



BACARDI-MARTINI, INC.



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Review of Australia's General Tariff Arrangements
Productivity Commission
P.O. Box 80
Belconnen ACT 2616

Subject: *Comments on behalf of the Bacardi companies on the
elimination of five- percent tariffs on imported distilled spirits.*

Dear Commissioners:

For reasons expressed by our trade associations and particularly the comments filed by The Distilled Spirits Council of the United States, dated January 11, 2000, the Bacardi companies strongly endorse the elimination of the 5% import tariff on imported distilled spirits.

Submitted respectfully,

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cc: Mr. Paul Hugh-Jones