

THE U.S. IMPORT MARKET

The tables below show the value of total U.S. imports for each sector in 1988 and the shares held by four exporting regions (in thousands of U.S. dollars).

AIR-CONDITIONING EQUIPMENT

Schedule A	Commodity Description	Western Europe	Canada	Japan	Other	Total
7415025	Air conditioners, automotive, and parts thereof, Canadian article, APTA	0	2,627	0	0	2,627
7415035	Air-conditioning machines, window and wall type	2,013	7,247	9,837	227,851	246,948
7415075	Air-conditioning machines, NSPF*, and air-conditioning machine parts, NSPF	38,861	37,704	227,203	215,450	519,218
SUBTOTAL		40,874	47,578	237,040	443,301	768,793

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

Current tariffs on air conditioners are 2.2%**. Under the Free Trade Agreement, these duties will be removed by January 1, 1998, with ten equal stages of tariff reductions.

ALE, BEER, PORTER, AND STOUT

Schedule A	Commodity Description	Western Europe	Canada	Japan	Other	Total
1123000	Ale, porter, stout, and beer	495,779	161,871	19,556	245,738	922,944

Tariff Impacts of Free Trade

The current U.S. tariff on beer made from malt is 1.6 cents/litre. All other ale, beer, porter and stout are duty free. Under the Free Trade Agreement, all items in this sector become duty free by January 1, 1998, with ten equal stages of tariff reductions.

*not specifically provided for

**Rates of duty cited are base rates that were in effect before the implementation of the Free Trade Agreement. Tariff reductions began January 1, 1989, - 10%, 20% or elimination, depending on number of stages of implementation.