archaeological value;
- (h) necessary to prevent or relieve critical shortages of foodstuffs in any exporting Party, or
- (i) relating to the conservation of exhaustible natural resources.

#### **Article 9**

#### **TREATMENT OF INVESTMENTS**

1. The Parties undertake to encourage the promotion and protection of investments by their nationals through the conclusion of bilateral investment treaties between the individual Member States of CARICOM and Venezuela, in accordance with national laws and legislation.

2. The Parties agree that the conclusion of the bilateral investment treaties referred to in paragraph 1 should facilitate inter alia:

- Movement of Capital
- Right of Establishment
- Joint Ventures

- Repatriation of Profits
- Possibility of CARICOM Member States raising loans for establishment of enterprises in Venezuela through the Caribbean Development Bank.

3. The Parties agree that Venezuela nationals may purchase that part of the equity in CARICOM enterprises which is owned by individual CARICOM Governments in exchange for debt owed to the Government of Venezuela by such Member States of CARICOM.

**Article 10**  
**DOUBLE TAXATION AGREEMENTS**

The Parties agree to work toward the adoption of double taxation agreements between the Member States of CARICOM and Venezuela.

**Article 11**  
**TRADE PROMOTION**

The Parties agree to establish trade promotion programmes; facilitate the activities of official and private missions; organise fairs and expositions, continuous exchange of information, market studies and other activities leading to the maximum utilisation of the preferences of the liberalisation programme and of the opportunities offered by the procedures agreed on in the area of trade.

**Article 12**  
**TRADE FINANCING**

1. The Joint Council shall keep trade financing under constant review and decide what mechanisms may be implemented to facilitate the financing of trade between CARICOM Member States and Venezuela.

2. The Parties, recognising the importance of timely payments for the development of trade, undertake to ensure that neither Venezuela nor any Member State of CARICOM imposes undue impediments to the prompt payment for goods traded within the context of this Agreement.

**Article 13**  
**TRADE IN SERVICES**

1. The Parties recognise the importance of trade in services for the development of their economies

2. The Parties further recognise that it will be opportune and necessary to develop co-operation in this sector when the outcome of the Uruguay Round of Multilateral Trade Negotiations in the GATT is known. To this end, the Parties will negotiate amendments or further elaboration of this Agreement to take account of and to take advantage of the outcome of these negotiations.

#### **Article 14** **TRANSPORTATION**

1. The Parties recognise the importance of improving transportation services as a means of facilitating trade between the Member States of CARICOM and Venezuela.

2. The Joint Council shall keep the provisions of this Article under review and identify measures including the negotiation of agreements on air and maritime transportation between the Member States of CARICOM and Venezuela, whereby transportation services may be improved.

3. The Parties further undertake to explore the possibility of creating joint enterprises in the area of transport and promote the establishment of centres for the consolidation of freight.

#### **Article 15** **SAFEGUARD CLAUSES**

1. Venezuela should apply temporary safeguard measures when:

- (a) importation of products originating in any of the Member States of CARICOM in quantities such that they cause serious damage to national production of similar or directly competing goods;
- (b) it might be necessary to correct dis-equilibrium in the Balance of Payments or protect the external financial position of Venezuela.

2. With reference to sub-paragraph (a) of paragraph 1, the corrective measures should consist of the total or partial suspension of the obligations contracted with respect to the said products.

3. When Venezuela applies restrictions in accordance with sub-paragraph (b) of paragraph 1, the corrective measures may consist of the reduction of volumes or of the value of the merchandise imported, without exceeding the limits necessary for avoiding a serious reduction of monetary reserves, for halting the reduction or increasing the international monetary reserves, as the case may be.

4. When Venezuela proposes to adopt the above-mentioned measures, it shall provide prior

notification to:

- (a) the Joint Council, so that the Joint Council within a period no longer than 15 calendar days dating from the date of receipt of such notification shall decide whether safeguard action is appropriate in the particular case;
- (b) the Parties which may have a substantial interest as exporters of the product in question, by means of the Joint Council, to give them the opportunity for the examination of the measures which are proposed for adoption.

5. The decision taken by the Joint Council shall be on the basis of the evidence provided by the Parties. In the case that the decision is in the affirmative, the Joint Council shall authorise the application of the restrictive measures.

6. The safeguard measures shall be applied only during the period necessary for repairing the grave damage. For that purpose they shall have no more than one year's duration.

#### **Article 16** **UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES**

In the case that these should arise in the trade between the Parties, situations of dumping as well as distortions arising from the application of subsidies to exports or of domestic subsidies equivalent in nature, the affected Party is empowered to apply the appropriate measures in conformity with its domestic legislation where it exists, which shall in any case be in conformity with the provisions of the GATT.

#### **Article 17** **SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES**

1. The Joint Council is the body responsible for the resolution of disputes which may arise with regard to the interpretation, application, execution or failure to comply with the provisions of this Agreement.

2. In the implementation of its powers under this Article, the Joint Council shall define guidelines and mechanisms for the settlement of disputes not later than six months after the entry into force of this Agreement.

Such mechanisms may include negotiation, enquiry, mediation, conciliation and arbitration.

#### **Article 18**



## **EVALUATION OF THE AGREEMENT**

The Joint Council shall carry out a comprehensive evaluation of the implementation of this Agreement and of the accomplishment of its objective, not later than four years after its entry into force. On the basis of this evaluation, the Joint Council shall recommend measures which it considers necessary to improve trade relations between the Parties on a mutual basis.

### **Article 19** **ACCESSION TO THE AGREEMENT BY** **OTHER ALADI MEMBER STATES**

1. This Agreement remains open to adherence of the other ALADI Member Countries, subject to prior negotiations among the Parties and those countries which demonstrate their intention to become members, in accordance with the provision in paragraph (a) of Article 9 of the Treaty of Montevideo of 1980.
2. The negotiations shall take into account that this Agreement establishes preferential treatment granted by Venezuela to the Member States of the Caribbean Community by reason of their lesser degree of relative development.

### **Article 20** **TRANSITIONAL PROVISIONS**

Venezuela shall proceed to implement with immediate effect the necessary procedures for formalising the Agreement with ALADI in accordance with the provisions of the Treaty of Montevideo of 1980 and the Resolutions of the Council of Ministers.

### **Article 21** **STATUS OF ANNEXES**

The Annexes to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

### **Article 22** **TERMINATION**

1. Either Party to this Agreement may give notice to terminate by giving written notice of termination to the other Party. Termination shall take effect six (6) months after such notice is received by the other Party.
2. The rights acquired and the obligations contracted under this Agreement shall cease on the effective date of termination, except with regard to those relating to obligations undertaken with respect to importation of products, which shall continue in force for a further period of one year unless the Parties agree to a longer period.

**Article 23**  
**ENTRY INTO FORCE**

This Agreement shall enter into force once the Parties have notified each other through diplomatic channels, indicating that all internal legal procedures have been completed. In any event, such legal procedures shall be completed on or before January 1, 1993.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Plenipotentiaries, being duly authorised, have affixed their signatures to his Agreement.

DONE AT Palacio de Miraflores in Caracas, Venezuela in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic, the 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1992.

SIGNED: Patrick Manning  
for the Caribbean Community.

SIGNED:  
for the Government of the Republic of Venezuela

**PRODUCTS FROM THE CARICOM EXPORTABLE  
OFFER WITH DUTY FREE ACCESS TO THE  
VENEZUELAN MARKET**

VENEZUELAN CODE	CARICOM CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION	LEGAL REGIME
0602.10.00.10	0602.004	Slips and Cuttings of Citrus Plants	5,6
0602.10.00.20	0602.009	Slips and Cuttings of Ornamental Plants	5,6
0602.10.00.90	0602.009	Other Slips and Cuttings	5,6
0602.20.00	0602.009	Trees, Shrubs and Plants of Edible Fruits	5,6
0602.30.00	0602.009	Rhododendrons and Azaleas	5,6
0602.40.00	0602.009	Rose Bushes	5,6
0602.91.00	0602.009	White Mushrooms	5,6
0602.99.00.10	0602.009	Live Orchid Plants	5,6
0602.99.00.20	0602.004	Live Citrus Plants	5,6
0602.99.00.30	0602.009	Live Coffee Plants	5,6
0602.99.00.90	0602.009	Other Live Plants	5,6
0603.10.00	0603	Flowers and Buds, Fresh	5,6
0604.10.00	0604.10	Mosses and Lichens, Fresh or Dried	5,6
0604.91.00	0604.00	Foliage and Other Parts of Plants, Fresh	5,6
0604.99.00	0604.00	Other Foliage, Leaves, Branches, Dried, Bleached or Dyed	5,6
0802.40.00	0802.40	Chestnuts, Fresh or Dry	5
0810.90.00	0810.009	Other Fresh Fruits	5,6
0902.10.00	0902.00	Green Tea in Containers of less than 3 kgs	5,6
0902.20.00.10	0902.00	Green Tea, Ground or in containers of more than 5 kgs	5,6
0902.20.00.90	0902.00	<b>Other Green Tea in other Forms</b>	5,6
0902.30.00	0902.00	Black Tea in Containers less than 3 kgs	3,5,6
0902.40.00.10	0902.00	Black Tea, ground or in containers of over 5 kg	3,5,6
0902.40.00.90	0902.00	Other black tea in other forms	3,5,6

0904.11.00	0904.11	Pepper, neither crushed nor ground	5,6
0904.12.00	0904.12	Pepper, crushed or ground	5,6
0906.10.00	0906.10	Cinnamon, neither crushed nor ground	5,6
0906.20.00	0906.20	Cinnamon, crushed or ground	5,6
0907.00.00	0907.00	Cloves	5,6
0908.10.00	0908.10	Nutmeg	5,6
0908.20.00	0908.20	Mace	5,6
0910.10.00	0910.10	Ginger	5,6
0910.20.00	0910.20	Saffron	5,6
0910.40.00	0910.40	Tumeric Bay leaves	5,6
0910.50.00	0910.50	Curry	5,6
0910.99.00	1910.99	Other spices	5,6
1209.91.00	1209.00	Vegetable Seeds	5,6
1515.90.00	1515.90	Others (nutmeg oil)	5
1704.10.00	1704.10	Chewing gum	5
1704.90.10	1704.90	Other sweets, Confectionery	5
1704.90.90.10	1704.90	Nougats	5
1905.00.00	1905.	Bakery Products, pastry or biscuits	5
2007.99.30	2007.995	Jelly and Jam, of Nutmeg	5
2102.30.00	2102.30	Artificial Yeasts (Baking Powder)	5
2103.90.20	2103.909	Condiments and Seasonings, mixed	5
2104.10.20	2104.10	Soups, Vegetable Soups or Broths, prepared	5
2105.00.00	2105.00	Ice Cream and Similar Products	5
2106.90.20	2106.003	Non-Alcoholic Mixtures for the Preparation of Beverages	5
2106.90.90	2106.009	Other Food Preparations	5
2711.12.00	2711.12	Propane	-
2711.13.00	2711.13	Butane	-
2711.19.00	2711.19	Other Gaseous Hydrocarbons	-
2804.29.00	2804.29	Other Gases (Gases Nobles)	-
2818.20.00	2818.20	Aluminium Oxide	-

3003.31.00	3003.31	Medicaments Containing Insulin not Packaged for Retail Sale	3
3004.31.00	3004.31	Medicaments Containing Insulin Packaged for Retail Sale	3
3301.29.90	3301.109	Others (Essential Oils)	-
3303.00.00	3303.00	Perfumes and Toilet Water	3
3304.10.00	3304.10	Preparation for Lip make-up	3
3304.20.00	3304.20	Preparation for eye make-up	3
3304.30.00	3304.30	Preparations for Pedicure or Manicure	3
3304.91.00	3304.90	Powders, Including Compacts	3
3304.99.00	3304.90	Other Preparations for the skin care	3
3305.10.00	3305.10	Shampoos	3
3305.20.00	3305.20	Preparations for Permanent Waving or Straightening	3
3305.30.00	3305.30	Hair Lacquers	3
3307.10.00	3307.10	Shaving Preparations	3
3307.20.00	3307.20	Deodorants	3
3307.30.00	3307.30	Perfumed Salts and Other Bath Preparations	3
3307.41.00	3307.41	Agarbatti and Other Perfumed Preparations	3
3503.00.20	3503.00	Fish Glue, Other Glues of Animal Origin	6
4105.11.00	4105	Sheepskin (hairless), Prepared with Vegetable Tanning	-
4105.12.00	4105	Sheepskin (hairless), Otherwise Tanned	-
6913.10.00	6913.00	Statuettes and Other Ornamental Articles made of Porcelain	-
6913.90.00	6913.00	Other Ornamental Articles, Ceramics	-
7203.10.00	7203.10	Ferrous Products Obtained by Direct Reduction of Iron Ore	-
7203.90.00	7203.90	Other Products of Sponge, Iron in Lumps or Similar Forms	-
7207.11.00	7207.101	Square or Rectangular Blooms, and Billets or non-alloy Steel with Carbon Content Lower than 0.25% by weight	-
7207.12.00	7207.202	Other Semi-finished Iron or Steel Products of Rectangular Traverse Section	-
7207.19.00	7207.202	Other By-Products of Iron or Steel	-
7207.20.00	7207.202	Other iron and steel by-products with carbon content greater than or equal to 0.25% by weight	-

7209.11.00	7209.309	Sheets of non-alloy iron or steel, of thickness greater than or equal to 3mm and with a minimum elasticity limit of 355 MPA	-
7209.21.00	7209.909	Other sheets of non-alloy iron or steel, of thickness greater than or equal to 3mm	-
7213.31.00	7213.009	Wire less than 14mm with carbon content below 0.25% by weight (only with sulphur content of 0.025% and phosphorus below 0.025%) for use exclusively in the production of electrodes	-
7213.39.00	7213.009	Other wire of non-alloyed iron or steel	-
7213.49.00	7213.009	Other wire of non-alloyed iron or steel with carbon content between 0.25% and 0.6% by weight	-
7214.30.00	7214.003	Steel bars of simple fabrication	-
7226.20.00	7226.20	Flat rolled products of high alloy steel with width lower than 600mm	-
7228.10.00	7228.10	High speed steel bars	-
7228.20.00	7228.20	Bars of silico-manganese steel	-
7228.30.00	7228.30	Other bars not further worked or hot extruded	-
7228.40.00	7228.40	Other bars simply forged	-
7228.50.00	7228.50	Other bars simply obtained or cold finished	-
7228.60.00	7228.60	Other bars of alloyed steel	-
7228.70.00	7228.70	Angles, shapes and sections of alloyed steel	-
7228.80.00	7228.80	Hollow bars for drilling	-
7312.10.00.10	7312	Cables for reinforcing tyres of Iron or Steel	-
7314.11.00	7314.109	Metallic netting of stainless steel	-
7326.20.00.10	7326.20	Tubular grid for wells, of iron or steel	-
7419.99.10	7419.90	Copper containers with capacity of greater than 300 litres except for compressed or liquified gases	-
8409.10.00	8409.10	Parts for use solely with aircraft engines	-
8409.91.10	8409.91	Blocks and cylinder heads, for piston engines	-
8409.91.30	8409.91	Connecting rods for piston engines	-
8409.91.50	8409.91	Rings for piston engines	-
8409.91.60	8409.91	Carburettors and parts thereof piston engines	-
8409.91.80	8409.91	Crank cases for piston engines	-

8409.91.90	8409.91	Other parts suitable for use with spark-ignition engines	-
8409.99.20	8409.99	Other rings	-
8409.99.30	8409.99	Injectors and other parts for combustible systems	-
8409.99.90	8409.99	Other parts for engines under headings 84.07 or 84.08	-
8413.91.10	8413.919	Parts of other pumps under sub-heading 8413.11.00	-
8413.91.20	8413.911	Parts of other pumps under sub-heading 8413.30.10	-
8413.91.30	8413.911	Parts of other pumps under sub-heading 8413.30.21 to 8413.13.24	-
8413.91.40	8413.919	Parts of other pumps under 8413.60.00	-
8413.91.90.90	8413.919	Parts of other pumps	-
8413.92.00	8413.92	Parts of liquid elevators	-
8414.10.00	8414.10	Vacuum Pumps	-
8415.82.90.10	8415.82	Air conditioning Units up to 240.000 BTU/H	-
8431.41.00	8431.41	Buckets, shovels, grabs and grips	-
8431.42.00	8431.42	Blades for bulldozers or angledozers	-
8431.31.43.00	8431.43	Parts of machinery or apparatus for drilling or boring of sub-heading 8430.41 or 8430.49	-
8466.93.00	8466	Parts for other machinery for drilling, boring, milling or threading metals (from sub-heading 8466.93.30 to sub-heading 8466.93.60)	-
8479.30.00	8479.30	Presses for the manufacture of particle boards of wood fibre	-
8479.40.00	8479.40	Rope or cable making machines	-
8479.81.00	8479.81	Machinery and apparatus for working metal, including electric wire coil winders	-
8479.89.10	8479.89	Machinery and apparatus for the soap industry	-
8479.89.20	8479.89	Humidifiers and dehumidifiers	-
8479.89.40	8479.89	Machinery and apparatus for the care and conservation of oil pipelines and similar products	-
8479.89.50	8479.89	Windscreen wipers with motor	-
8480.49.00	8480.009	Other moulding boxes for metal foundry	-
8524.21.10	8524.20	Magnetic tapes for teaching of width of 4mm or less	-
8524.22.10	8524.20	Magnetic tapes for teaching (of width greater than 4mm but less than or equal to 6.5mm)	-

8524.23.10	8524.20	Magnetic tapes for teaching of width greater than 6.5mm	-
8528.10.00.10	8528.10	Colour Video monitors	-
8536.10.10	8536.10	Automobile fuses	-
8539.10.00	8539.10	Headlamps or sealed beam units	-
8540.11.00	8540.001	Cathode tubes for colour television sets	-
8540.12.00	8540.001	Cathode tubes for black and white television sets or other monochromes	-
8540.20.00	8540.009	Tubes for television cameras	-
8540.30.00	8540.009	Other Cathode tubes	-
8540.41.00	8540.41	Magnetrones	-
8540.42.00	8540.42	Klistrones	-
8540.49.00	8540.009	Other high frequency tubes	-
8540.81.00	8540.009	Receptor tubes or amplifiers	-
8541.10.00	8541.001	Diodes, except photodiodes and light producing diodes	-
8542.80.00	8542.009	Cathodes, valves and tubes diodes, electronic micro assemblers	-
8544.70.00	8544.70	Fibre optic cables	-
8803.10.20	8803.10	Parts of aircraft of sub-heading 8802.20.10 and 8802.30.10 (propellers and rotors)	-
8803.20.10	8803.20	Parts of aircraft of sub-headings 8802.20.10 and 8802.30.10, (under carriages and parts thereof)	-
8803.30.10	8803.30	Parts of aircraft of sub-headings 8802.20.10 and 8802.30.10 (other parts of aircraft and helicopters)	-
8803.90.10	8803.90	Parts of balloons and dirigibles	-
9010.10.00	9010.10	Apparatus and material for automatically developing photographic film	-
9206.00.00	9206.00	Percussion musical instrument	-
9506.29.00	9506	Other articles for water sports	-
9506.51.00	9506	Tennis rackets, strung or otherwise	-
9506.62.00	9506	Inflatable balloons	-
9506.91.00	9506	Articles and materials for gymnastics or athletics	-
9602.00.90	9602.009	Other mineral or vegetable material for carving and manufacture of these materials	-



- 3 - permit issued by the Ministry of Health and Social Assistance
- 5 - Sanitary Certificate issued by the Country of Origin
- 6 - Sanitary Certificate issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

## ANNEX II

### **PRODUCTS FROM THE CARICOM EXPORTABLE OFFER SUBJECT TO PHASED REDUCTION**

<b>VENEZUELAN TARIFF HEADING</b>	<b>CARICOM TARIFF HEADING</b>	<b>PRODUCT DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>TARIFF %</b>	<b>LEGAL REGIME</b>
0106.00.90.90	0106	Other Live Animals	10	5,6
0301.90.10	0301.901	Other Live Fish for Breeding or Industrial Rearing	5	5
0302.00.00.90	0302.	Flying fish, strip bellied fish, bonito, snapper, (roncador) fresh or chilled	20	3,5
0303.00.00.90	0303.	Stripe bellied fish, bonito, snapper, (roncador), Trout and Shark	20	3,5
0304.20.00.90	0304.20	Fillets of Fish, Frozen	20	3,5
0304.90.00.90	0304.90	Fish meat, Fresh, Chilled or Frozen	20	3,5
0305.40.00.90	0305.401	Other Fish, Smoked	20	3,5
0305.51.00.90	0305.402	Other Fish, Dry	20	3,5
0305.69.00.90	0305.	Other Fish, Salted	20	3,5
0306.13.90	0306.00	Shrimp, Prawns, Frozen	20	3,5
0306.19.00	0306	Other Crustacea, Frozen	20	3,5
0307.00.00.19	0307.	Other Molluscs, Frozen	20	3,5
0702.00.00	0702.00	Tomatoes, Fresh or Chilled	15	5,6
0703.20.00	0703.20	Garlic, Fresh or Chilled	15	5,6
0707.00.00	0707.001	Cucumbers, Fresh	15	5,6
0708.10.00	0708.001	Peas or Beans, Fresh or Chilled	15	5,6

0709.60.00	0709.004	Hot peppers of the Capsicum or Pimento varieties, Fresh or Chilled	15	5,6
0709.90.00.90	0709.004	Christophenes, Ochroes, Sorrel, Pumpkin, Fresh or Chilled	15	5,6
0713.30.10.10	0713.004	Black Beans for Sowing	15	5,6
0713.30.90.90	0713.002	Other Beans, except for sowing	15	5,6
0714.90.00	0714.90	Other roots and tubers, Fresh or Dry	15	5,6
0801.10.00	0801.102	Coconuts, Dry or Fresh	15	5,6
0801.20.00	0801.	Brazil nuts, Fresh or Dry	15	5,6
0801.30.00	0801	Cashew Nuts, Fresh or Dry	15	5,6
0803.90.00	0803.00	Bananas or Plantains, Fresh or Dry	15	5,6
0804.30.00	0804.30	Pineapples, Fresh or Dry	15	5,6
0804.40.00	0804.40	Avocados, Fresh	15	5,6
0804.50.00	0804.50	Guavas and Mangoes, Fresh or Dry	15	5,6
0805.10.00	0805.10	Oranges, Fresh	15	5,6
0805.20.10	0805.209	Mandarines, Fresh	15	5,6
0805.30.20	0805.	Sour limes, Fresh	15	5,6
0805.40.00	0805.140	Grapefruits, Fresh or Dry	15	5,6
0807.10.00	0807.10	Melons, Water Melons, Fresh	15	5,6
0808.10.00	0808.	Apples, Fresh	15	5,6
0809.40.00	0809.00	Plums, Fresh	15	5,6
0810.90.00	0810.00	Tamarind, Sapodilla, Passion Fruit, Soursop, Fresh or Dry	15	5,6
1104.30.00.90	1104.30	Wheat Germ	20	5
1106.10.00	1106.20	Flour and Semolina of other Vegetables under Heading 07.13	20	5
1517.10.00	1517.10	Margarine, except liquid Margarine	20	3,5
1517.90.00	1517.901	Other Margarines	20	3,5
1601.00.00	1601.001	Sausages of the 'Vienna' type and Pepperoni	20	5,6
1602.50.90	1602	Tinned Meat	20	5,6
1602.41.00	1602.401	Ham	20	2,5,6
1602.49.90	1602.402	Bacon	20	2,5,6

1803.10.00	1803	Cocoa Butter, fat not removed	15	5
1802.20.00	1803.	Cocoa Butter, fat entirely or partially removed	15	5
1805.00.00	1805.	Cocoa Powder	20	5
1806.31.00	1806.002	Chocolate Bars, filled	20	5
1806.32.00	1806.002	Chocolate Bars, not filled	20	5
1902.19.00	1902.	Other Food Products of Cocoa and other Pastes	20	5
1904.90.00	1904.	Other Cereal-based products, obtained by blowing or toasted	20	5
2006.00.00	2006.009	Processed Fruits, with sugar	20	5
2007.99.30	2007.993	Jellies and Jams of Guava	20	5
2008.19.90	2008.	Other Fruits with Rind or Skin, processed or preserved	20	5
2008.99.99	2008.004	Mangoes, processed or preserved	20	5
2009.80.19	2009	Tropical Fruit Juices	20	5
2103.20.00	2103.210	Tomato Sauce(Ketchup)	20	5
2103.90.90	2103.901	Pepper Sauce and other prepared sauces	20	5
2202.90.00	2202.90	Non-alcoholic beverages except fruit and vegetable juices	20	5
2203.00.00	2203.00	Malta	20	5
2208.10.00	2208.	Mixed alcoholic preparations of the type used for beverage making	5	5
2208.40.00	2208.40	Rum and Sugar Cane Spirits	20	5
2402.20.20	2402.20	Cigarettes made from Virginia Tobacco	20	5
34.01	34.01	Soap; organic surface-active products and preparations for use as soap, in form of bars, cakes, moulded pieces or shapes, wadding; felt and non-wovens, impregnated coated or covered with soap or detergent	20	*
3406.00.00	3406.	Candles	15	-
41.04	41.04	Hides and Skins of cattle and horses, hairless, processed, except those under Headings 41.08 or 41.09	*	-
4202.91.90	4202.20	School bags with outer surface of natural, artificial or recycled leather	20	-
4202.92.00	4202.20	School bags with outer surface of plastic or fabric	20	-

CHAPTER 44	CHAPTER 44	Lumber, charcoal and wood manufactured products	*	-
4601.99.00	4601.20	Table mats of plaited material	20	-
4602.10.00	4602.009	Baskets of vegetable materials	20	-
4707.90.00	4707.00	Other Waste Paper and Cardboard	5	-
CHAPTER 48	CHAPTER 48	Paper and Cardboard, Products manufactured from cellulose paste, paper or cardboard	*	-
5607.50.00	5607.00	Cords and twines of other synthetic fibres	15	-
CHAPTER 57	CHAPTER 57	Carpets and other floor coverings of textile material	20	-
5905.00.00	5905.00	Other decorative items (coverings of textile materials)	20	-
CHAPTER 61	CHAPTER 61	Garments and accessories knitted or crocheted	20	-
CHAPTER 62	CHAPTER 62	Garments and accessories not knitted or crocheted	20	-
CHAPTER 63	CHAPTER 63	Other made-up textile articles; in sets or assorted used clothing and rags	20	*
CHAPTER 64	CHAPTER 64	Footwear, garters, boots and similar items; parts thereof	*	-
CHAPTER 65	CHAPTER 65	Articles for millinery and parts thereof	*	-
6904.10.00	6904.10	Ceramic building bricks	15	-
6905.10.00	6905.10	Ceramic Roofing tiles	15	-
6907.90.00	6907.001	Unglazed tiles and stones	15	-
6912.00.00	6912.001	Ceramic household articles	20	-
7113.11.00	7113.11	Jeweller's articles of silver plated or not, or clad	20	-
7113.19.00	7113.	Jeweller's articles of gold whether plated or not or clad	20	-
7204.10.00	7204.	Waste and scrap metal	5	-
72.09	72.09	Sheets and plates of non-alloy iron or steel rolled but not further worked of width greater than or equal to 600mm, cold rolled, neither plated nor coated (only sub-headings 7209.14.00, 7209.24.00, 7209.31.00, 7209.34.00, 7209.41.00, 7209.44.00)	*	-

7210.12.00	7210	Sheets and plates of non-alloy iron or steel of width greater than or equal to 600mm and of a thickness of less than or equal to 0.5mm	10	-
7210.20.00	7210.	Sheets and plates of non-alloy iron or steel rolled but not further of width greater than or equal to 600mm plated or coated	10	-
7210.31.00	7210.	Sheets and plates of non-alloy steel of thickness of less than 3mm and with minimum limit of elasticity of 275 MPA or of thickness greater than or equal to 3mm and with a minimum of elasticity of 355 MPA	10	-
7210.39.00	7210.	Other sheets and plates of non-alloy iron or steel galvanised electrolytically	10	-
7210.41.00	7210.	Other sheets and plates of non-alloy iron or steel corrugated and otherwise galvanised	10	-
7210.49.00	7210.	Other sheets and plates of non-alloy iron and steel otherwise galvanised	10	-
7210.50.00	7210.	Sheets and plates of non-alloy iron or steel coated with Chromium oxide or Chromium and Chromium Oxide	10	-
7210.60.00	7210.	Sheets and plates of non-alloy iron and steel, coated with aluminium	10	-
7210.70.00	7210.	Sheets and plates of non-alloy iron and steel, painted, varnished or coated with plastic	10	-
7210.90.00	7210.	Other sheets and plates of non-alloy iron or steel of width greater than or equal to 600mm	10	-
72.12	72.12	Sheets and plates of non-alloy iron or steel of width less than or equal to 600mm plated or coated	10	-
7214.60.00	7214	Other iron bars of non-alloy iron or steel, hot extruded with a Carbon content greater than or equal to 0.6% by weight	*	-
72.15	72.15	Other bars of non-alloy iron or steel	*	-
72.16	72.16	Angles, shapes and sections of non-alloy iron or steel	10	-
72.17	72.17	Wire of non-alloy iron or steel	15	-
7308.90.90.90	7308.	Structures and Parts of structures NES of iron or steel except prefabricated structures under Heading 94.06	15	-

73.09	73.09	Tank, casks, drums and similar containers for smelting iron or steel with capacity of over 300 litres without mechanical or heating fittings including coated interiors or heat resistant	15	-
73.10	73.10	Tanks, casks, drums and similar containers for smelting iron or steel, with capacity less than or equal to 300 litres without mechanical fittings or heating including those with coated interiors or heat resistant	15	-
7312.10.00.90	7312.	Other cables of iron or steel not insulated for electrical use	15	-
7312.90.00	7312.	Stranded wire, ropes, cables, plaited bands, slings and the like, of iron or steel, not electrically insulated	15	-
7313.00.10	7313.	Barbed wire	15	-
7313.00.90	7313.	Other wire for fencing of iron and steel	15	-
73.14	73.14	Wire Mesh and fencing of iron and steel wire sheets or wide bands of iron or steel (excluding sub-heading 7314.11.00 included in the Free Access List)	*	-
7317.00.00.99	7317.002	Other nails and similar articles of iron or steel	15	-
7321.11.90	7321.10	Gas Stoves	20	-
7326.90.00	7326	Other products of iron or steel (excluding sub-item 7326.20.00.10 included in the Free Access List)	10	-
74.07	74.07	Copper bars, rods, profiles	10	-
7419.99.90	7419.	Other copper products	*	-
7602.00.00	7602.00	Aluminium Waste and Scrap	5	-
7610.90.00	7610	Other Structures and parts of structures of Aluminium, except prefabricated structures falling under heading 94.06	15	-
8305.20.00	8305.20	Office Staples	15	-
8309.10.00	8309.10	Crown Corks of base metal	15	-
8311.20.00	8311.	Welding Rods	15	-
8409.91.20	8409.	Crank cases for use with internal combustion engines	15	-
8409.91.40	8409.	Pistons for engines falling under headings 84.07 or 84.08	15	-

8409.91.70	8409.	Pistons for engines falling under headings 84.07 or 84.08	15	-
8409.99.10	8409	Other Pistons except those for internal combustion engines	15	-
84.13	84.13	Pumps for Liquids, including those with measuring devices liquid elevators, (except products of items 8413.91.10, 8413.91.20, 8413.91.30, 8413.91.40, 8413.91.90.90 and 8413.92.00 included in the Free Access List)	*	-
84.15	84.15	Air-conditioned units with mechanically operated fan and fittings for modifying temperature and humidity whether or not they separately regulate the atmospheric pressure (except products falling under sub-item 8415.82.90.10, included in the Free Access List)	*	-
84.18	84.18	Refrigerators, Freezers and other material, machines and apparatus for cooling, electrical or otherwise, heat pumps, except air condition units falling under heading 84.15	*	-
8419.11.00.10	8419.	Solar Water Heaters for domestic use	20	-
8412.23.00	8421.23	Oil Filters for internal combustion engines or for compressors	15	-
84.33	84.33	Machines and appliances for harvesting or threshing, including presses for straw or fodder, grass cutters and lawn mowers; machines for cleaning or grading eggs, fruits, or other agricultural products, except those falling under heading 84.37	*	-
84.79	84.79	Machines and mechanical appliances with specific functions not set out or included in other sections of this Chapter (except products falling under Items 8479.30.00, 8479.40.00, 8479.81.00, 8479.89.10, 8479.89.20, 8479.89.40 and 8479.89.50 included in the Free Access List)	*	-
8480.10.00	8480	Moulding boxes for metal foundry	5	-
8480.41.00	8480.	Moulding boxes for moulding by injection or compression of metals	10	-
8484.10.00	8484.00	Gaskets (of metal and plastic)	15	-
8484.90.00	8484.	Other sets or assortments of gaskets of different materials, in bags, envelopes or similar packaging	15	-
85.04	8504	Electrical transformers, static converters and inductors	*	-

85.07	85.07	Electrical Accumulators including separators (whether square or rectangular)	*	-
8509.40.10	8509.801	Blenders	20	-
8509.40.90	8509.80	Other food grinders and mixers, Fruit and Vegetable Juicers	20	-
8516.79.00	8516.60	Other electro-thermal appliances for domestic use	20	-
85.24	85.24	Records, tapes and other accessories for sound recording and similar processes, pre-recorded including galvanic moulds for making records except products falling under Chapter 37	*	-
85.36	85.36	Electrical apparatus for switching or protecting electrical circuits, or for making connections to or in electrical circuits (for example, switches, relays, fuses, surge suppressors, plugs, sockets, lamp- holders, junction boxes) for a voltage not exceeding 1000 volts (except sub-heading 8536.10.10 included in the Free Access List)	*	-
8537.10.00	8537.00	Circuit Boards for tensions less than 1000 volts	15	-
8537.20.00	8537.00	Circuit Boards for tensions above 1000 volts	15	-
8538.10.00	8538.	Circuit Boards, panels, consoles and other accessories falling under heading 85.37 without the appliances	15	-
8708.92.00	8708.	Silencers for motor vehicles	15	-
9021.21.00	9021.20	Artificial Teeth	5	-
9401.80.00	9401.	Other Seats	20	-
9403.10.00	9403.10	Metal Office Furniture	20	-
9403.30.00	9403.	Wooden Office Furniture	20	-
9403.40.00	9403.	Wooden Kitchen Furniture	20	-
9403.50.00	9403.	Wooden Bedroom Furniture	20	-
9403.60.00	9403.	Other Wooden Furniture	20	-
9404.90.00	9404.	Pillows	20	-
9405.10.90	9405.10	Other Electric light fittings for ceilings and walls	20	-
9405.50.90	9405.10	Chandeliers	20	-
9405.90.90	9405.	Other parts for electric light fittings	15	-
9603.10.00	9603.	Brooms and brushes of branches or other vegetable material tied into bunches, including those with sticks/handles	20	-



9603.21.00	9603.003	Tooth Brushes	20	-
9603.99.00	9603.	Other Brushes	20	-

- (\*) Refer to the Venezuelan Customs Tariff
- (2) Importation reserved for the National Government
- (3) Permit from the Ministry of Health and Social Assistance
- (5) Health Certificate issued by the Country of Origin
- (6) Health Certificate issued by the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock

### ANNEX III

#### PRODUCTS FROM THE CARICOM EXPORTABLE OFFER TO BE INCLUDED IN THE EXCEPTIONS LIST

VENEZUELA TARIFF HEADING	CARICOM TARIFF HEADING	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
0201.10.00	0201.	Beef, fresh or chilled, entire carcasses or halves
0201.20.00	0201.	Beef, fresh or chilled in cuts not deboned
0201.30.00	0201.	Beef, fresh or chilled, boneless
0202.10.00	0202.	Beef, frozen, entire carcasses or halves
0202.20.00	0202.	Beef, frozen in cuts, not deboned
0202.30.00	0202.	Beef, frozen, boneless
0402.21.00.20	0402.	Whole milk with a minimum fat content of 26%
0402.29.00.10	0402.	Cream, sweetened
0402.99.10	0402.991	Condensed Milk
0403.10.00	0403.10	Yoghurt
0901.11.00	0901.	Coffee beans, not roasted, not decaffeinated

0901.21.10	0901.	Coffee beans, roasted, not decaffeinated
1006.30.00	1006.	White Rice
1006.40.00	1006.	Rice, broken
1101.00.00	1101.00	Wheat flour
1103.11.00	1103.	Semolina
1203.00.00	1203.00	Copra
1508.10.00	1508.	Peanut oil in crude form
1508.90.00	1508.	Other groundnut oils
1511.10.00	1511.	Palm oil, crude
1511.90.00	1511.	Other Palm oils
1513.11.00	1513.11	Coconut oil, crude
1513.19.00	1513.	Other Coconut oils
1515.29.00	1515.20	Corn oil refined, excluding nutmeg oil (1515.90.00) included in the Free Access List
1516.20.00	1516.	Other vegetable fats
1701.11.90	1701.11	Other cane sugar, crude, neither flavoured nor coloured
1703.10.00	1703.	Molasses (of sugar cane)
1801.00.10	1801.	Cocoa beans, raw
1801.00.20	1801.	Cocoa beans, roasted
1904.90.00	1904.	Rice, pre-cooked
2009.11.00	2009.	Orange Juice, frozen
2009.19.00	2009.	Other Orange Juices
2304.00.00	2304.00	Cake and other solid residues from the extraction of soya bean oil
2305.00.00	2305.00	Cake and other solid residues from the extraction of peanut oil
2523.21.00.10	2523.20	White Portland Cement
2523.21.00.20	2523.	Grey Cement
Chapter 27	Chapter 27	Mineral Fuels, mineral oils and products distilled therefrom, Bituminous materials, mineral waxes except propane (2711.12.00), Botane (2711.13.00) and other gaseous hydrocarbons (2711.19.00) included in the Free Access List
2804.40.00	2804.	Oxygen
2811.21.00	2811.291	Carbon Dioxide

2811.29.20	2811.21	Nitrous Oxide
2814.10.00	2814.10	Anhydrous Ammonia
2833.22.00	2833.001	Aluminium Sulphate
2905.11.00	2905.001	Methanol
2915.90.90.99	2915.009	Other Carboxylic Acids
30.03	30.03	Medicaments constituted by a mixture of products prepared for therapeutic or prophylactic use, not packaged in doses nor packaged for rental sale. Except medicaments containing insulin not packaged for retail sale (3003.31.000 included in the Free Access List).
30.04	30.04	Medicaments constituted by a mixture of products prepared for therapeutic or prophylactic use, packaged in doses or packaged for retail sale, except medicaments containing insulin packaged for retail sale (3004.31.00) included in the Free Access List.
3102.10.00	3102.10	Urea
32.08	32.08	Paints and varnishes based on modified synthetic or natural polymers, dissolved in a non-aqueous medium
32.09	32.09	Paints and varnishes based on modified synthetic or natural polymers, dissolved in an aqueous medium
3210.00.20	3210.	Water pigments of the type used for leather finishes
34.02	34.02	Organic surface-active agents (other than soap) surface-active preparations, washing preparations (including auxiliary washing preparations) and cleaning preparations whether or not containing soap, other than those of Heading 34.01 included in the Phased Reduction List
3808.10.10	3808.	Insecticides in containers for retail sale
3808.10.20	3808.	Insecticides in other forms
3808.40.10	3808.	Disinfectants in containers for retail sale
3808.40.90	3808.	Disinfectants in other forms
3819.00.00	3819.00	Fluids for hydraulics brakes and other liquid preparations for hydraulic transmissions, not containing petroleum oils or bituminous materials
3823.40.00	3823	Prepared additives for cement, mortars or concrete
3823.90.99.90	3823	Residual products of the chemical or related industries, not set out or included under other headings
3907.30.00	3907.00	Epoxide Resins in simple forms
39.15	3915.00	Waste, parings and scrap of plastic
3917.23.00	3917.201	PVC pipes

39.20	39.20	Other plates, sheets, films, bands of non cellular plastic, neither reinforced, stratified, nor combines in similar form with other materials
39.23	39.23	Articles for transport and packaging of plastic, covers, lids, caps and other covers of plastic
39.24	39.24	Crockery and other articles for domestic use and articles for sanitary use of plastic
3925.10.00	3925.10	Reservoirs, tanks, vats and similar containers with capacity of over 300 litres of plastic
39.26	39.26	Other items of plastic and products of other materials under headings 39.01 to 39.14
6810.91.00	6810	Prefabricated cement or concrete structures for construction
7010.90.00.90	7010	Other bottles, flasks, pots and other containers for transport or packaging of glass
7209.12.00	7209.301	Sheets of thickness of more than 1mm but less than 3mm of Iron or Steel, cold finished
7209.13.00	7209.23	Sheets of iron or steel of thickness greater than or equal to 0.5mm, but less than or equal to 1mm, cold finished
7209.22.00	7209.401	Sheets of iron or steel of thickness greater than or equal to 1mm, but less than or equal to 3mm, cold rolled
7209.23.00	7209.901	Sheets of iron or steel of thickness greater than or equal to 0.5mm but less than or equal to 1mm, cold rolled
7209.32.00	7209.	Flat rolled products of non-alloy iron or steel, cold rolled, of thickness greater than 1mm but less than 3mm
7209.33.00	7209.	Flat rolled products of non-alloy iron or steel, cold finished, of thickness greater than or equal to 0.5mm but less than or equal to 1mm
7209.42.00	7209.	Other flat rolled products of iron or steel, cold rolled of thickness greater than 1mm but less than 3mm not rolled up
7209.43.00	7209.	Other flat rolled products of iron or steel, cold finished of thickness greater than or equal to 0.5mm, but less than or equal to 1mm, not rolled up
7209.90.00	7209.	Other flat rolled products of non-alloy iron or steel of width greater than or equal to 600mm, cold rolled
7213.10.00	7213.001	Wire rods of non-alloy iron or steel with grooves
7213.20.00	7213.009	Wire rod of steels of simple fabrication

7213.31.00	7213.009	Wire rod of iron or steel with circular section and diameter less than 14mm, except wire rod of less than 14mm, with carbon content of less than 25% by weight (only with sulphur content of less than 0.025% and phosphorous less than 0.025%) for use exclusively in the production of electrodes, included in the Free Access List
7213.41.00	7213.009	Wire rod of iron or steel or circular section and diameter of less than 14mm, with Carbon content of more than 0.25% by weight
7213.50.00	7213.	Other wire rod of iron or steel with Carbon content greater than or equal to 0.6% by weight
7214.10.00	7214.001	Bars of non-alloy iron or steel, simply forged
7214.20.00	7214.003	Bars of non-alloy iron or steel, with grooves, bands, holes or raised marking, hot extruded
7214.40.00	7214.009	Other bars of non-alloy iron or steel with Carbon content of less than 0.25% by weight
7214.50.00	7214.50	Other bars of non-alloy iron or steel, hot extruded, with Carbon content greater than or equal to 0.25% but less than 0.6% by weight
8528.20.00.90	8528.20	Other black and white television sets and other monochromes
9502.10.00	9502.10	Dolls, dressed or otherwise

**RULES OF ORIGIN**

**CHAPTER I: QUALIFICATION OF ORIGIN**

**Article 1**

For the purposes of the Qualification of Origin of the products which Venezuela will exempt from imports duties and restrictions, according to Article 5 of the Trade and Investment Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Venezuela and the Caribbean Community, the following shall be considered as originating in CARICOM Member Countries:

- (a) Items included in the tariff sub-headings indicated in Appendix I, for the sole reason of being produced in its territory. To this end, the following items are considered as produced:
  - Mineral, vegetable and animal products (including those from hunting and fishing) extracted, harvested or gathered, born in its territory or territorial waters and exclusive economic zones; and
  - Products of the sea extracted beyond its territorial waters and exclusive economic zones, by ships of its own flag or leased by enterprises which are legally established in its territory.
- (b) Items wholly produced in the territories of CARICOM Member Countries, when such items are exclusively produced with materials from any of said Countries.
- (c) Items manufactured using materials from third countries provided that they result from a process of substantial transformation, carried out in the territory of CARICOM Member Countries, which creates a different product characterised by the fact of being classified within the Harmonised Commodity Description and Coding System in a heading different from that of such materials.
- (d) Items that are the result of assembly operations which constitute a process of substantial transformation, carried out in the territory of a CARICOM Member Country and in the production of which materials from such countries, from Venezuela and from third countries are used, when the destination port c.i.f. value or the maritime port c.i.f. value of the materials from third countries does not exceed 50 per cent of the f.o.b. export value of such products.
- (e) Items that, besides being produced in the territories of CARICOM Member Countries, comply with the specific origin requirements established in Appendix 2, attached to these Rules.

## **Article 2**

The specific origin requirements shall take precedence over the general criteria of the present Rules.

The Joint Council may establish by means of amending protocols specific origin requirements in Trade and Investment Agreement between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela. In like manner, the Joint Council may amend the requirements previously agreed upon.

## **Article 3**

The following will not be considered as processes of substantial transformation:

- (a) operations to ensure the preservation of goods during transportation or storage, such as refrigeration, addition of preservatives, removal of damaged parts and the like;
- (b) operations such as dust removal, sifting, shelling, winnowing, maceration, drying, sorting, classification, selection, crushing, washing, painting and cutting-up;
- (c) the simple formation of sets of products;
- (d) simple packing, placing in containers or repackaging;
- (e) the simple dividing up of assembly of packages;
- (f) the affixing of brands, labels, or other similar distinctive signs;
- (g) simple mixture of materials if the characteristics of the product obtained are not essentially different from the characteristics of the materials which have been mixed;
- (h) the slaughter of animals;
- (i) the simple gathering or assembly of imported parts.

## **Article 4**

For the purpose of the present Rules:

- (a) the term “territory” includes the duty-free zones located within the geographic boundaries of any of the CARICOM Member Countries;
- (b) the term “materials” applies to the raw materials, the intermediate products, parts and spare parts, used in the production of merchandise.

### **Article 5**

For the purposes of the fulfilment of the Rules of Origin established in the Chapter and in Appendix 2, the materials from the territory of one of the CARICOM Member Countries and from Venezuela used by another Member Country in the production of a particular merchandise, shall be considered as originating in the territory of the latter country.

### **Article 6**

In order to enjoy the benefits of preferential treatment, originating merchandise must be directly delivered from the exporting country to the importing country.

For this purpose, the following shall be considered as direct consignment:

- (a) Products transported without going through third country territories.
- (b) Products transported in transit through one or more non-participating countries, with or without transshipment, or temporary storage under the surveillance of customs authorities of such countries, provided that:
  - (i) they are not designed for trade or use in the transit country; and
  - (ii) they do not undergo during transportation or storage, any operation other than loading or unloading or operations to keep them in good condition and ensure their conservation.

## **CHAPTER II: DECLARATION, CERTIFICATION AND PROOF OF ORIGIN**

### **Article 7**

In order for the products to benefit from the preferential treatment contemplated under Article 4 of the Trade and Investment Agreement between the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) and the Government of the Republic of Venezuela, a declaration certifying the fulfilment of the origin requirements described in Chapter I, in the format adopted by ALADI (Latin American Integration Association), set out in Appendix 3, must be included in the export document. To this end, Venezuela undertakes to notify the CARICOM Secretariat of any modification to the form adopted by ALADI.

Such declaration may be issued by the final producer or by the exporter of the merchandise concerned, and must in any case be certified by an official body.

Origin certificates issued for the purpose of complying with the exemption regime, will be valid for a period of 180 days from the date of certification by the appropriate body or entity of the exporting



country.

### **Article 8**

CARICOM Member Countries will transmit to the Venezuelan Foreign Trade Institute the approved list of official bodies authorised to issue the certification mentioned in the previous Article, along with a list of signatories and facsimiles of the authorised signatures.

### **Article 9**

The Venezuelan Foreign Trade Institute will keep an updated record of official bodies authorised by CARICOM Member Countries to issue origin certificates. Any changes requested by these countries will take effect within 30 days after receipt of the communication from the country.

### **Article 10**

The functions and obligations of official bodies authorised by CARICOM Member Countries to carry out origin certification, will be, inter alia, the following:

- (a) to verify the accuracy of the declaration presented to them by the producer or the exporter by way of systems or procedures which ensure the accuracy of the data.
- (b) to provide to the Venezuelan Foreign Trade Institute the administrative co-operation required for the control of documentary proof or origin.

### **Article 11**

The Venezuelan Foreign Trade Institute may request the official bodies authorised by CARICOM Member Countries to issue certificates of origin to carry out control of this document when:

- (a) There are grounds for doubts regarding the authenticity of the document;
- (b) There are grounds for doubts in regard to the accuracy of the data contained therein;
- (c) For random checks.

### **Article 12**

The requests for control procedures will be made within a period of one year from the date of the customs declaration in the importing country. In like manner, such requests shall be answered no later than three months after the date of the request.

### **Article 13**

When the Venezuelan agencies arrive at the conclusion that the origin certificates do not comply with the provisions of the present regime, they will transmit their opinion to the exporting country in order for that country to take the necessary action to achieve a solution to the problems described.

In no case shall the Venezuelan authorities interrupt an import procedure of the products covered by the certificates mentioned in the above Article. However, the Venezuelan authorities, in addition to requesting the appropriate additional information from the Governmental authorities of the exporting countries, shall adopt the actions they deem necessary to safeguard the fiscal interests.

## APPENDIX I

### THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS ARE CONSIDERED TO HAVE ORIGINATED IN CARICOM COUNTRIES

VENEZUELA N CODE	CARICOM CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION
0106.00.90.90	0106	Other Live Animals
0301.10.00	0301	Ornamental Fish
0301.90.10	0301	Other Live Fish for Breeding
0301.90.90	0301	Other Live Fish, Except for Breeding
0302.00.00.90	0302	Other Fish, Fresh or Chilled
0303.00.00.90	0303	Other Frozen Fish
0304.10.00.90	0304	Other Fillets of Fish, Fresh or Chilled
0304.20.00.90	0304	Other Fillets of Fish, Frozen
0304.90.00.90	0304	Other Fish Meat, Fresh, Chilled or Frozen
0305.30.00.90	0305	Other Fillets of Fish, Dried, Salted or in Brine, not Smoked
0305.40.00.90	0305	Other Smoked Fish including Fillets
0305.51.00.90	0305	Other Dried Fish
0305.69.00.90	0305	Other Salted Fish
0306.13.10	0306	Prawns, Frozen
0306.13.90	0306	Shrimp and Prawns, Frozen
0307.00.00.19	0307	Other Frozen Molluscs
0602.10.00.10	0602	Slips and Cuttings of Citrus Plants
0602.10.00.20	0602	Slips and Cuttings of Ornamental Plants
0602.10.00.90	0602	Other Slips and Cuttings of Live Plants
0602.20.00	0602	Trees, Shrubs and Plants of Edible Fruits
0602.30.00	0602	Rhododendrons and Azaleas (Live)
0602.40.00	0602	Rose Bushes
0602.91.00	0602	White Mushrooms
0602.99.00.10	0602	Live Orchid Plants

0602.99.00.20	0602	Live Citrus Plants
0602.99.00.30	0602	Live Coffee Plants
0602.99.00.90	0602	Other Live Plants
0603.10.00	0603	Flowers and Buds, Fresh
0604.10.00	0604	Mosses and Lichens, Fresh or Dried, Bleached, Dyed, Impregnated or otherwise prepared
0604.91.00	0604	Foliage, Other Parts of Plants, Fresh
0604.99.00	0604	Other Foliage, Leaves, Branches and Other Parts of Plants
0702.00.00	0702	Tomatoes, Fresh or Chilled
0703.20.00	0703	Garlic, Fresh or Chilled
0707.00.00	0707	Fresh Cucumbers
0708.10.00	0708	Peas, Beans, Fresh or Chilled
0709.60.00	0709	Peppers of the <i>Capsicum</i> Variety or of General Pimento Type
0709.90.00.90	0709	Other Vegetables, Fresh or Chilled
0713.10.10	0713	Peas or Beans for Planting
0713.10.90	0713	Other Peas or Beans
0713.30.10.10	0713	Black Beans for Planting
0713.30.90.10	0713	Other Black Beans
0713.30.90.90	0713	Other Beans
0714.90.00	0714	Other Roots and Tubers, Fresh or Dry
0801.10.00	0801	Coconuts, Dry or Fresh
0801.20.00	0801	Brazil Nuts, Fresh or Dry
0801.30.00	0801	Cashew Nuts, Fresh or Dry
0802.40.00	0802	Chestnuts, Fresh or Dry
0803.00.00	0803	Bananas or Plantains, Fresh or Dry
0804.30.00	0804	Pineapples, Fresh or Dry
0804.40.00	0804	Avocados, Fresh
0804.50.00	0804	Guavas and Mangoes, Fresh
0805.10.00	0805	Fresh Oranges
0805.20.10	0805	Mandarins, Fresh
0805.30.20	0805	Sour Limes, Fresh

0805.40.00	0805	Grapefruits, Fresh or Dry
0807.10.00	0807	Fresh Melons
0808.10.00	0808	Fresh Apples
0809.20.00	0809	Fresh Cherries
0810.90.00	0810	Other Fresh Fruits
0901.11.00	0901	Coffee, not Decaffeinated
0902.10.00	0902	Tea in Containers of 3 kgs or less
0902.20.00.10	0902	Tea, Ground or in Containers of more than 5 kgs
0902.20.00.90	0902	Other Green Tea in other forms
0902.30.00	0902	Black Tea in containers of 3 kgs or less
0902.40.00.10	0902	Black Tea, Ground or in containers of over 5 kgs
0902.40.00.90	0902	Other Black Tea in Other Forms
0904.11.00	0904	Pepper, neither Crushed nor Ground
0904.12.00	0904	Pepper, Crushed or Ground
0906.10.00	0906	Cinnamon, neither Crushed nor Ground
0906.20.00	0906	Cinnamon. Crushed or Ground
0907.00.00	0907	Cloves
0908.10.00	0908	Nutmeg
0908.20.00	0908	Mace
0910.10.00	0910	Ginger, Fresh or Dry
0910.50.00	0910	Curry
0910.20.00	0910	Saffron
0910.40.00	0910	Bay leaves
0910.99.00	0910	Other Spices
4403.00.90	4403	Other Wood in the Rough

## APPENDIX 2

## SPECIFIC ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS

**ARTICLE 1.** Items included in Chapters 61, 62 and 63, manufactured using materials from third countries, will be considered as originating in CARICOM Member Countries, provided that:

- (a) the materials from third countries must be classified in headings different from the headings of Chapters 61, 62 and 63;
- (b) their production includes materials originating in the CARICOM Member Countries; and
- (c) the c.i.f. value of the materials from third countries does not exceed 40% of the f.o.b. export value of such products.

**ARTICLE 2.** Items included in Chapter 64, manufactured using materials from third countries, will be considered as originating in CARICOM Member Countries, provided that:

- (a) a change to headings 64.01-64.06 from any headings except from the headings of Chapter 64.
- (b) their production includes materials originating in the CARICOM Member Countries; and
- (c) the c.i.f. value of the materials from third countries does not exceed 40% of the f.o.b. export value of such products.