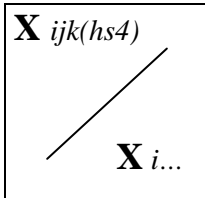
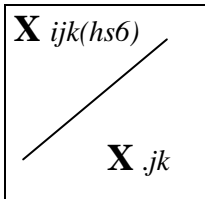
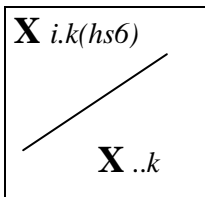


Negotiating Group on Market Access**COMMUNICATION FROM MAURITIUS ON BEHALF OF THE ACP GROUP**


1. The purpose of this submission is to elaborate further on the initial ACP Submission¹ for a vulnerability index to identify products that are concerned with preference erosion and for which a solution needs to be found in the NAMA negotiations. It would be recalled, that the initial submission emphasized that preference erosion concerned a very narrow range of products. Accordingly, and in light of the discussion held in the Negotiating Group so far, whereby several delegations have requested for further clarifications on the vulnerability index, the following additional information is being provided.
2. The vulnerability index is designed to identify vulnerable products and therefore, certain conditions are necessary to limit the number of products. Accordingly, it is being proposed that for a product to be considered as vulnerable:
 - (i) the vulnerability index should at least be equal to 1;
 - (ii) the margin of preference enjoyed by the country on its exports to the partner country, in this case the EU and the US, is at least equal to 5 %;
 - (iii) the product exported to the partner country should represent at least 5% in the total country export, aggregated at the level of H. S. 4;
 - (iv) the country market share in the partner country should represent at least 2% of a given product for it to be taken into account;
 - (v) the export share of the country in the world market should be less than 2 %.
3. The above information is summarized in the annex to this submission.
4. It is expected that application of the above conditions to the vulnerability index would narrow down the list of vulnerable products for which modalities would have to be developed to address the problem of preference erosion. The ACP (indicative) list has been elaborated based on the index and these conditions.

¹ TN/MA/W/53, 11 March 2005.

Annex

- (i) the vulnerability index \longrightarrow ≥ 1
- (ii) the margin of preference enjoyed \longrightarrow MFN – Bilateral tariff $\geq 5\%$
- (iii) exports of a product (HS4) to the partner country as a share of country total exports \longrightarrow  $\geq 5\%$
- (iv) the country market share for a product (HS6) in partner country \longrightarrow  $\geq 2\%$
- (v) Country's world market share for a product \longrightarrow  $< 2\%$

Temporary indicative list of products vulnerable for all ACP countries in the Both EU and USA market

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| HS6 Code | HS6 Description |
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| 030269 | Fish nes, fresh or chilled excl heading No 03.04, livers and roes |
| 030360 | Cod, frozen, excluding heading No 03.04, livers and roes |
| 030379 | Fish nes, frozen, excluding heading No 03.04, livers and roes |
| 030420 | Fish fillets frozen |
| 030490 | Fish meat nes, minced or not, frozen |
| 030613 | Shrimps and prawns, frozen, in shell or not, including boiled in shell |
| 030749 | Cuttle fish and squid,shelled or not frozen, dried, salted or in brine |
| 030759 | Octopus, frozen, dried, salted or in brine |
| 160414 | Tunas, skipjack & Atl bonito,prepared/preservd,whole/in pieces,ex mincd |
| 160520 | Shrimps and prawns, prepared or preserved |
| 290511 | Methanol (methyl alcohol) |
| 293090 | Organo-sulphur compounds, nes |
| 321590 | Ink, nes |
| 380810 | Insecticides, packaged for retail sale or formulated |
| 382490 | Chemical/allied industry preparations/prods nes |
| 392530 | Shutters,blinds (incl Venetian) & similar articles & parts of plastics |
| 401519 | Gloves nes of rubber |
| 410411 | Full grains, unsplit; grain splits |
| 410419 | Other |
| 410441 | Full grains, unsplit; grain splits |
| 420211 | Trunks,suit-cases & similar containers with outer surface of leather |
| 420212 | Trunks,suit-cases&sim container w/outer surface of plastics/textiles |
| 420221 | Handbags with outer surface of leather |
| 420222 | Handbags w outer surface of sheetg of plastics o of textile materials |
| 420229 | Handbags, of vulcanised fibre or of paperboard |
| 420231 | Articles carried in pocket or handbag, with outer surface of leather |
| 420310 | Articles of apparel of leather or of composition leather |
| 420329 | Gloves mittens&mitts,o/t for sport,of leather o of composition leather |
| 430219 | Tanned or dressed furskins nes, whole, not assembled |
| 441213 | Plywood, outer ply of tropical hardwood, ply <6mm |
| 441214 | Plywood, outer ply of non-conifer wood nes,ply <6mm |
| 460210 | Basketwork,wickerwork&other article made up from plaited vegetable mat |
| 520812 | Plain weave cotton fabric,>/=85%, >100 g/m2 to 200 g/m2, unbleached |

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| 570320 | Carpets of nylon or other polyamides, tufted |
| 610120 | Mens/boys overcoats, anoraks etc, of cotton, knitted |
| 610220 | Womens/girls overcoats, anoraks etc, of cotton, knitted |
| 610342 | Mens/boys trousers and shorts, of cotton, knitted |
| 610343 | Mens/boys trousers and shorts, of synthetic fibres, knitted |
| 610422 | Womens/girls ensembles, of cotton, knitted |
| 610432 | Womens/girls jackets, of cotton, knitted |
| 610433 | Womens/girls jackets, of synthetic fibres, knitted |
| 610439 | Womens/girls jackets, of other textile materials, knitted |
| 610442 | Womens/girls dresses, of cotton, knitted |
| 610443 | Womens/girls dresses, of synthetic fibres, knitted |
| 610452 | Womens/girls skirts, of cotton, knitted |
| 610462 | Womens/girls trousers and shorts, of cotton, knitted |
| 610463 | Womens/girls trousers and shorts, of synthetic fibres, knitted |
| 610469 | Womens/girls trousers and shorts, of other textile materials, knitted |
| 610510 | Mens/boys shirts, of cotton, knitted |
| 610610 | Womens/girls blouses and shirts, of cotton, knitted |
| 610620 | Womens/girls blouses and shirts, of man-made fibres, knitted |
| 610690 | Womens/girls blouses and shirts, of other materials, knitted |
| 610711 | Mens/boys underpants and briefs, of cotton, knitted |
| 610821 | Womens/girls briefs and panties, of cotton, knitted |
| 610822 | Womens/girls briefs and panties, of man-made fibres, knitted |
| 610832 | Womens/girls nightdresses and pyjamas, of man-made fibres, knitted |
| 610892 | Womens/girls bathrobes, dressing gowns, etc, of man-made fibres, knitted |
| 610910 | T-shirts, singlets and other vests, of cotton, knitted |
| 610990 | T-shirts, singlets and other vests, of other textile materials, knitted |
| 611011 | Of wool |
| 611012 | Of Kashmir (cashmere) goats |
| 611020 | Pullovers, cardigans and similar articles of cotton, knitted |
| 611030 | Pullovers, cardigans and similar articles of man-made fibres, knitted |
| 611090 | Pullovers, cardigans & similar articles of other textile materials, knitted |
| 611120 | Babies garments and clothing accessories of cotton, knitted |
| 611130 | Babies garments and clothing accessories of synthetic fibres, knitted |
| 611190 | Babies garments & clothing accessories of other textile materials, knitted |
| 611212 | Track suits, of synthetic fibres, knitted |
| 611241 | Womens/girls swimwear, of synthetic fibres, knitted |
| 611249 | Womens/girls swimwear, of other textile materials, knitted |
| 611300 | Garments made up of impreg, coated, covered or laminated textile knitted fabric |

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| 611420 | Garments nes, of cotton, knitted |
| 611430 | Garments nes, of man-made fibres, knitted |
| 611610 | Gloves impregnated, coated or covered with plastics or rubber, knitted |
| 620112 | Mens/boys overcoats and similar articles of cotton, not knitted |
| 620192 | Mens/boys anoraks and similar articles, of cotton, not knitted |
| 620193 | Mens/boys anoraks and similar articles,of man-made fibres,not knitted |
| 620212 | Womens/girls overcoats and similar articles of cotton, not knitted |
| 620213 | Womens/girls overcoats&sim articles of man-made fibres,not knitted |
| 620292 | Womens/girls anoraks and similar article of cotton, not knitted |
| 620293 | Womens/girls anoraks & similar article of man-made fibres,not knitted |
| 620333 | Mens/boys jackets and blazers, of synthetic fibres, not knitted |
| 620339 | Mens/boys jackets and blazers, of other textile materials, not knitted |
| 620342 | Mens/boys trousers and shorts, of cotton, not knitted |
| 620343 | Mens/boys trousers and shorts, of synthetic fibres, not knitted |
| 620349 | Mens/boys trousers and shorts, of other textile materials, not knitted |
| 620422 | Womens/girls ensembles, of cotton, not knitted |
| 620429 | Womens/girls ensembles, of other textile materials, not knitted |
| 620432 | Womens/girls jackets, of cotton, not knitted |
| 620433 | Womens/girls jackets, of synthetic fibres, not knitted |
| 620439 | Womens/girls jackets, of other textile materials, not knitted |
| 620442 | Womens/girls dresses, of cotton, not knitted |
| 620443 | Womens/girls dresses, of synthetic fibres, not knitted |
| 620444 | Womens/girls dresses, of artificial fibres, not knitted |
| 620449 | Womens/girls dresses, of other textile materials, not knitted |
| 620452 | Womens/girls skirts, of cotton, not knitted |
| 620453 | Womens/girls skirts, of synthetic fibres, not knitted |
| 620459 | Womens/girls skirts, of other textile materials, not knitted |
| 620462 | Womens/girls trousers and shorts, of cotton, not knitted |
| 620463 | Womens/girls trousers and shorts, of synthetic fibres, not knitted |
| 620469 | Womens/girls trousers & shorts,of other textile materials,not knitted |
| 620520 | Mens/boys shirts, of cotton, not knitted |
| 620530 | Mens/boys shirts, of man-made fibres, not knitted |
| 620630 | Womens/girls blouses and shirts, of cotton, not knitted |
| 620640 | Womens/girls blouses and shirts, of man-made fibres, not knitted |
| 620690 | Womens/girls blouses and shirts,of other textile materials,not knitted |
| 620711 | Mens/boys underpants and briefs, of cotton, not knitted |
| 620791 | Mens/boys bathrobes, dressing gowns, etc of cotton, not knitted |
| 620792 | Mens/boys bathrobes,dressing gowns,etc of man-made fibres,not knitted |

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| 620819 | Womens/girls slips & petticoats,of other textile materials,not knitted |
| 620892 | Womens/girls panties, bathrobes, etc, of man-made fibres, not knitted |
| 620899 | Womens/girls panties,bathrobes,etc,of oth textile materials,not knitted |
| 620920 | Babies garments and clothing accessories of cotton, not knitted |
| 621010 | Garments made up of textile felts and of nonwoven textile fabrics |
| 621040 | Mens/boys garments nes,made up of impreg,ctd,cov,etc,textile woven fab |
| 621111 | Mens/boys swimwear, of textile materials not knitted |
| 621112 | Womens/girls swimwear, of textile materials, not knitted |
| 621132 | Mens/boys garments nes, of cotton, not knitted |
| 621133 | Mens/boys garments nes, of man-made fibres, not knitted |
| 621141 | Womens/girls garments nes, of wool or fine animal hair, not knitted |
| 621142 | Womens/girls garments nes, of cotton, not knitted |
| 621143 | Womens/girls garments nes, of man-made fibres, not knitted |
| 621149 | Womens/girls garments nes, of other textile materials, not knitted |
| 621210 | Brassieres and parts thereof, of textile materials |
| 621220 | Girdles, panty girdles and parts thereof, of textile materials |
| 621230 | Corselettes and parts thereof, of textile materials |
| 621290 | Corsets,braces & similar articles & parts thereof,of textile materials |
| 621410 | Shawls,scarves,veils and the like,of silk or silk waste,not knitted |
| 621600 | Gloves, mittens and mitts, of textile materials, not knitted |
| 621710 | Clothing accessories nes, of textile materials, not knitted |
| 621790 | Parts of garments or of clothg accessories nes,of tex mat,not knitted |
| 630221 | Bed linen, of cotton, printed, not knitted |
| 630260 | Toilet&kitchen linen,of terry towelg or similar terry fab,of cotton |
| 640230 | Footwear,outer soles/uppers of rubber/plastics,with metal toe-cap,nes |
| 640291 | Footwear,outer soles/uppers of rubber or plastics,coverg the ankle,nes |
| 640299 | Footwear, outer soles/uppers of rubber or plastics, nes |
| 640359 | Footwear, outer soles and uppers of leather, nes |
| 640391 | Footwear,outer soles of rubber/plast uppers of leather covg ankle nes |
| 640399 | Footwear, outer soles of rubber/plastics uppers of leather, nes |
| 640411 | Sports footwear w outer soles of rubber o plastics&uppers of tex mat |
| 640419 | Footwear o/t sports,w outer soles of rubber/plastics&uppers of tex mat |
| 640420 | Footwear with outer soles of leather and uppers of textile materials |
| 640510 | Footwear with uppers of leather or composition leather, nes |
| 640520 | Footwear with uppers of textile materials, nes |
| 640610 | Uppers and parts thereof, other than stiffeners |
| 660110 | Garden and similar umbrellas |
| 691010 | Ceramic sinks,wash basins etc&sim sanitary fixtures of porcelain/china |

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| 691090 | Ceramic sinks, wash basins etc & similar sanitary fixtures nes |
| 691110 | Tableware and kitchenware of porcelain or china |
| 691200 | Ceramic tableware, kitchenware, other household & toilet articles nes |
| 700992 | Glass mirrors, framed |
| 701020 | Stoppers, lids, other closures, of glass |
| 701090 | Other |
| 701321 | Drinking glasses other than glassceramics, of lead crystal |
| 701329 | Drinking glasses other than glassceramics nes |
| 701331 | Table/kitchenware (ex drinkg glass) o/t glass-ceramics of lead crystal |
| 701332 | Table/kitchenware (ex drinkg glass) o/t glass ceram coef <5 X 10-6 etc |
| 701339 | Table/kitchenware (exc drinking glasses) other than glass-ceramics nes |
| 701391 | Glassware nes of lead crystal (other than that of 70.10 or 70.18) |
| 701399 | Glassware nes (other than that of 70.10 or 70.18) |
| 732690 | Articles, iron or steel, nes |
| 760110 | Aluminium unwrought, not alloyed |
| 760120 | Aluminium unwrought, alloyed |
| 761290 | Container, alum, cap <300L, lined/heat insul/nt,n/ftd w/mech/thermo equip |
| 820320 | Pliers (including cutting pliers), pincers, tweezers and similar tools |
| 820412 | Wrenches, hand-operated, with adjustable jaws |
| 820520 | Hammers and sledge hammers |
| 820770 | Tools for milling |
| 821191 | Table knives having fixed blades |
| 821194 | Blades for knives of hd 8211.10 to 8211.94 |
