1. In accordance with the intention to take the necessary action, expressed in letters of 31 August 1965, exchanged between the Minister of Overseas Trade and the High Commissioner for Australia in New Zealand in association with the New Zealand - Australia Free Trade Agreement, the Minister has requested the Tariff and Development Board to consider and to report to him on the question of elimination of the margins by which the rates of duty at present applicable to certain goods imported into New Zealand from Australia exceed those applicable to goods in the same tariff item imported from other countries.
2. The Board understands that the action which may be taken need not necessarily be confined to a reduction of the rates applicable to the Australian goods concerned but may involve rates applicable to goods imported from other countries.
3. It is the intention of the Board to consider blocks of items from time to time and to give public notice thereof. The Board intends to consider initially the items listed in the following Schedule
4. If no representations are received to the contrary in respect of these items the Board proposes to recommend that the rates on such Australian goods be reduced to the level of the present British Preferential Tariff rates. Where the margin exceeds 5 percent ad val. this will not necessarily be eliminated in one stage but may be phased out over a period.
5. Any persons or firms desiring to make representations regarding any item or items should send their representations ( 10 copies of a typewritten statement respecting each item) to the under named at the address shown hereunder not later than 1 April 1968.
6. Dated at Wellington this 25th day of January 1968.
P. A. T. ABRAHAM,

Secretary, Tariff and Development Board.
P.O. Box 5070, Wellington.

SCHEDULE


