

PART 3
SCHEDULE OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

Section A
Notes for Schedule of the People's Republic of China

1. Base Rates of Customs Duty. The base rates of customs duty set out in this Schedule reflect the Chinese most-favoured-nation (MFN) rates of duty in effect on 1 January 2013.

2. Staging. The following staging categories apply to the elimination of customs duties by China in accordance with Article 2.4.1 (Elimination of Customs Duties) of Chapter 2 (Trade in Goods):
 - (a) category "A-0" – the base rate of duty for originating goods in category "A-0" shall be eliminated and bound at zero for products of Australian origin from entry into force of the Agreement;
 - (b) category "A-3" – the base rate of duty shall be reduced to and bound at zero for products of Australian origin over three (3) equal annual stages beginning from entry into force of the Agreement;
 - (c) category "A-5" – the base rate of duty shall be reduced to and bound at zero for products of Australian origin over five (5) equal annual stages beginning from entry into force of the Agreement;
 - (d) category "B-6" – the base rate of duty shall be reduced to and bound at zero for products of Australian origin over six (6) equal annual stages beginning from entry into force of the Agreement;
 - (e) category "B-8" – the base rate of duty shall be reduced to and bound at zero for products of Australian origin over eight (8) equal annual stages beginning from entry into force of the Agreement;
 - (f) category "B-9" – the base rate of duty shall be reduced to and bound at zero for products of Australian origin over nine (9) equal annual stages beginning from entry into force of the Agreement;
 - (g) category "B-10" – the base rate of duty shall be reduced to and bound at zero for products of Australian origin over ten (10) equal annual stages beginning from entry into force of the Agreement;
 - (h) category "B-12" – the base rate of duty shall be reduced to and bound at zero for products of Australian origin over twelve (12) equal annual stages beginning from entry into force of the Agreement;

- (i) category “B-15” – the base rate of duty shall be reduced to and bound at zero for products of Australian origin over fifteen (15) equal annual stages beginning from entry into force of the Agreement;
- (j) category “C-10*” – the base rate of duty shall be reduced to and bound at zero for products of Australian origin over ten (10) equal annual stages beginning from entry into force of the Agreement, and the special agricultural safeguard mechanism in Article 2.14 (Special Agricultural Safeguard Measures) of Chapter 2 (Trade in Goods) shall apply;
- (k) category “C-12*” – the base rate of duty shall be reduced to and bound at zero for products of Australian origin over twelve (12) equal annual stages beginning from entry into force of the Agreement, and the special agricultural safeguard mechanism in Article 2.14 (Special Agricultural Safeguard Measures) of Chapter 2 (Trade in Goods) shall apply;
- (l) category “Country Tariff Quota” – the country-specific tariff quota in Article 2.13 (Country Specific Tariff Quota) of Chapter 2 (Trade in Goods) shall apply for products of Australian origin, with the in-quota duty rate being zero and the base rate of duty remaining as out-quota duty rate; and
- (m) category “D” – the base rate of duty shall apply for products of Australian origin.

3. The base rate of customs duty and staging category for an item are indicated for the item in Section B (Schedule of the People’s Republic of China) of Part 3 of this Annex.