

GENERAL NOTES
TARIFF SCHEDULE OF BAHRAIN

1. Relation to the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the Kingdom of Bahrain. The provisions of this Schedule are generally expressed in terms of the Tariff Schedule of Bahrain, and the interpretation of the provisions of this Schedule, including the product coverage of subheadings of this Schedule, shall be governed by the General Notes, Section Notes, and Chapter Notes of the Tariff Schedule of Bahrain. To the extent that provisions of this Schedule are identical to the corresponding provisions of the Tariff Schedule of Bahrain, the provisions of this Schedule shall have the same meaning as the corresponding provisions of the Tariff Schedule of Bahrain.
2. Base Rates of Duty. The base rates of duty set out in this Schedule reflect the Tariff Schedule of Bahrain MFN rates of duty in effect from January 1, 2003.
3. Staging. In addition to the staging categories listed in Annex 2-B, this Schedule contains staging categories H and I:
 - (a) duties on goods provided for in the items in staging category H shall remain at base rates during years one through nine. Duties shall be removed, and such goods shall be duty-free, effective January 1 of year ten¹; and
 - (b) duties on goods provided for in the items in staging category I shall remain at base rates during years one through nine. Duties shall be removed, and such goods shall be duty-free, effective January 1 of year ten.²

¹ Bahrain specifically reserves the right to establish regulatory measures or apply fees or excise charges pertaining to the distribution, sale, or consumption of goods provided for in the items in staging category H, provided that such measures, fees, or charges are not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement or the WTO Agreement.

² For greater certainty, Bahrain may continue to prohibit the importation of goods provided for in the items in staging category I, provided that such prohibition is not inconsistent with the terms of this Agreement or the WTO Agreement.