

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

G/L/161
3 April 1997

(97-1357)

COUNCIL FOR TRADE IN GOODS
14 April 1997

Original: Spanish

BOLIVIA - ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW SCHEDULE LXXXIV

Request for Extension of Waiver

The following communication, dated 17 March 1997, has been received from the Permanent Mission of Bolivia.

The Bolivian Permanent Mission has the honour to refer to your fax of 14 March 1997 concerning the extension of the waiver, and consequently has pleasure in informing you as follows:

- The date of the initial waiver was 31 December 1992.
- On 8 December 1995, the official document relating to Schedule LXXXIV-Bolivia, concerning the application of the Harmonized System, was circulated to Members by the Secretariat under the symbol G/SECRET/HS/7.
- Five (5) extensions have been granted: one (1) to 30 June 1994, the second (2) to 31 December 1994, the third (3) to 30 June 1995, the fourth (4) to 30 June 1996, and the latest to 30 April 1997.
- Negotiations have been initiated with two countries: Australia and Canada. Consultations with Australia have been completed satisfactorily. Canada has found some technical problems in the Schedule submitted.
- The HS Schedule is being thoroughly reviewed in the capital so as to respond definitively to Canada's questions. It is hoped to conclude the process by the end of March.

In that connection, in order to allow Bolivia to conclude consultations with Canada, in accordance with paragraphs 1 to 3 of Article XXVIII, the Government of Bolivia needs to request a temporary extension to 31 October 1997 of the waiver of fulfilment of its obligations under Article II of the General Agreement.